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Biographical information about A.T. Sabin is rather sketchy and is drawn strictly from the collection. A.T. Sabin, the son of E. R. Sabin, apparently was born in the Oneonta, New York area and graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York in 1878. He worked on several river engineering projects, including a stint at Columbus, Kentucky prior to entering work in railroad engineering. He held several positions with various railroads, including: assistant engineer for the Troy & Greenfield Railroad, bridge engineer for the Texas Pacific Railroad, division engineer for the Chesapeake, Ohio & South Western Railroad, and assistant engineer for the Short Route Elevated Railroad (sometimes referred to as the Short Route Trestle Railroad).

**COLLECTION NOTES**

The most significant item in the collection is A.T. Sabin’s letterbook containing business records and correspondence for the construction of bridges along a railroad from Ripley, Tennessee to a point beyond Princeton, Kentucky; information about the Short Route Trestle Railroad, the Illinois Central Railroad Company, the Ohio Falls Street Railway Company, the Louisville Bridge Company, and Princeton Stone and Marble Company. Included in the letterbook are estimates and specifications on the building of Union Depot in Louisville, Kentucky, and a freight depot in Memphis, Tennessee; and accounts of E.R. Sabin and Company in Princeton, Kentucky.

The collection also contains holographic notes from Professor W.S. Adams’s railroad engineering course and a diary noting social events kept by Mrs. E.R. Sabin, Princeton, Kentucky for the 1890.
**SHELF LIST**

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Letterbook containing correspondence of railroad engineer, A. T. Sabin. Of particular note is information about railroad stations built in Louisville, Kentucky and Memphis, Tennessee. Also includes a store account book from Princeton, Kentucky, 1882-1885 and a small diary kept by Mrs. E. R. Sabin related to Princeton social life, 1890.

1 ½ boxes. 9 folders. 9 items.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Account books, 1882-1885 – Sabin and Company       B1,F3
Adams, W. S. – Relating to       B1,F2
Bridges – Construction       B2,F4
Caldwell County – Relating to
Chesapeake, Ohio and South Western Railroad, 1895       B2,F4 (p. 246)
Diaries, 1890 – Sabin, Mrs. E. R.       B1,F4
Engineering – Relating to
Engineering – Teachers and teaching       B1,F2
Engineers
Illinois Central Railroad, 1895       B2,F4
Louisville Bridge Company       B2,F4
Louisville – Railroad stations       B2,F4 (p. 242)
Memphis, Tennessee – Railroad stations       B2,F4 (p. 270-283; 295-301)
Merchants – Princeton       B2,F4
Ohio Falls Street Railroad – Jeffersonville, Indiana       B2,F4 (p. 286)
Princeton – Churches       B2,F4
Princeton – Merchants       B2,F4
Princeton – Schools       B2,F4 (p. 337)
Princeton – Social life and customs, 1890       B1,F4
Railroad stations – Construction       B2,F4 (p. 242; 270-283; 295-301)
Railroad stations – Louisville       B2,F4 (p. 242)
Railroad stations – Memphis       B2,F4 (p. 270-283; 295-301)
Railroads – Chesapeake, Ohio and South Western, 1895       B2,F4 (p. 246)
Railroads – Illinois Central, 1895       B2,F4
Railroads – Ohio Falls Street       B2,F4 (p. 286)
Railroads – Short Route Trestle       B2,F4
Sabin, A. T.
Sabin, E. R., d. – Relating to, 1892
Sabin, Mrs. E. R.       B1,F4
Sabin and Company – Account book, 1882-1885       B1,F3
Schools – Princeton       B2,F4 (p. 337)
Short Route Trestle Railroad       B2,F4
Street – Railroads – Jeffersonville, Indiana       B2,F4 (p. 286)
Union Depot – Louisville       B2,F4 (p. 242)

**CHRONOLOGICAL CARDS**

1878-1897

me - 1; sl - 1; chrono - 1; sa - 34

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