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I. Title Fair Haven and Westville Railroad Co. Records, 1860-1905.

II. The papers of The Fair Haven and Westville Railroad deposited in the Library on November, 1962, by Fred Bennett in a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2 1/2
Approximate number of items: 800

IV. Restrictions: None

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VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: See page b

VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of minute books and financial statements with a few business letters and administrative and legal documents. It is contained in five boxes.
Biographical Note.

The Fair Haven and Westville Railroad Company was founded in 1860. An agreement for its construction was signed by M.D. Sperry, the President, with Samuel R. Dickson on October 19, 1860. The work was completed July 19, 1861 at a cost of $52,190.70. The Fair Haven and Westville merged with other street railways during its history. In 1898 it consolidated with the New Haven Street Railway Co. and New Haven and Centerville Street Railway Co. The merged companies retained the name of the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad Co. In May 1904 the Directors voted to both acquire the Winchester Avenue Railroad Co. and to sell the merged companies to the Worcester and Connecticut Eastern Railway Company, now called the Consolidated Railway Co., for $8,700, 075.00. The stockholders were also to be notified that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad offer to purchase the stock would expire June 18. At that period the N.Y., N.H. and H. was acquiring control of the street railways so that they would not compete with the railroad system it was seeking to control in southern New England. The stockholders voted to sell all property and interests with the exception of the franchise to exist as a corporation. The last recorded stockholders meeting occurred on Jan. 11, 1905.
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