



Electric railroad car of the Cincinnati and Lake Erie Railroad
Southbound on Main Street near the National Cash Register Company, late 1930s

Railway Transportation and the Rise of the South Suburbs

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Please join us for a presentation on how the earliest suburban plats and communities to the south of Dayton developed under the influence of steam and electric-powered railways. These railways were important connections between Dayton and outlying communities, especially from the late 1890s through the World War I years. The discussion will focus on the early suburban development of the farmland south of Dayton, the expansion of Oakwood, interurban “traction” car service through Van Buren Township (present-day Kettering) and the Dayton, Lebanon, and Cincinnati Railroad’s connection between the Oakdale and Pasadena plats and the National Cash Register Company. The extension of interurban service from Dayton into southern Montgomery County as well as Warren and Butler counties will be described.

Presenter’s Biography

Dr. David A. Schmidt is Director of Undergraduate Programs in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Wright State University, Dayton, OH. His interest in geology led him to complete his B.S. and M.S. at Wright State University and his Ph.D. at Ohio State University in this field. David is a lifelong resident of the south Dayton area and a consulting member of the Oakwood Historical Society. He regularly contributes to the Oakwood Historical Society/Wright Memorial Public Library “Far Hills Speaker Series” and the Oakwood Historical Society’s quarterly Historian newsletter. Dr. Schmidt has previously given MSEMA seminars describing the impact of geology and water on the history of Dayton (March 2016) and the Old Barn Club and the Golden Age of Hills and Dales Park (February 2017).