

# Railway History Information Guide

## Useful Web Links

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## Historical Railway Books and Indexes

There follows a basic standard list of reference works and abstracting volumes to begin general research and reading.

### *General reference sources*

Clinker CR, Railway history sources: a handlist of the principal sources of original material with notes and guidance on its use  
Henschel, 20000 schriftquellen zur eisenbahnkunde  
Jones K P, Steam locomotive development: an analytical guide 1923-1962  
Locomotive cyclopedia of American practice 1922, 1938, 1947  
Ottley G, Bibliography of British rail history  
Ottley G, Railway history: a guide to sixty-one collections in libraries and archives in Great Britain  
Pike J, Locomotive names: an illustrated dictionary  
Railway engineering abstracts 1946-1962  
Universal directory of railway officials and railway yearbook 1905-1950

### *British railways and locomotives chronology*

Ahrons E L, The British steam railway locomotive 1825-1925  
Guy A & Rees J, Early railways: a selection of papers  
Marshall C F D, A history of railway locomotives...to...1831  
Ellis H, British railway history: an outline...1830-1876  
Ellis H, British railway history: an outline...1877-1947  
Johnson J & Long R A, British railways engineering 1948-80  
Cox E S, British Railways standard steam locomotives

### *Standard railway company histories*

MacDermot E T, History of the Great Western Railway 1833-1863  
Tomlinson W W, The North Eastern Railway: its rise and development  
Marshall C F D, A history of the Southern Railway  
Williams R A, The London & South Western Railway  
Dow G, Great Central 1813-1922  
Barnes E G, The rise of the Midland Railway 1844-1874 and The Midland main line 1875-1922

### *Steam locomotive engineering*

Tredgold T, The principles and practice...of locomotive engines

Chapelon A, La locomotive a vapeur (English translation)  
Phillipson E A, Steam locomotive design: data and formulae  
Poultney E C, Steam locomotion: the construction, working principles...

## Useful Journals

Current journals that are highlighted in bold are displayed in the journals display racks. All the other titles and back issues of the current titles are stored in the basement. Please ask a member of staff if you wish to view any and they will be retrieved for you. This generally takes 10-15 minutes.

For preliminary searching on technical matters, it is recommended that readers start with:

American engineer and railroad journal 1893-1911  
Annual proceedings of the Railway Fuel and Travelling Engineers' Association 1937-1951  
Annual reports of proceedings of the American Railway Master Mechanics' Association 1874-1918  
Bulletin de le Commission Internationale du Congres des chemins de fer 1887-1894  
Developing railways a Railway Gazette yearbook 1974-1993  
Diesel railway traction 1950-1963  
Electric railway journal 1908-1931  
European railway review 1995-2001  
Journal and report of proceedings of the Permanent Way Institution 1927-1986,  
Journal of the Institution of Locomotive Engineers 1911-68  
Journal of the Stephenson Locomotive Society (SLS Journal) 1986-  
LMS railway magazine 1923/24  
The locomotive 1936/37-1996  
Locomotive railway carriage and wagon review 1916-1959  
Locomotives and railways 1900-1902  
**Modern railways 1962-**  
Moore's monthly magazine 1896  
Locomotive magazine 1897-1915  
Overseas railways 1948, 1957-1964  
Proceedings of the American Railroad Association. Section 3: mechanical 1919-1932  
**Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Part F Journal of rail and rapid transit 1989-**

Proceedings of the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers 1923/25-1990/91  
Proceedings of the locomotive and carriage superintendents' committee 1908-1926  
Proceedings of the session of the Association of American Railroads: Operations and Maintenance Department. Division V - mechanical 1933/1935-1969  
**Rail 1999-**  
Rail international Schienen der Welt 1970-2002  
**Rail technology magazine 2002-**  
Rail traction bulletin 1960-n4 1965  
Railroad and engineering journal 1887-1892  
Railway age gazette 1913-1914  
Railway engineer 1880-1935/35  
Railway gazette international 1905-  
Railway locomotives and cars 1954-1969, 1971-1974/5  
**Railway magazine 1897-**  
Railway mechanical engineer 1925-1952  
Railway signaling and communication 1947-1970  
Railway steel topics 1952/53-1967/68  
**Railway strategies v11 2002-**  
Railway systems control 1970-1971  
Revue generale des chemins de fer 1878-1983  
Street railway journal 1905-1908  
Swindon Engineering Society transactions  
Traction and transmission 1901-1904  
Transport 1892-1905  
**ZEV rail Glassers Annalen 1928-**

## Archives and manuscripts

The Institution's own archives are an important source of information on all aspects of railway history. Further details are available from the [online archive catalogue](#). Here are a few key collections from *non*-IMEchE sources:

- ILE** Minutes and papers of the **Institution of Locomotive Engineers**, 1911-1969
- IMS** Minute books of the **Association of Railway Locomotive Engineers**, 1869-1946  
Some papers of **O V S Bulleid** (1882-1970) locomotive engineer, 1943-1970  
**Gorton Railway Works** valuation and plan, 1893  
Scrap-book of **Henry Alfred Ivatt** (1851-1923), locomotive engineer, 1876-1951  
Notebook of **David Joy** (1825-1903), locomotive engineer, c1897  
Papers of **George and Robert Stephenson**, railway engineers, 1816-1865  
Papers of **Samuel Barton Worthington** (1820-1915) railway engineer, 1848-1861  
**Jones and Potts** correspondence, engine builders, Newton-le-Willows, 1815-1849  
**Livesey Son and Henderson** papers, South American contractors, 1865-1989  
Papers of **Norman Charles Watney** (1901-1998) locomotive engineer, 1906-1985
- END** **American** railway company locomotive drawings, 1889-1893  
**R F Trevithick** (1845-1913) Japanese locomotive papers, 1893-1904  
**Tom Hurry Riches** (1846-1911) collected railway company drawings, 1895-1907  
**William Andrews** (fl 1840s-1850s) steam turbine locomotives, 1848-1859  
Drawings of **David Joy** (1825-1903) locomotive engineer, 1829-1899
- PHO** Photographs of the **Bhore-Ghat railway**, India under construction 1855-1862  
**Avonside Engine Company** locomotive photographs, 1865-1870  
**H G J Heydemann** Indian and Belgian locomotive photograph collection, c1905  
Collected locomotive photographs signed by **H Nigel Gresley**, **Henry Fowler**, **George Hughes**, **R E L Maunsell**, **O V S Bulleid** and others, 1920s-1940s  
**R H Bleasdale** and others, early British locomotive photographs, 1860s  
A A Wilton, collected images of **Bulleid-designed locomotives**, 1940s-1960s