

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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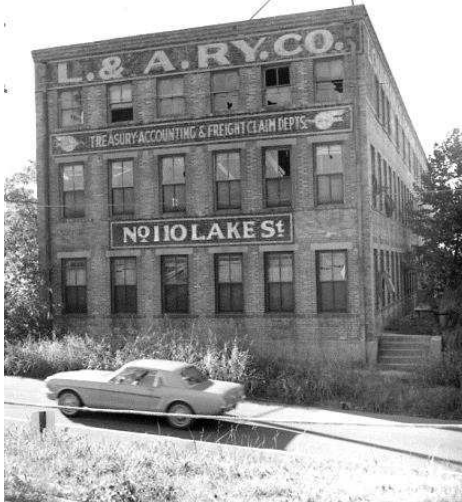
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SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 35th Year

The L & A Railway Office Building at 110 Lake St.



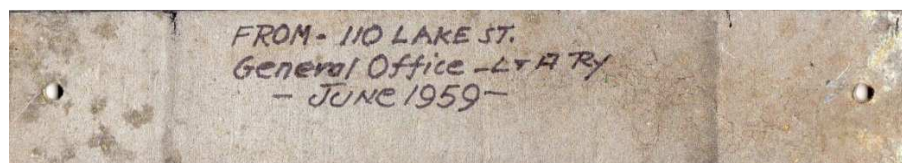
Lake St. View



Commerce St. View

The historic building at 110 Lake St., on Cane Bluff overlooking Red River, was built in 1914 on property acquired by the Shreveport and Red River Valley Railroad Co., parent company of the Louisiana Railway & Navigation Co. (LR&N). Both companies were owned by William Edenborn. The building was constructed to house the offices of the LR&N, and it served that purpose until the late 1920s. In 1928 the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Co. (L&A), which was founded by William Buchanan in 1898, came under the control of the Harvey Couch syndicate along with the LR&N. The companies were consolidated, and most of the L&A administrative offices were moved to Central Station at 1025 Marshall St. But the accounting operations remained on Lake St. until 1959 when they were moved to Kansas City. The building had been vacant since 1959, and was demolished in 1968. The site is now occupied by the Holiday Inn Downtown.

Your Editor's late father-in-law, W. G. Reynolds, worked in the building from July 15, 1935 until June 30, 1959 when accounting operations were moved to Kansas City. When the building was vacated, he acquired an unusual memento:



Upcoming Events

April 15 – RRVRRHS Meeting – 7 p.m. - Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. Call (318) 458-3123 for information.

May 6 - First Friday Railroad Photography Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. – Call (318) 458-3123 for information.

May 7 – “Food Trucks at the Museum” sponsored by Downtown Shreveport - 11 am to 3 pm – RRVRRHS will be selling t-shirts, caps and giving tours of our museum.

May 21 – Shreveport Train Show – 10 am to 4 pm – RiverView Hall – Clyde Fant Parkway

The President’s Message

Hello Railfans!

It is good to be moving around and going places again. You don’t know how important the simple things in life really are until you can’t do them anymore. I am back to going places and doing things that were impossible just a short time ago. That’s enough about me!

Several things have been happening in regards to the museum. As you know, we have received a proposal concerning the piece of city owned property adjacent to the Water Works Museum. Our main concern is the insurance requirement dictated by the city. I have a quote we may be able to live with. We will check with the city concerning this matter.

As you may be aware, the state is in serious financial trouble and they are looking at ways to solve their problem. One way is to give up all museums in the state except the Old State Capitol museum in Baton Rouge. If this happens the Water Works Museum, which is now owned by the state, will revert back to the city which is having hard times itself. If this happens and the city decides not to fund it, it will most likely have to be run by the McNeill Street Pumping Station Preservation Society. This action will mean drastically cutting back on operating hours, maybe even opening by appointment only. This will affect us to a major degree. We will have to wait and see what happens. Until then we will be working to establish our own museum.

My apologies to Larry Davis for not mentioning last month he donated a silver Cotton Belt spoon to the museum. It is on display along with our other silverware and china. Many thanks to Larry!

Happy Railroading!
Russell

It’s Time to Pay Your 2016 Dues

Please send a check or money order for \$20.00 with this membership form to Bill Hasheider at 6813 Despot Road, Shreveport, LA 71108

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Next Meeting
April 15