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# **New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company. Old Colony System; Records**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company. Old Colony System Records
<b>ID:</b>	mss095
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1882-1890
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Mixed Materials [Collection]:</b>	X
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection includes a register for the South Duxbury Station dated 1882-1883; four freight registers, 1883-1890; and a record book with description of locomotive engines and a register of employees, undated, for this railroad company.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company, Old Colony System Records, 1882-1890. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as N.H., Old Colony System Records).

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## Historical Sketch

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The New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company (NH) operated from 1872-1968. The NH was formed on July 24, 1872 and consolidated the New York and New Haven Railroad, the Hartford and New Haven Railroad, and the Old Colony Railroad (OC) companies. The Old Colony Railroad opened in 1845 and went throughout Massachusetts.

J.P. Morgan gained control of the NH railroad in the 20th century and built a network of electrified trolley lines. The railroad ran throughout New England and went from New York City to Springfield, Massachusetts through Connecticut.

With the rise of automobiles, the NH began to lose money and the federal government filed an antitrust lawsuit, forcing the NH to stop its trolley system. In 1935, the NH declared bankruptcy. While parts of the railroad remained, the NH filed for bankruptcy two more times in 1961 and 1969. Eventually the railroad merged with the Penn Central System and parts of the railroad are part of the Metro-North Railroads and owned publicly by the states. More information about the Railroad may be accessed in the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company Records, 1849-1926 (mss094).

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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## **Processing Information**

Processed by unprocessed.

## **Access**

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed. Portions of the collection may contain recent administrative records and/or personally identifiable information. While it is likely that portions of the collection may be viewed, access must be managed by an archivist.

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## **Acquisition Information**

The collection was purchased from dealer Craig W. Ross in 1968.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company
- Financial Records
- Business and Industry
- Registers