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The Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc., is grateful to announce the contribution of our long-time member, James Guthrie, of a quantity of the Railroadians' of America, New York, Book Number Two, originally published in 1940 and re-published in 1990. Featured is a 24-page article compiled by Manhattan Railway Assistant Engineer, William Fullerton Reeves, on the history of the Gilbert, Metropolitan Elevated Railroad, known as the Sixth Avenue Elevated Line. Book Editor, Wilson E. Jones, received permission of the New York Historical Society to use Mr. Reeves' work. Originally these writings appeared in two of their bulletins and these were refined by Mr. Jones for interest to urban public transportation enthusiasts.

This article gives a complete history beginning with its first charter granted by the New York State Legislature on June 17, 1872, to the final day of operation on December 4, 1938. Of course, the Railroadians' of America are basically a mainline steam railroad enthusiast group and considerable text describes the steam locomotives purchased and operated before electrification, including a locomotive roster. Another section deals with the coaches these locomotives hauled. Of course, the Sixth Avenue El passed on to the Manhattan Railway and in turn, to the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. The history of all this is fascinating; so much that this book should be in the personal library of each of our members.

Two other articles appear in the publication. An article on different types of compound steam locomotives written by Paul T. Warner appears. Then, there is an article on the history of the Norris Locomotive Works and the description of The Works in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, along with drawings and sketches.

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