

# THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SYSTEM

Broad Street Station  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Pennsylvania Station  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

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## The Railroad Roll of Honor

“I have considered the pension list of the Republic as a roll of honor,”—  
*President Grover Cleveland in a special  
message to Congress, July 5, 1888.*

The following employes of the Companies in the Pennsylvania Railroad System retired as of September 1, 1913, under the pension rules. This list represents the usual monthly addition to a roll which now totals 3993 pensioners:

### LINES EAST OF PITTSBURGH

Name	Occupation	Division	Length of Service	
			Years	Month
WILLIAM H. BROOKS . . . . 3540 N. 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	CLERK . . . . .	AUDITOR MDSE. TRAFFIC	50	6
JOHN H. SHEARER . . . . . 752 Park Place, Elmira, N. Y.	DIVISION OPERATOR . . . . .	ELMIRA . . . . .	49	4
ROBERT BOOTH . . . . . Bowie, Md.	ENGINEMAN . . . . .	MARYLAND . . . . .	49	4
RUDOLPH H. SNYDER . . . . . 2103 Seventh Avenue, Altoona, Pa.	ENGINEMAN . . . . .	PITTSBURGH . . . . .	46	10
SAMUEL RIBLETT . . . . . 207 Grant Avenue, Duquesne, Pa.	CONDUCTOR . . . . .	MONONGAHELA . . . . .	46	1
ISAAC G. HUNTER . . . . . 203 Market Street, Williamsport, Pa.	CROSSING WATCHMAN . . . . .	WILLIAMSPORT . . . . .	45	6
CHARLES L. GROOME . . . . . 1028 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	BAGGAGEMAN . . . . .	PHILADELPHIA . . . . .	45	3
JACOB P. LESLIE . . . . . 807 N. 39th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	ENGINEMAN . . . . .	PHILADELPHIA TERMINAL . . . . .	45	3
HARRY LAYLON . . . . . 1741 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, Pa.	ENGINEMAN . . . . .	WILLIAMSPORT . . . . .	43	5
SIMON F. MCGREGOR . . . . . 705 21st Street, Altoona, Pa.	STOREHOUSE ATTENDANT . . . . .	ALTOONA MACHINE SHOP . . . . .	42	7
EDWARD McLEAN . . . . . 2117 Broad Avenue, Altoona, Pa.	GENERAL FOREMAN . . . . .	SOUTH ALTOONA FOUNDRIES . . . . .	41	
ERASTUS B. HOFFMAN . . . . . 1223 Green Street, Harrisburg, Pa.	MACHINIST . . . . .	PHILADELPHIA . . . . .	39	4
HIRAM T. BROWN . . . . . Liberty Grove, Md.	AGENT . . . . .	CENTRAL . . . . .	34	6
MATHEW J. MATHEWS . . . . . 1320 Thirteenth Avenue, Altoona, Pa.	WATCHMAN . . . . .	ALTOONA CAR SHOP . . . . .	32	11
JOSIAH RIGGLE . . . . . R. F. D. No. 1, Altoona, Pa.	HELPER . . . . .	ALTOONA CAR SHOP . . . . .	32	5
WM. W. POOLE . . . . . 419 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pa.	CAR REPAIRMAN . . . . .	ALTOONA CAR SHOP . . . . .	30	5
JOSEPH FISHER . . . . . Marietta, Pa.	BLACKSMITH . . . . .	PHILADELPHIA . . . . .	30	2
JULIA A. BURNS . . . . . 925 Harford Avenue, Baltimore, Md.	CAR CLEANER . . . . .	BALTIMORE . . . . .	28	1

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GEO. T. MARTIN . . . . . 338 Park Avenue, Williamsport, Pa.	CAR REPAIRMAN . . . . .	WILLIAMSPORT . . . . .	27	2
JOHN L. SHAVER . . . . . 616 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, Pa.	CAR REPAIRMAN . . . . .	ALTOONA CAR SHOP . . . . .	26	9
SAMUEL BURLOCK . . . . . Colonia, N. J.	LABORER . . . . .	MANHATTAN . . . . .	26	7
CHARLES H. JONES . . . . . 1317 Penn Avenue, Tyrone, Pa.	FREIGHT AGENT . . . . .	MIDDLE . . . . .	26	6
ELLIOTT F. BLACK . . . . . Wall Avenue, Pitscairn, Pa.	SHOP HAND . . . . .	PITTSBURGH . . . . .	23	9
JOS. J. HOWARD . . . . . 222 York Street, York, Pa.	STATION CLEANER . . . . .	BALTIMORE . . . . .	23	2
JAS. A. WARRENDER . . . . . 90 Pennsylvania Ave., Newark, N. J.	LABORER . . . . .	NEW YORK . . . . .	22	
JACOB MAGIN . . . . . 2000 Hafer St., Baltimore, Md.	STATION WATCHMAN . . . . .	MARYLAND . . . . .	21	2
JAS. SHAW . . . . . Clayton, Del.	WATCHMAN . . . . .	DELAWARE . . . . .	19	4
EBENEZER T. JARVIS . . . . . 127 North 5th St., Newark, N. J.	MACHINE HAND . . . . .	NEW YORK . . . . .	14	6

### LINES WEST OF PITTSBURGH

S. G. COTTRELL . . . . . 219 N. 18th Street, Louisville, Ky.	ENGINE INSPECTOR . . . . .	PENNA. TERM. RY. . . . .	53	4
JOHN WALLACE . . . . . 434 East Lewis Street, Fort Wayne, Ind.	BOILER MAKER . . . . .	WESTERN . . . . .	46	10
JAMES SWEENEY . . . . . Harbaugh and Logan Streets, Sewickley, Pa.	CLERK . . . . .	{ GENERAL OFFICE, AUDITOR } { OF FREIGHT RECEIPTS . . . }	44	11
GEORGE W. METZGER . . . . . 1634 Walnut Street, Chicago, Ill.	STATION PASSENGER AGENT . . . . .	CHICAGO TERMINAL . . . . .	44	2
ANCEL McCUMSEY . . . . . 225 E. DeWald Street, Fort Wayne, Ind.	SHOP LABORER . . . . .	WESTERN . . . . .	29	11
JOHN METZGER . . . . . Mount Vernon, Ohio	BOILER MAKER HELPER . . . . .	AKRON . . . . .	29	7
* MICHAEL DONOHUE . . . . . Shelby Avenue, Edinburg, Ind.	CROSSING WATCHMAN . . . . .	LOUISVILLE . . . . .	29	3
D. A. WOLFORD . . . . . 2506 Miner Street, Fort Wayne, Ind.	STOCK KEEPER . . . . .	WESTERN . . . . .	27	4
* WILLIAM TIETZ . . . . . 1885 Winnebago Avenue, Chicago, Ill.	CROSSING WATCHMAN . . . . .	CHICAGO TERMINAL . . . . .	24	8
NEIL McN. KNODE . . . . . 615 East Vine Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio	BLACKSMITH HELPER . . . . .	AKRON . . . . .	21	1
* O. F. HARDENBERGH . . . . . 338 Gostlin Street, Hammond, Ind.	CROSSING WATCHMAN . . . . .	CHICAGO TERMINAL . . . . .	20	6
W. H. MOHLER . . . . . Lucas, Ohio.	CROSSING WATCHMAN . . . . .	EASTERN . . . . .	15	5

\* Retired as of September 1, 1913.

## The Pennsylvania's Pension Department

	Lines East of Pittsburgh	Lines West of Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania Railroad System
Amount paid since Department was established on January 1, 1900 . . . . .	\$6,949,747.12	\$2,254,944.28	\$9,204,691.40
Total number of employes pensioned to October 1, 1913 . . . . .	5781	1861	7642
Pensioned employes who have died . . . . .	2779	870	3649
Total number of employes on Pension roll October 1, 1913 . . . . .	3002	991	3993

## Men Now Retiring Who Have Served the Pennsylvania Railroad More Than Half a Century

**SAMUEL G. COTTRELL**

LENGTH OF SERVICE, 53 YEARS 4 MONTHS

Mr. Samuel G. Cottrell, Engine Inspector on the Pennsylvania Terminal Railway of the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh, entered the service of the Company in 1860 as a laborer in the Maintenance of Way department. Two years later he became a fireman, in which capacity he served until 1869, when he was promoted to engineman. On October 1, 1893, he became an engine inspector.

All of Mr. Cottrell's service has been on the Louisville Division of the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh, to January 1, 1911, when the Pennsylvania Terminal Railway began operation.

**WILLIAM H. BROOKS**

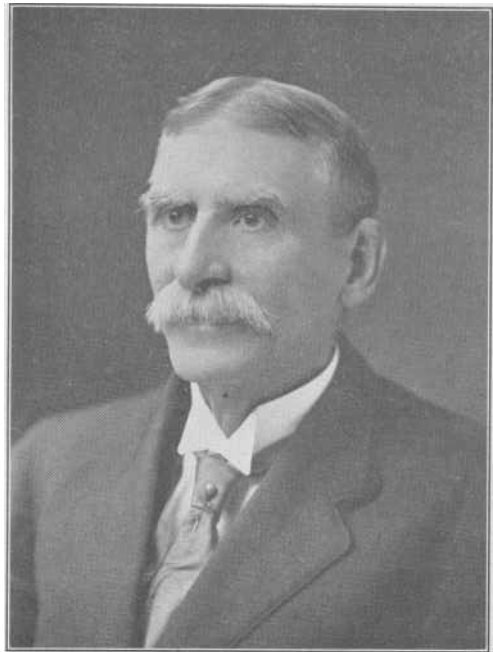
LENGTH OF SERVICE, 50 YEARS 6 MONTHS

Mr. William H. Brooks was born September 16, 1843, in the city of Baltimore, Md. He received his early education in the Public Schools of that city, and entered the service of the Northern Central Railway March 11, 1863, as a clerk in the Auditor's office at Baltimore. He was made Chief Clerk of Freight Accounts in April of the following year.

Mr. Brooks was transferred to Phila-

delphia on February 1, 1902, as a clerk in the office of the Auditor of Freight Receipts, in which department he remained until May 8, 1912, when he became a clerk in the office of the Auditor of Merchandise Traffic.

Mr. Brooks' entire railroad career has been in the Accounting Department.



WILLIAM H. BROOKS

## Notes Relative to Retiring Employes

GEORGE W. METZGER served at the Union Station in Chicago for 44 years, retiring in the capacity of Passenger Agent. According to the "Chicago Journal," he had "met more people in the course of his work than any other man in Chicago."

Mr. Metzger estimates that during his

term of service as Agent at Union Station, Chicago, he met five million travelers. As he puts it:

"Five hundred people a day is a conservative number that a passenger agent meets here. There are days when 5000 would be nearer the number. But with a basis of



GEORGE W. METZGER

500, and allowing 360 days of work, that would be 180,000 in a year, and 3,600,000 in twenty years. With that as a round estimate, I think it would be safe to say that a Pennsylvania Passenger Agent here meets in the course of long service something over 5,000,000 and something under 10,000,000 passengers, prospective passengers and the various other people who have business in a big station."

In honor of his long service, a testimonial banquet was given to Mr. Metzger at the Union League Club, Chicago, October 4th.

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EDWARD MCLEAN, General Foreman, South Altoona Foundries, enlisted in 1862 in the Mercantile Battery, light artillery, and participated in nine battles, receiving but one slight wound. He is a member of Post 62, Grand Army of the Republic, Mountain Commandery, No. 10. Knights Templar, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

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JOHN L. SHAVER, Car Repairman, Altoona Car Shops, is also a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted with the U. S. Signal Corps at Harrisburg in 1863. He

participated in the Battle of Gettysburg, and still has in his possession some of the old flags which he used to signal. He was present at the evacuation of Charleston, and figured in the James Island conflict in 1864. He is a member of Post 468, Grand Army of the Republic, of Altoona, Pa.

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CHARLES L. GROOME, of the Philadelphia Division, is one of the oldest through-run baggagemen on the Main Line. During his entire railroad career he was never injured, and was in but two accidents.

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On September 30th, just after ANCEL MCCUMSEY, Shopman, Western Division, had finished his last day's work at the Roundhouse at Fort Wayne, Ind., his fellow employes gathered around him, and Mr. H. A. Philley, speaking for the employes, made the following remarks:

"Fellow Shopmates and Employes of the Best Company Under the Sun: I feel that we can congratulate ourselves that we belong to the Pennsylvania Company. The Hindo nation used to take their old men out where they did not want to go—into the middle of a desert, to be left to die, isolated and alone. The Pennsylvania Company says to its employes, 'You have served me long and faithfully. Now enjoy yourselves. I will put you on the pension list and will carry you wherever you wish to go.' Fellows, I sometimes wonder do we appreciate our Christian civilization, our government of the people by the people, our churches, our school system, our families, our work. These things stand for the best there is in us. Mr. McCumsey, you have arrived at the age where the Company says, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Now you may rest awhile, and I will help you to enjoy yourself.' Your foreman says, 'You have turned things around and around long enough; now rest awhile.' Your shopmates say, 'Come on, old fellow, we now give you a beautiful chair to rest in. All we ask in return is that as you recline on its leather cushions you think of us, your fellow workmen, down here in the noise and dirt.' May God bless you and make the closing days of your life happy and beautiful."