

# Guide to the EC Soo Line Locomotive Collection, 1958-1960

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## Overview of the collection

**Repository:**

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**Reference Code:** USGZE UHC277

**Accession Number:** 06-101

**Collection Number:** University Historical Collection 277

**Creators:** Eau Claire (Wis.)

**Title:** Eau Claire Soo Line Locomotive Collection

**Dates:** 1958-1960

**Quantity:** 0.2 linear feet (1 archives box)

**Location of Collection:** A10/2f

**Languages:** Collection materials are in English.

**Summary:** Photocopies of correspondence, newspaper clippings and blueprints concerning the City of Eau Claire's acquisition of a Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie steam locomotive.

## Historical Note

Throughout the 1950s, North American railroad companies began converting their rolling stock from steam to diesel powered locomotives. Concurrently, many railroad companies were also eliminating their passenger service operations. As an effort to preserve their historic railroading heritage, cities all across North America began requesting that railroad companies donate retired train engines for the cities to display. In the late 1950s, the City of Eau Claire requested and received a 4-6-2 Pacific type steam locomotive from the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company to be placed on permanent display in the city.

# Content Description

The collection consists primarily of correspondence between the City of Eau Claire, the Water Street Businessmen's Association and the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company. There are also newspaper clippings covering the acquisition and display of the locomotive, blueprints of the locomotive and a photocopied article from *Soo Liner Magazine*.

## Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** Donated to the Special Collections & Archives, University of Wisconsin--Eau Claire prior to March 2006.

**Access Restrictions:** Collection is open to the public.

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**Arrangement:** Chronological

**OCLC #:** 69666778

## Subjects

**Corporate Names:**

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company  
Water Street Businessmen's Association (Eau Claire, Wis.)

**Subject Terms:**

Railroads – United States – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century  
Steam locomotives – Wisconsin – Eau Claire

**Geographical Terms:** Eau Claire (Wis.) -- History

## Detailed List of Contents

Container	Contents	Dates
Box/Folder 1/1	Correspondence	1958-1960
Box/Folder 1/2	Soo Liner Magazine; Vol. 11 No. 2	1958-1960
Box/Folder 1/3	Newspaper Accounts and Blueprints	1958-1960
Box/Folder	Newspaper Accounts and	1958-1960

