INFORMATION ON SERIES OF DOCUMENTS

Series	RAIL 491
Title	Midland Railway Company: Records 1832-1952
Structure	Records of the privately owned railway company taken over by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act 1947
Size/Scope	The following piece numbers or range of piece numbers feature these record types: **Pieces RAIL 491/969-1016** (Staff records, Registers) **Pieces RAIL 491/1021-1043**(Staff records, Registers, lists & compensation cases) **Pieces RAIL 491/1058-1063** (Staff records, registers, registers of accidents & misc pedigrees photos etc) **Pieces RAIL 491/1068-1076, 1078 and 1080** (registers and leave, pay, staff books) Pieces Sampled: **RAIL 491/970** Good Manager's Office St Pancras and London outlying depots. Arranged by Station or depot. Name, Position, Salary, Date Entered Service, Date of Birth, Date of Appointment or Advance, Particulars of Leaving Service or Change of Position. 120 double page images with an average of 4 records per double image. **RAIL 491/985** Goods Manager's Office, Liverpool Victoria. Name, Position, Salary, Date Entered Service, Date of Birth, Date of Appointment or Advance, Particulars of Leaving Service or Change of Position. 30 double page images with an average of 4 records per double image. **RAIL 491/1000** Staff Records registers Cudworth, Sheepridge, Eckington. Arranged by station or depot. Name, Occupation, Salary or Wages. 180 single page images with an average of 8 records per single image. **RAIL 491/1058** Register of Accidents to Company's Servants and those not in Company's service 1875-1888. Name, Date, Company's Servant or Not, Place Where Accident Occurred, Remarks. 380 single page images with an average of 10 records per single image. **RAIL 491/1059-1062** Registers of Accidents to Company's Servants and those not in Company's service 1888-1921. Name, Date of Accident, Locality, Company's Servant or Not, How Employed, Remarks. Total of 764 double page images across the 4 pieces with an avaerage of 18 records per double image. A total of 88 pieces containing approximately **23,500 images** and 165,000 records.

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Physical Format and Condition	Large bound books containing handwritten text on printed forms. Information on each individual is often displayed across a double spread which is foolscap or larger to A2. The bindings are sometimes loose or broken and some pages edges are slightly damaged or dirty but without data loss. Pages are also often blank in between pages containing text. Text is sometimes near to bindings. Books sometimes include an alphabetical index by name at the front.
Popularity	Between 1st July 2008 and 1st July 2009 this series of records was requested in the reading rooms at The National Archives some 733 times. In a package with other related material it is expected to be of greater interest to the public. Popularity would also be greatly increased by improved ease of access.
Copyright clearance	Assignment to Crown in progress
Research Guide	Railways: Staff Records
Possible areas for indexing	Name, date of birth, date entered service, station

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