



# Union Tank Car Company records

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Union Tank Car (Firm)
<b>Title:</b>	Union Tank Car Company records
<b>ID:</b>	FA083
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1889-1978
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 Cubic Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical/Historical note

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The Union Tank Car Company (hereafter UTCC) originated in the Star Tank Line founded in 1866 by J. J. Vandergrift. Vandergrift, one of the early competitors of the Standard Oil Company, organized this Line to handle oil freight between the Pennsylvania oil fields and Chicago. After Vandergrift's holdings were sold to Standard Oil in 1873, the Star Tank Line became that company's carrier. The name was changed to Union Tank Car Company in 1878.

As part of the reorganization of the Standard Oil Trust in 1890-1891, the Union Tank Line was incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey on August 1, 1891. Standard Oil of New Jersey was its holding company. The Union Tank Line remained exclusively a carrier of Standard Oil products until the dissolution of the Trust in 1911.

Greater diversification of customers and services developed during the 1920s and 1930s. This was signaled as well by the change of name to UTCC and the relocation of the company's offices to Chicago in 1927. After 1931, the UTCC branched into chemical hauling and tank car manufacturing. In 1957, the UTCC acquired the Graver and Phoenix Manufacturing Companies, the first in a series of corporate mergers which was to make the UTCC one of the largest tank carrier companies in the world. In 1969, the UTCC created a holding company, Trans Union Corporation, and the latter company, together with

its subsidiaries (including UTCC), was acquired in 1981 by The Marmon Group, owned by the Pritzler Family of Chicago.

Presidents of the Union Tank Line/Tank Car Company during this period were as follows: Wesley H. Tilford (1891-1905); Henry E. Felton (1905-1919); William A. Barstow (1919-1922); E. C. Sicardi (1923-1926); Lauren J. Drake (1927-1947); B. Clifford Graves (1947-1955); Edwin A. Locke, Jr. (1955-1962); Jerome W. Van Gorkom (1962-1975).

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## Scope and Contents note

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The Union Tank Car Company records date from 1889-1978. The records as received by the Rockefeller Archive Center are incomplete. The records, which include correspondence, memoranda, clippings, pamphlets, reports, financial and legal materials, and blueprints, only partially document the company's activities.

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## Arrangement note

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The Union Tank Car Company Records are organized into four series:

Series 1 - Alphabetical File

Series 2 - Shop Records

Series 3 - Financial and Administrative Records

Series 1045 - Photographs

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## File Plan note

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Processing Information

James E. Cyphers completed processing of the collection on August 4, 1981.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The Union Tank Car Company Records were donated to the Rockefeller Archive Center by the Trans Union Corporation in August 1981.

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## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials

The collection also includes two oil portraits of UTCC presidents Wesley H. Tilford and Henry E. Felton.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- United States
- Business
- Standard Oil Company

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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## Collection Inventory

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### Alphabetical File, 1889-1978

#### Arrangement note

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject (e.g. Acquisitions, Financial Statements) or document type (e.g. By-Laws, Certificate of Incorporation).

**Scope and Contents note**

Series 1 consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, pamphlets, clippings, financial and legal materials.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Acquisitions, Dispositions, Liquidations, 1959-1978	box 1	folder 1
	reel M 1	frame 1
Balances (Trial), 1891, 1908-1909, 1911, 1913-1919	box 1	folder 2
	reel M 1	frame 2
Brunswick-Union (Proposed Plan of Combination), 1969-1970	box 1	folder 3
	reel M 1	frame 3
By-Laws, 1914-1926, 1951-1969, n.d.	box 1	folder 4
	reel M 1	frame 4
Certificate of Payment of Capital Stock, 1891	box 1	folder 5
	reel M 1	frame 5
Certificate of Incorporation, 1891-1930	box 1	folder 6
	reel M 1	frame 6
Certificate of Incorporation - New Jersey, 1889-1900, 1948	box 1	folder 7
	reel M 1	frame 7
Company History, 1957, 1960, 1962	box 1	folder 8
	reel M 1	frame 8
Contract - Tank Cars (Standard Oil-Union Tank Line), 1912	reel M 1	frame 9
	box 1	folder 9
Financial Settlements, 1902-1905	reel M 1	frame 10
	box 1	folder 10
Listing Agreement - New York Stock Exchange, 1921-1930, 1953, 1956-1958	reel M 1	reel 11
	box 1	folder 11
Listing Agreement - New York Stock Exchange, 1959, 1961, 1967-1971, 1973, 1975-1976	reel M 1	reel 12
	box 1	folder 12
Listing Agreement - New York Stock Exchange, 1977-1978	reel M 1	frame 13
	box 1	folder 13
Mayor of Streator, 1963-1964	reel M 2	frame 1
	box 2	folder 14
Phoenix Manufacturing Company, ca. 1958, 1962	reel M 2	frame 2

	box 2	folder 15
Resolutions (Secretary's Records), 1912-1922, 1925	box 2	folder 16
	reel M 2	frame 3
Securities Exchange Act Registration, 1935	box 2	folder 17
	reel M 2	frame 4
Smith and Loveless, Inc., 1959	box 2	folder 18
	reel M 2	frame 5
Stockholders Meetings, 1892-1926	box 2	folder 19
	reel M 2	frame 6
"Union Tank Line News" - Souvenir Number, August 1919	box 2	folder 20
	reel M 2	frame 7
Miscellany - Historical, 1902-1929, 1943	box 2	folder 21
	reel M 2	frame 8
Miscellany, 1958-1975, n.d.	box 2	folder 22
	reel M 2	frame 9

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## Shop Records, 1912-1955

### Arrangement note

This series is arranged alphabetically by site.

### Scope and Contents note

Series 2 contains correspondence referring to service agreements, followed by correspondence, memoranda, leases and reports related to UTCC repair shops throughout the United States. The bulk of this material concerns leasing arrangements and contracts with customers--mostly Standard Oil affiliates. This series also contains blueprints.

Title/Description	Instances	
Canceled Car Service Agreements (A-Ci), 1947-1955	box 3	folder 23
	reel M 2	frame 10
Canceled Car Service Agreements (Co-G), 1947-1955	reel M 2	frame 11
	box 3	folder 24
Canceled Car Service Agreements (H-P), 1947-1955	box 3	folder 25
	reel M 2	frame 12
Canceled Car Service Agreements (Q-W), 1947-1955	box 3	folder 26



	reel M 2	frame 13
Albany, New York, 1926, 1934, 1942, 1945	box 3	folder 27
	reel M 2	frame 14
Bay City, Michigan, 1921-1924, 1930-1931	box 3	folder 28
	reel M 2	frame 15
Baytown, Texas, 1928	box 3	folder 29
	reel M 2	frame 16
Blissville, New York, 1918, 1928, 1931	reel M 2	frame 17
	box 3	folder 30
Bo-Br	reel M 2	frame 18
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	box 3	folder 31
Boynton, Oklahoma, 1931 Bristow, Okalahoma, 1931-1933		
Buffalo, New York, 1912, 1918-1925, 1936	reel M 2	frame 19
	box 3	folder 32
E-Fo	reel M 2	frame 20
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	box 3	folder 33
East Boston, Massachusetts, 1915, 1926-1939 Fort Worth, Texas, 1931-1932, 1936		
Franklin, Pennsylvania, 1915-1928, 1931, 1936-1938	reel M 3	frame 1
	box 4	folder 34
Franklin Park, Illinois, 1933	reel M 3	frame 2
	box 4	folder 35
Greybull, Wyoming, 1919, 1924-1925, 1938, 1943-1945	reel M 3	frame 3
	box 4	folder 36
Jacksonville, Florida, 1915-1928, 1937, 1942, 1945	reel M 3	frame 4
	box 4	folder 37
Laramie, Wyoming, 1920, 1925, 1931	reel M 3	frame 5
	box 4	folder 38
Lima, Ohio, 1914-1925, 1932-1933, 1938	reel M 3	frame 6
	box 4	folder 39
Louisville, Kentucky, 1918-1933, 1942-1945	reel M 3	frame 7
	box 4	folder 40
Muskegon, Michigan, 1921, 1926, 1939	reel M 3	frame 8

	box 4	folder 41
Muskogee, Oklahoma, 1933, 1938-1939	box 4	folder 42
	reel M 3	frame 9
Oil City, Pennsylvania, 1930-1931, 1937-1938, 1941-1942	box 4	folder 43
	reel M 3	frame 10
Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 1932	box 4	folder 44
	reel M 3	frame 11
Parkersburg, West Virginia, 1917, 1920, 1932	box 5	folder 45
	reel M 3	frame 12
Paulsboro, New Jersey, 1921-1922, 1927, 1932-1938	reel M 3	frame 13
	box 5	folder 46
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1912-1914, 1924, 1927, 1932	reel M 3	frame 14
	box 5	folder 47
Port Tampa, Florida, 1916, 1919-1924, 1926-1927, 1931, 1934	reel M 3	frame 15
	box 5	folder 48
River Rouge, Michigan, 1912, 1915, 1917-1918, 1920, 1922, 1927, 1930-1931, 1933, 1936, 1942, 1945	reel M 3	frame 16
	box 5	folder 49
Salt Lake City, Utah, 1923, 1926-1927, 1943, 1945	reel M 3	frame 17
	box 5	folder 50
Shreveport, Louisiana, 1927, 1929, 1931-1934, 1936	reel M 3	frame 18
	box 5	folder 51
Wi	reel M 3	frame 19
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	box 5	folder 52
Wichita, Kansas, 1932, 1936-1938 Wilmington, North Carolina, 1923, 1942-1943		
Wilson Point, Connecticut, 1922, 1926-1927, 1929	reel M 3	frame 20
	box 5	folder 53
Winnett, Montana, 1922-1924	reel M 3	frame 21
	box 5	folder 54
Blueprint - Baytown, Texas, 1928	box F 1	folder 1
	reel M 3	frame 22
Blueprint - Blissville, Texas, n.d.	reel M 3	frame 23

	box F 1	folder 2
Blueprint - Buffalo, New York, 1903	box F 1	folder 3
	reel M 3	frame 24
Blueprint - East Boston, Massachusetts, 1927	box F 1	folder 4
	reel M 3	frame 25
Blueprint - Franklin, Pennsylvania, 1915, 1919, 1928	box F 1	folder 5
	reel M 3	frame 26
Blueprint - Jacksonville, Florida, 1915, 1921, 1923, 1927	box F 1	folder 6
	reel M 3	frame 27
Blueprint - Joliet, Illinois, ca. 1960	box F 1	folder 7
	reel M 3	frame 28
Blueprint - Lima, Ohio, 1921 (rev. 1922), 1926	box F 1	folder 8
	reel M 3	frame 29
Blueprint - Louisville, Kentucky, 1922, ca. 1933	box F 1	folder 9
	reel M 3	frame 30
Blueprint - Muskegon, Michigan, 1921	box F 1	folder 10
	reel M 3	frame 31
Blueprint - Muskogee, Oklahoma, 1933	box F 1	folder 11
	reel M 3	frame 32
Blueprint - Parkersburg, West Virginia, 1917	reel M 3	frame 33
	box F 1	folder 12
Blueprint - Phoenix Manufacturing Company Building, ca. 1960	reel M 3	frame 34
	box F 1	folder 13
Blueprint - Port Tampa, Florida, 1919, 1926	reel M 3	frame 35
	box F 1	folder 14
Blueprint - River Rouge, Michigan, 1923 (rev. 1930)	reel M 3	frame 36
	box F 1	folder 15
Blueprint - Wilson Point, Connecticut, 1915	reel M 3	frame 37
	box F 1	folder 16

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## Financial and Administrative Records, 1891-1930

**Scope and Contents note**

Series 3 contains claims ledgers, cash journals, general ledgers, and minute books.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Annuity Balance Sheets, ca. 1950	box 6	folder 55
	reel M 4	frame 1
Balance Sheets (Trial and Final), 1891-1900	box 6	folder 56
	reel M 4	frame 2
Claim Ledger No. 1 with Index, 1891-1914	box 7	folder 57
	reel M 4	frame 3
Journal No. 2, 1895-1909	reel M 5	frame 1
	box 8	folder 58
Journal No. 3, 1909-1927	reel M 5	frame 2
	box 9	folder 59
Ledger "A" with Index, 1891-1905	reel M 6	frame 1
	box 10	folder 60
Ledger "B" with Index, 1906-1914	reel M 6	frame 2
	box 11	folder 61
Ledger "C", 1915-1920	reel M 7	frame 1
	box 12	folder 62
Ledger "D", 1921-1930	reel M 7	frame 2
	box 13	folder 63
Minute Books No. 1, 1891-February 1913	reel M 8	frame 1
	box 14	folder 64
Minute Books No. 2, March 1913-April 1917	reel M 8	frame 2
	box 14	folder 65
Minute Books No. 3, April 1917-1922	reel M 8	frame 3
	box 14	folder 66
Minute Books No. 4, 1923-1926	box 14	folder 67
	reel M 8	frame 4

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**Union Tank Car Company photographs, 1960**

Controlled Access Headings:

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Title/Description	Instances
Union Tank Car Company, 1960	box 22      folder 277

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