



ROEBLING CHAPTER

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Greetings!

The Grolier Club has an exhibition on railroads and there are several online presentations in connection that may be of interest.



Across the Continent. "Westward the Course of Empire Takes Its Way", 1868, Frances Flora Bond Palmer, published by Currier & Ives

[The Grolier Club in New York City](#) has an exhibition "**Travelers, Tracks and Tycoons: The Railroad in American Legend and Life**" on display through July 30, 2022. The exhibition is from the very extensive Barriger Railroad Collection of the St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Nicholas Fry is curator of the Collection and of this exhibition.

Mr. Fry writes: We look at railroads as relics of a simpler age, but in reality the railroad age was just as chaotic to its citizens as our modern age is to us. The story is told through printed works, objects, and artwork. It is a maker of legends that still impacts our lives.

Here are details:

The exhibition

The exhibition is on display only through July 30th at the Grolier Club at 47 East 60th Street in New York City. The exhibition is free, but advance reservations through eventbrite are recommended--please [click here](#) to make your reservation. Exhibition Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm.

The online catalog of the exhibition is [here](#).

Online lectures

There are live online presentations coming up on July 19th and 20th--see below.

The video of the opening reception includes a brief overview and tour of the exhibition. [Click here](#).

Nicholas Fry, the curator, is presenting a three-part lecture series, on Travelers, Tracks, and Tycoons:

Part 1: Travelers: Journeys on the Railroads from the Early Surveys to Modern Vacation will be presented on Tuesday, July 19th 2022 at 6 P.M. [Click here to register](#). This program is presented in conjunction with The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen.

Part 1 was also presented on May 25 by the Grolier Society, and you can watch the video [here](#)

Part 2, Tracks: Images Documenting the Building of the Railroads, was presented on June 29th. You can watch it online [here](#).

Part 3: Tycoons: Men, Money and Monuments will be presented on Wednesday, July 20th, at 1:00 PM. [Click here to register](#). It will also be recorded for future viewing.