

## ELHS Collection Database Abbreviations

### -A-

AAR – American Association of Railroads  
AB – Additions and Betterments notes  
ABB – Akron-Barberton Belt Railroad Company  
ABA – Air Brake Association  
ACY – Akron, Canton and Youngstown Railroad Company also AC&Y  
AFE – Authorization (or Authority) for Expenditure  
AGW/A&GW – Atlantic and Great Western Railroad Company  
ALCO – American Locomotive Company, later simply Alco  
AR – Annual Report  
ARA – American Railway Association (predecessor to AAR)  
ARL – accounting revisions ledger(s)  
AVP – Assistant Vice President

### -B-

BB – Buildings and Bridges  
BCK – Buffalo Creek Railroad Company  
BFN – building field notes\*  
BH – Bath and Hammondsport Railroad Company also B&H  
BLE – Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad  
BLW – Baldwin Locomotive Works  
BM – Boston and Maine Railroad Company also B&M  
BMWE – Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees  
BN – Burlington Northern Railroad Company  
BO – Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company also B&O  
BOD/B. of D. – Board of Directors  
BRC – Belt Railway Company of Chicago  
BrFN – bridge field notes\*  
BRT – Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen  
BRTC – Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Sub-collection  
BV – bound ledger book  
BVL – bound valuation ledger book

### -C-

CBQ – Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company also CB&Q  
CE – Chicago and Erie Railroad Company also C&E  
CNJ - Central Railroad Company of New Jersey  
CO – Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company also C&O  
COFC – Container on Flatcar  
CPD – Cleveland Plain Dealer Newspaper  
CR – Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail)  
CRP – Central Railroad of Pennsylvania (CNJ subsidiary)  
CRR of NJ - Central Railroad Company of New Jersey  
CTC – Centralized Track Control  
CWI – Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Company also C&WI

**-D-**

DDN – dispatcher’s daily notes  
DH - Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company also D&H  
DLW – Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company also DL&W

**-E-**

EB – east bound  
EC – excellent condition  
EL - Erie Lackawanna Railroad/Railway Company  
ELHS - Erie Lackawanna Historical Society  
EMC – Electro-Motive Corporation  
EMD – Electro-Motive Division of General Motors  
ER – Erie Railroad  
ETT – Employee timetable

**-F-**

FC – fair condition  
FF – file folder, standard  
FFe – file folder, legal  
FFT – Freight Timetable/Schedule  
FM – Fairbanks, Morse and Company  
FN – field notes  
FRA – Federal Railway Administration  
FS – flat storage/flat stored

**-G-**

GC – good condition  
GE – General Electric Corporation  
G.O. – general order  
GW – Genesee and Wyoming Railroad Company also G&W

**-H-**

HBTM – Huntington and Broad Top Mountain Railroad Company also H&BTM  
HF – Hoboken Ferry Company  
HS – Hoboken Shore Railroad Company also Hoboken Manufacturer’s  
HT – Harlem Transfer Company

**-I-**

I/C - interchange  
ICC – Interstate Commerce Commission  
ICS – International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, PA  
IR – Ingersoll-Rand Corporation

**-L-**

LB – loose bound  
LHR – Lehigh and Hudson River Railway Company also L&HR  
LNE - Lehigh and New England Railroad Company also L&NE  
LS - Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad Company also L&S  
LV – Lehigh Valley Railroad Company

**-M-**

McF – microfilm roll  
MFC – Maurice Frederick Coffman  
MFCC – M. F. Coffman Collection  
MHMR – Mount Hope Mineral Railroad Company (CNJ subsidiary)

MOW – Maintenance-of-Way  
MP – mile post  
MYC – multi-year coverage

**-N-**

NB – Northhampton and Bath Railway Company also N&B  
NBX – not boxed  
NEOUCOM – Northeastern Ohio University Colleges of Medicine, Rootstown, OH  
Site of UAA remote storage facility  
NIAJ – Niagara Junction Railway Company  
NJDOT – New Jersey Department of Transportation  
NJNY – New Jersey and New York Railroad Company also NY&NJ  
NJPUC - New Jersey Public Utilities Commission  
NKP – Nickel Plate Road (New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad)  
No. - number  
NRLC – National Railway Labor Conference  
NRNJ – Northern Railroad Company of New Jersey  
NW - Norfolk and Western Railway Company also N&W  
NYABC – New York Air Brake Company  
NYGL – New York and Greenwood Lake Railway Company also NY&GL  
NYC – New York Central Railroad Company and System  
NYE – New York and Erie Railroad Company (Erie predecessor) also NY&E  
NYLB – New York and Long Branch Railroad Company (joint PRR – CNJ subsidiary)  
NYLEW – New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company (Erie predecessor)  
NYI – no year indicated  
NYNHH – New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway Company also NYNH&H  
NYOW – New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company also NYO&W  
NYPANO – New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad Company, also just as  
NYPANO Railroad Company  
NYPSC – New York State Public Services Commission  
NYSW – New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad Company also NYS&W

**-O-**

ORC – Order of Railroad Conductors

**-P-**

pc – poor condition  
PC – Penn Central Railroad Company  
PLE - Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company also P&LE  
PMS - Perry Monroe Shoemaker  
PMSC - Perry Monroe Shoemaker Collection  
PRR – Pennsylvania Railroad Company  
PTT – Public timetable

**-R-**

RDG – Reading Railroad Company  
REA – Railway Express Agency Corporation  
RE&TA – Real Estate and Tax Agent  
RE&TD – Real Estate and Tax Department  
RI – Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company also CRI&P  
RFN – roadway field notes\*  
RLHS – Railway Locomotive and Historical Society  
rm – railroad mark

- RR – Railroad
- RRRR – Raritan River Railroad Company
- ROW – right-of-way
- Rwy - railway
- S-**
- SFB – signal(s) field book
- T-**
- TDS – train dispatcher sheets
- TFN – track field notes\*
- TOFC – trailer on flatcar
- TP – temporary placement
- TT – timetable, public
- T/T – telephone and telegraph
- TWS – tax work sheets
- U-**
- UAA – University of Akron Archives in Akron, Ohio
- USRA – United States Railroad Administration (1917 – 1920) and United States Railway Association (1970s and 1980s)
- UTU – United Transportation Union (successor to BRT)
- V-**
- VE – Valuation engineer/Office of the Valuation Engineer
- VFN – valuation field notes.
- Vol. - volume
- VS – valuation section
- W-**
- WAB – Wabash Railway Company
- WABCO – Westinghouse Air Brake Company
- WB – west bound
- WBE – Wilkes-Barre and Eastern Railroad Company (NYSW subsidiary) also WB&E
- WLE – Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company (later NKP, later NW) also W&LE
- WN – Wharton and Northern Railroad Company (CNJ subsidiary) also W&N
- WM – Western Maryland Railway Company

**Note:** All items marked with an \* are forms of VFN