



Robert Gillham Papers (K0056)

Collection Number: K0056

Collection Title: Robert Gillham Papers

Dates: 1885-1890

Creator: Gillham, Robert, 1855-1899

Abstract: The Robert Gillham Papers contain one notebook with drawings, tables, and notes on the Kansas City Cable Railway, the Denver Cable Railway, the Woodland Avenue Street Railway in Cleveland, and the Judson Pneumatic Street Railway in Washington, D.C. It was written by Gillham and an unknown individual.

Collection Size: 0.05 cubic feet
(1 volume)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Robert Gillham was born September 25, 1855, in New York. He studied engineering in Hackensack, New Jersey, officially obtaining a position in the field in 1874. After practicing civil engineering in New York for four years, Gillham moved to Kansas City, Missouri. There he was known as a specialist in the design and construction of cable car systems, having a hand in the design and construction of the Kansas City Cable Railway, as well as other cable car systems in other major U.S. cities. The last project of his career in engineering was with the Kansas City, Pittsburgh, and Gulf Railroad and its end in Port Arthur, Texas, and he later became the general manager of the railroad. He died on May 19, 1899.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The notebook includes detailed notes and tables in the hand of Gillham and an unknown individual on proposed designs, tests of components, calculations, cost estimates, and expenses of the Kansas City Cable Railway, the Denver Cable Railway, the Woodland Avenue Street Railway in Cleveland, and the Judson Pneumatic Street Railway in Washington, D.C. It also includes drawings of components of a cable car system. One leaf, with pages 127-128, is missing from the notebook.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Drawings and field notes, 1885-1890

Index:

Index Term	Folder
Cable cars (Streetcars)	1
Civil engineering	1
Civil engineers--United States	1
Cleveland (Ohio)	1
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