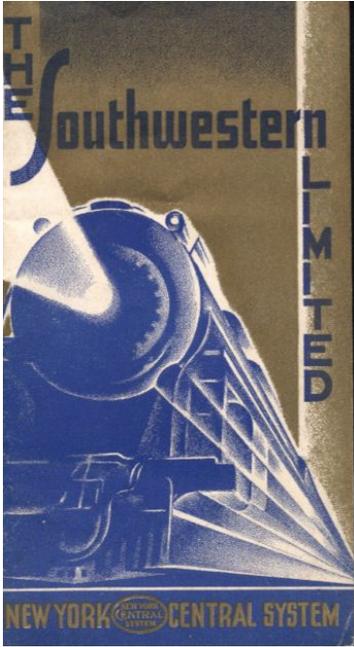




Announcing The Southwestern Limited Fund

An Opportunity to Fund Archive Improvements



The NYCSHS has made a dedicated effort over the past almost 50 years to preserve the amount of archival material from the NYC railroad. This preservation effort has consisted of collecting material, storing that material in climate-controlled environments, and digitizing all hard copy material. Today we have more material than we can easily store in the existing space, so a new storage system is needed

Over the years much of the funding for this activity has come from gifts and grants from members and grant funding sources. Much funding has come from the Society's operating budget funded by membership and sales. We have had two previous fund-raising campaigns for the Headquarters and archive. The first of these was the Flight of the Century fund that raised \$65,000 to fund the equipment and furnishings for the NYCSHS Headquarters in Middleburg Heights, OH. The second was the *Empire State Express* fund that raised funds for the continuing of the preservation of archive material, expanding the library, obtaining new NYCS material, and expanding the IT network. It added additional NYCS material in the Collinwood Shop, added scanners and computers to the network,

provided cloud backup and added online digital material for view and sale in the Collinwood & Digital Shops.

All of the funding from the two fund raising programs, and gifts and grants have been spent on preserving and digitizing the archive material. New grants are being talked about, but many of the granting organizations favor projects that preserve hardware over paper and photo preservation. Therefore, we are launching this *Southwestern Limited* program to raise the additional funds to add an archive shelving system and other upgrades to continue to expand our NYCSHS archives.

We need to utilize the space we have today more efficiently. Therefore, we have opted to bring in an expandable high-density filing system. When not in use, the mobile shelves slide together to compact the storage area. When access is needed, a three spoke handle is used to roll the units apart. Some of the Board members saw this type of unit in use at the Albany Museum of History and Art.

Once the shelving is installed, it will just about double the storage space that we now have at the archive. That will be achieved by eliminating empty aisle space and rolling the shelves together on rails. We expect to have these installed in the spring, so they can be seen when the Cleveland convention is local to the archive.

We are working with a local company, Patterson Pope, that has been in business for 50 years. They have been providing the sales and design assistance and will be providing installation services. The shelving units we are acquiring are from Spacesaver, a Wisconsin based company. The high-density system is just one of the solutions that Spacesaver provides. The high-density systems are used at universities, museums, law libraries and other locations, such as the local Cleveland NFL team.

Our specific tasks include:

1. Continue scanning photos, drawings, booklets, publications, etc.
2. Obtaining new material
3. Maintaining the IT network
4. Expanding library
5. Expanding help to members
6. Offering additional material for sale in store
7. Adding drawings and maps to our digital website and store
8. Installing new SpaceSaver high-density storage system
9. Purchase an aperture card reader
10. Working with members, researchers, and authors
11. Working with other Societies archives to expand NYCS knowledge and resources

To accomplish these goals, we are planning to raise \$40,000. Like the past campaigns we have set levels of giving for your contributions and are hoping the Society can reach the goal with your generous help.

The graphic at the top of the page includes a map of the route of the Southwestern Limited from St. Louis, MO, to Cleveland, OH, where our NYCSHS

Headquarters archive resides. The map will be used to chart the progress of the campaign over the next few weeks as a visual representation of the Society's progress toward the \$40,000 goal. Weekly updates will appear on our website and our MailChimp emails so you can track our progress. This was proven effective in previous fund-raising campaigns. As in past campaigns, a plaque with the names of sponsors will be displayed in the NYCSHS Headquarters at the end of the campaign.

Levels of giving:

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| \$2,500 and up | ALCo PA/PB |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | Baldwin RF-16A/B |
| \$500 to \$999 | EMD E8A |
| \$250 to \$499 | ALCo RS3 |
| \$100 to \$249 | EMD GP7 |
| \$50 to \$99 | EMD F3A/B |
| \$25 to \$49 | ALCo FA/FB |
| Under \$25 | EMD SW1 |

All proceeds donated to the NYCSHS

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