

# CD&M Chronology

## Getting Started

- 1892 Columbus Clintonville & Worthington Railway organized. [1]
- May 31, 1892 Delaware electric Street Railway was incorporated. [1]
- 1893 Horse car line between Worthington and Flint operated for a short time. [1]
- 1895 Marion Street Railway Co. opened. [1]
- Mar. 1, 1901 Columbus Delaware & Northern Railway announced. [1]
- Apr. 4, 1901 Columbus Delaware & Marion Railway Co. announced and the CC&W purchased. [1]
- Apr. 22, 1901 CD&N lets contracts to start building. [1]
- June 28, 1901 CD&M purchased the Delaware Street Railway. [1]
- June 1901 CD&N purchased old paper mill at Stratford for a power plant site. [1]
- May 20, 1902 CD&N starts operating from Delaware to Stratford. [1]
- June 6, 1902 CD&N purchases Beecher Stone Quarry. [1]
- 1902? CD&N lets contracts for Stratford Park (pavilion and boat house). [1]
- 1902? CD&M purchase 54 acres to be Glenmary Park. [1]
- 1902 The CD&M and CD&N join taking the name Columbus Delaware & Marion. [1]
- Oct. 3, 1902 Frist trip North Columbus – Delaware. [1]
- 1903 CD&M gains control of the Marion Electric Light & Power Co. and the Marion Street Railway Co. The two were renamed Marion Railway Light & Power Co. [1]
- Jan. 24, 1903 First public timetable for service between Columbus and Delaware. [1]
- Feb. 6, 1903 CD&M cars operating to the interurban loop in Columbus. [1]
- Apr. 27, 1903 Freight service started between Delaware and Columbus. [1]
- May 5, 1903 Stratford Park grand opening. [1]
- Aug 21, 1903 Construction started on the branch to Richwood. [1]
- Sept. 1, 1903 Line complete to Marion. [1]
- Sept. 4, 1903 CD&M purchases Prospect Electric Light Co. [1]

## **CD&M through the Years**

- Dec. 15, 1906 CD&M contracts to handle Wells Fargo Express between Columbus and Marion. [1]
- Aug. 1908 Columbus Marion & Bucyrus Railway (Marion to Bucyrus) opens. [1]
- Sept. 1908 CD&M purchases the CM&B [1]
- March 1913 Stratford Bridge washed out. Bridge rebuilt with cement abutments. [1]
- Mar. 14, 1920 Construction started on Scioto River power plant (completed Dec. 29, 1924). [1]
- 1923 6.5 mile Worthington bypass constructed. [1]
- 1924 Deluxe parlor car service initiated using car No. 41. [1]
- 1926 Parlor cars No. 500 and 501 purchased from American Car & Foundry Co. [1]
- Dec. 15, 1927 Car barns and backup power plant at Stratford destroyed by fire. [1]
- Aug. 23, 1933 Last day of operation [1]

## **Remnants**

- Aug. 1933 Portion of line from the Scioto River Power Plant to the C&O interchange in Marion continues to operate as the Columbus Delaware & Marion Electric Co. [1]
- Dec. 31, 1936 Name changed to Marion-Reserve Power Co.; June 5, 1946 changed to Ohio Public Service Co.; and April 4, 1950 to the Ohio Edison Co. [1]
- 1952 Electric box motors replaced by one diesel. [1]
- 1962 Rail service ended. [1]
- Jan. 1, 1969 Scioto River power plant ceased operation. [1]

Notes:

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