



Edward Minded St. Louis Streetcars Photograph Collection (S0753)

Collection Number: S0753

Collection Title: Edward Minden St. Louis Streetcars Photograph Collection

Dates: c. 1946-1950

Creator: Minden, Edward

Abstract: This collection contains forty-six 116 mm and 120mm negatives of St. Louis streetcars, photographed by Edward Minden in the late 1940s.

Collection Size: .02 cubic feet
(2 folders, 46 photographic negatives)

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-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org.

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Donor Information: The slides were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the Queens Borough Library, care of Erik Huber, on August 13, 2007 (Accession No. SA3758).

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Edward Minden St. Louis Streetcars Photograph Collection can be found in the following collections:

Richard R. Wallin St. Louis Streetcars Photograph Collection, (S1137)

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Biographical Note:

Edward J. Minden (1917-1987) lived in Patchogue, Long Island. Beginning in the 1930s, Minden became an amateur photographer. He was primarily interested in the Long Island Railroad and the trolley and subway systems in Brooklyn and Queens. From 1948 to 1960, he photographed buses, trains, and trolley lines throughout the United States. His notes are among the collections of the Archives at Queens Library, New York.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single box.

Scope and Content Note:

The forty streetcar negatives measure 116mm (2 ½"x 4 ¼"), a type of roll film used in Brownie cameras. The Minden photos also include six 120mm (2 ½" x 3 ¼") negatives of an unidentified fire.

The photographs date from the late 1940s and show the cars running on the 22 Jefferson line. The streetcars shown in action are the PCC (Presidents' Conference Committee) cars added to the 22 Jefferson line in 1946, as well as the older Peter Witt streetcars making their way from the North Grand end of the line to the South Jefferson intersection with South Broadway. The PCC streetcars are shown coming out of the South Broadway Car House, a facility accessed by over 70 line cars until 1960. The 22 Jefferson line closed in 1958.

In other photographs, streetcars and utility cars rest at the 39th and Park materials yard near the St. Louis Public Service Company's offices and shops.

Container List:

Box 1 S0753_01 to _46

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Saint Louis Public Service Company	1	Yes
Saint Louis streetcar system	1	Yes
Street-railroads	1	Yes
Transportation	1	Yes
Trolley cars	1	Yes