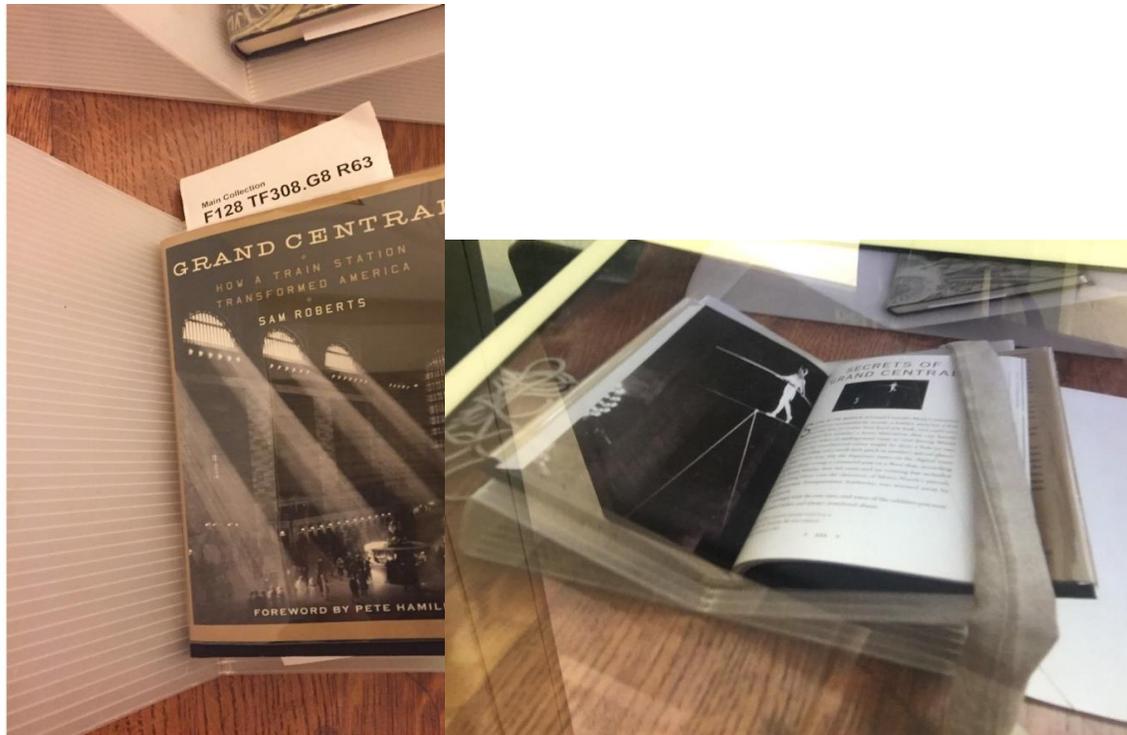


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**TITLE:** Grand Central - How a Train Station Transformed America

**AUTHOR/CREATOR:** Sam Roberts

**PUBLISHER:** New York, NY: Grand Central Pub.

**PUBLICATION DATE:** 2013

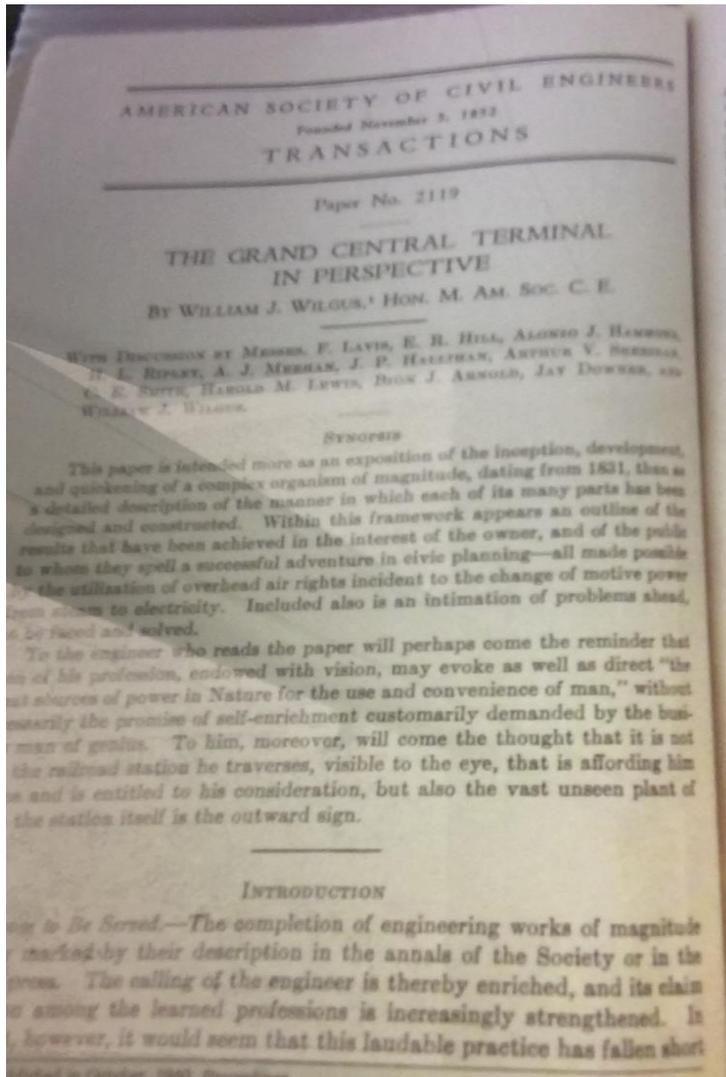
**Notes: Contents:** The accidental terminal -- Rails vs. rivers -- The Commodore -- The depot -- The station -- The engineer -- Terminal City -- All aboard -- Gateway to a continent -- Saving Grand Central -- The restoration -- The characters -- Commutation -- Secrets of Grand Central -- How it works -- Since 2001 : a space odyssey -- The second century.

**Summary:** Explores the rich history, anecdotes, and inside stories of one of the world's key cultural destinations, which is credited with revolutionizing urban as well as suburban development everywhere.

**ISBN:** 9781455525966 ;**ISBN:** 1455525960

This is one of the sources I chose to talk about, Grand Central – How a Train Station Transformed America by Sam Roberts. It published by Grand Central Pub in 2013. Grand Central Terminal: How a Train Transformed America discusses how Cornelius Vanderbilt built a

station, credits engineer William Wilgus for electrifying the trains and how a historical preservation movement helped save the place. I chose this book because it gives full information of everything that discussed in class, most importantly electricity at that time. How they were showing off electricity, because it was the first electric terminal. And also talk about the finer artworks.



**TITLE:** The Grand Central Terminal in Perspective

**AUTHOR/CREATOR:** William J. Wilgus (William John), 1865-1949.

**PUBLISHER:** New York: American Society of Civil Engineers

**PUBLICATION DATE:** 1941

The Grand Central Terminal in Perspective gives a vivid detail description about Grand Central. Discusses early background from 1831, the beginning of the New York and Harlem railroad. Then, talk about Grand Central Terminal Transformation from 1899 to 1907. Initial move to electrification. The plan for this was after the fatal train collision in the Park Avenue tunnel on January 8, 1902. Also talk about the concept of an entirely new terminal utilizing air rights. The utilization of air rights producing income sufficient to pay interest on the cost of the terminal. I chose this book because it is very interesting, and have a lot of information about Grand Central from steam to electricity tracks.

## **QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH**

What would happen if one of the documents get damaged or stolen from Archive?

Do they have any plan to reopen Penn Station in the future?