



Charleston & Summerville Electric Railway Company Records, 1904-1908.
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Creator: Charleston and Summerville Electric Railway Company.

Description: 0.5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Railway company incorporated February 1905. The company proposed to build and operate approximately 25 miles of track from Charleston, S.C. to Summerville, S.C. The president was Ogden Edwards of Troy, Ohio and the secretary and treasurer was George Tupper of Summerville, S.C. The company ceased operations around 1908.

Scope and Content: Records consist of correspondence, reports, advertising brochures, and other items. Correspondence (1904-1908) concerns the procurement of right of way through various properties in Charleston and Dorchester counties (S.C.), proposed construction of railway power stations, purchases of real property along the railway route, financial matters, and other topics. Included are letters from persons seeking employment with the company and many letters from suppliers of equipment and services seeking to do business with the Charleston and Summerville Railroad Company. Correspondents include Elliot O. Grosvenor (a Detroit, Michigan attorney), Robert Janvier Smith, T.G. Disher, W.L. Cowles & Company (Chicago, Ill.), Ogden Edwards (Troy, Ohio), St. Julien Grimke (a Charleston attorney), Simons-Mayrant Company, Southern Electric Construction Company, North Georgia Electric Company (Gainesville, Ga.), George Tupper, and many others.

Forms headed "Engineer's Daily Report" submitted by D.E. Baxter & Company record work performed on waterways and drainage projects from November 1906 to June 1907. Other items include minutes (1905) of a stockholders' meeting; articles of incorporation (1905) for the Southern Electric Construction Company; a contract (1906) between the Southern Electric Construction Co. and D.E. Baxter & Co. for the latter to perform "all the work of clearing, grubbing, grading, ditching and culverts required in the construction of the Charleston and Summerville Electric Railway"; a conveyance (1905) of a strip of land in Charleston County; invoices; business cards; plats (n.d.) of the route of the Charleston and Summerville Electric Railway running near the Ashley River and Dorchester Road; and plats of sites in Charleston (S.C.) at Beaufain and Coming streets, Archdale and Market streets, and Beaufain and Archdale streets. Advertising flyers, brochures, and catalogs are for valves, batteries, brakes, boilers, gauges, tools, and other equipment and supplies.

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