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Trams &
Tracks

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Germany (Bavaria): 1900 Postal Card - local usage.

THIS IS A STORY ABOUT THE WORLD'S TRAMWAYS - DETAILING THEIR DEFINITION, ORIGINS AND INVENTION. THEIR EVOLUTION FROM HORSE DRAWN TO MECHANICAL TRACTION - STEAM; MOTOR; AIR; CABLE; ELECTRIC POWERED, INCLUDING INCLINED SYSTEMS AND TRAVELING POST OFFICES. A ROUNDUP OF VARIOUS USES - ADVERTISING; THE ARTS; CARTOONS ; FILMS; PRESENTS AND MODELS. TRAMS' INFLUENCE IN PROMOTING MUSEUMS, PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS AND SPORTING EVENTS PLUS THEIR PRESENCE DURING AND AT WAR'S END. MODERNISATION LEADING ULTIMATELY TO THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEMS OF TODAY.

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Philatelic Information in 8 and/or 9 point

1 WHAT IS A TRAMWAY?

A writer said it to be "a vehicle which runs to a regular timetable on a track of grooved rails ....

New Zealand: 1913 Postal Card

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... laid flush with the surface of a public road".

1 WHAT IS A TRAMWAY?

"It is" says another "a large public vehicle plying for hire,

.Halle

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South Africa: 1898 Carmine and Green 1d Postal Card

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carrying passengers and running on rails".

1 WHAT IS A TRAMWAY?

Red colour shift blurring & doubling design with Normal

Gold virtually omitted

Including specifications that it must be a box-like vehicle running on rails ....

Hungary: 1898 Postal Card - *Showing a guidance person in front of a city tram.*

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Streetcar on bridge below Niagara Falls

... and usually, but not always, runs in urban streets.

Tram in crowd at Puerta del Sol, Madrid

Colour change for Pan-American Congress

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Another said it was "any set of tracks joining one place with another

Colour copy

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[Shows Tram tracks on right bank of Save River]

can be called tramways".

Portugal: 1990 'Greetings' Folded Booklet - Perf. 13

With the United States of America being a leader

Photographic Proof - 50 issued

As issued

USA: 1983, 20¢ STREETCAR ISSUE - SE-TENANT BLOCK OF FOUR

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Corner margin - black engraved colour omitted

in both horse driven and electric powered vehicles.

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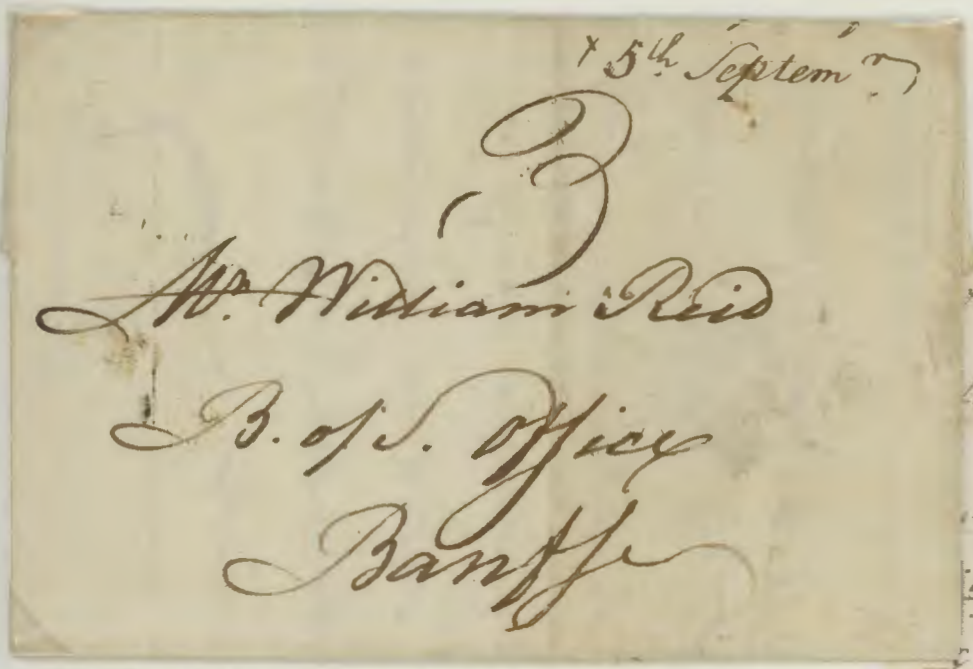
The origins of tramways lay far back in history when baulks of wood had been used in mines and quarries to provide smoother person-guided and/or animal drawn wagons.



Scotland: 1796 - Entire Letter from Elgin to Banff (approximately 28 miles).
"3" refers to postage rate of 3d for one Post stage.
[Elgin has very large mining operations, the letter lists mining costs.]

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7080 Aalen, Württ
Besucherbergwerk „Tiefer Stollen", geöffnet von April–Oktober täglich (außer montags) von 9.00–17.00 Uhr, letzte Einfahrt 16.00 Uhr; Anmeldung für Gruppen: 0 73 61/7 67 60

s 9/131 20 000 2. 88

Rainer Mayer
(Absender)
Holzheimerstr. 18
(Straße und Hausnummer oder Postfach)
7332 Eislingen
(Postleitzahl) (Ort)

DEUTSCHE BUNDESPOST 60

Postkarte

TV Hören und Sehen
52. Kreuzwort-Preisrätsel

(Straße und Hausnummer oder Postfach)

2000 Hamburg 100
(Postleitzahl) (Bestimmungsort)

It was derived from an English dialect word for the shaft of a wheelbarrow - "Traam" in Low German and in Middle Dutch "Traem".

Germany: 1988 Card - Local usage

The wood was later replaced with iron, plates with a raised edge or flange on them, to keep the wagons on the track.

This type of construction was adapted for use in the building the first railway tracks.

Two Photo Essays produced for the 125th Anniversary of the Charter for the B & O Railroad issue.

Essay above left is an early preliminary design

Essay above right is very close to the final design and is stamped "APPROVED" on the back but then the word is crossed out

As Issued

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Australia

A similar style of construction was used

in the laying of tramway tracks.

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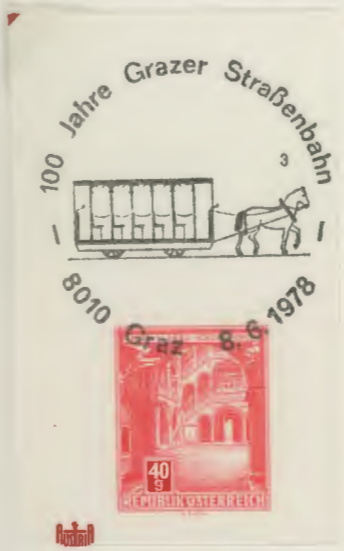
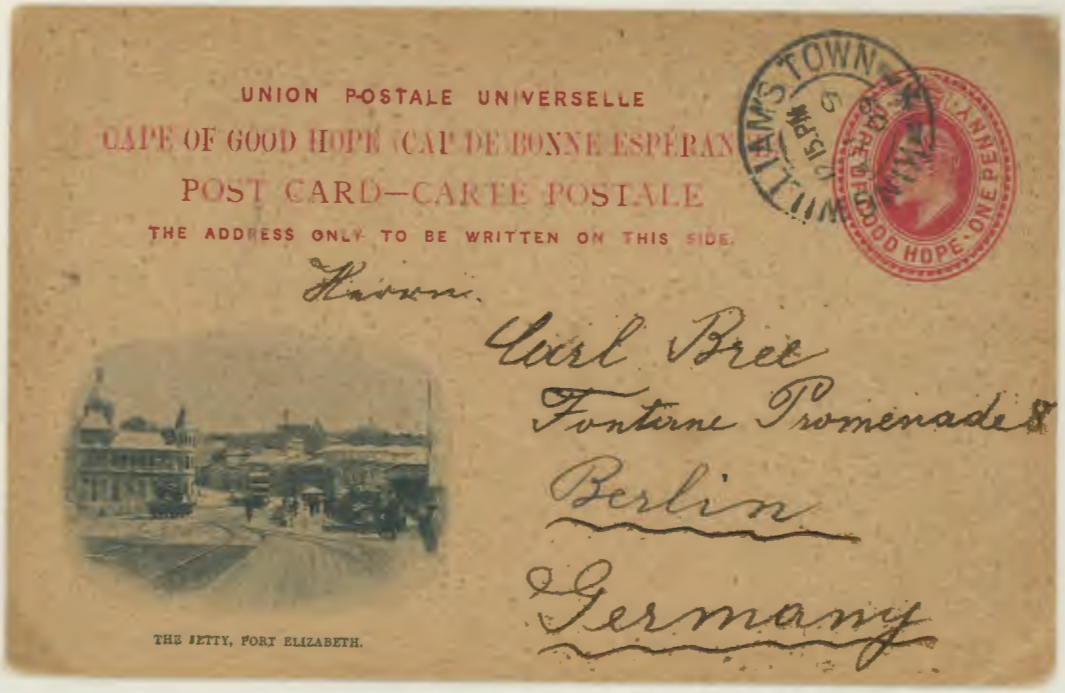
Turkey in Asia: 1922 - Figure inscription in value tablets.
[Tramway tracks at Parliament Building, Sivas]

Great Britain: 1973 Stitched Booklet - Cover Plate Proof

As issued





Cape of Good Hope: 1903 King Edward VII 1d Card (Carmine on Bluff).

USA: 1897 Jefferson 1¢ Postal Card [uprated 1¢ stamp for overseas' postage].

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The actual invention of tramways, as we know them, lies in the United States of America with the opening of the first horse driven streetcar (street railway) in New York City on November 26, 1832.

Streetcars were soon a major part of New York's and other cities transport systems which also included horse driven buses and steam trains.

Following their invention, the evolution of tramways was as follows:-

Horse drawn, then steam powered,

Australia: 1912 King George V 1d Postal Card - local usage.

Germany (Hamburg):
1881-1890 [1888 Ovp.]
Steam Tram

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then cable driven and finally electric traction.

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USA: TRANS-MISSISSIPPI ISSUES
[Left) 1898 $2 (Right) 1998 2¢ Reissue
[Both show streetcars on the Eads Bridge]

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We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and described by the applicant as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
293	1898	$2.00	orange brown

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

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Chairman

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Tramways Through The Ages

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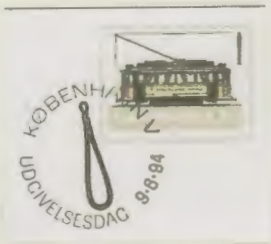
Trams in the early years were also powered by other means such as by motors and by air.

[Showing a horse drawn tram and motor trams]

However, they were never as popular as those drawn by horse or powered by electricity.



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Denmark: 1994 Stamp and Postal Card (tied with a first day or issue cancel) - *Stamp and Postal Card Indicium show 1911 Copenhagen Tram No. 2.*

Argentina:
1896 Specimen Card

Sweden: 1995 Folded Booklet

It should be note that all trams up to the mid 20th Century, be they horse-driven, cable or electric powered, were constructed in wood.

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While modern trams and light rail vehicles are built of steel and/or aluminium.

: 1899 Germany (Bavaria) Postal Card - Local usage.

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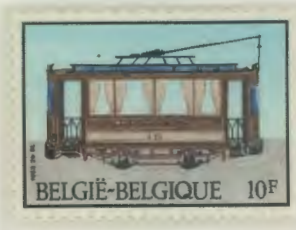

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Trams at different times and in different countries have been called:-

Tennessee Williams' powerful play, **"A Streetcar Named Desire"** opened on Broadway December 3, 1947. It starred Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski and Jessica Tandy as Blanche DuBois. The play won the 1948 Pulitzer Prize for drama.
CELEBRATE THE CENTURY – 1940s

Descriptive text on the gummed side

A Streetcar; A Trolley; Straßenbahn.