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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 399    LOUISVILLE and Nashville Railroad Company**

1 box. 2 items. 1865-1867. Original bound book.

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**ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad was chartered by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1850 and became the Commonwealth's dominant rail carrier. By 1920, it operated more than 1,800 miles of line in Kentucky. It provided passenger, freight, and mail service to more than half of Kentucky's counties. The company wielded a considerable amount of economic and political influence, particularly in the late-nineteenth century and early-twentieth century. In 1972, the L&N became a wholly owned subsidiary of Seaboard Coast Line Industries, parent of Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, and the L&N's identity was basically preserved. In 1986, CSX, a Richmond, Virginia, transportation holding company, melded several railroads with the Seaboard companies into a single rail system, CSX Transportation.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection consists of one ledger from the Louisville & Nashville Railroad that contains information about road repairs and construction projects on the line, chiefly in Tennessee and Kentucky from August 1865 to March 1867. The exact location of work is not always noted. The ledger contains information about tools and materials used in the work projects, an account of the project itself, and payroll information. In the payroll section, employees are listed by name and employee classification; their monthly wages are also listed. The entire leather bound ledger was used and contains over 250 pages of these records.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Louisville &amp; Nashville Railroad Company</b>	<b>1865-1867</b>	<b>2 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Ledger	1865-1867	1 item

## ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS LOUISVILLE and Nashville Railroad 1865-1867  
399 Company

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## ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company – Employees, 1860s

Railroads – Employees

Railroads – Kentucky

Railroads – Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company

Railroads – Tennessee

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