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**PC 179
Southern Pacific Railroad
Photographs, 1924-1957**

DESCRIPTION

Photographs taken by Southern Pacific Railroad for construction and repair purposes. Primarily photographs of rivers, bridges, washouts and underpasses.

11 Boxes, 8.25 linear ft.

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ARRANGEMENT

1/Places, 2/Personnel & Miscellaneous subject files

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Southern Pacific Railroad was the first railroad into Southern Arizona, arriving in Tucson in March of 1880. The Southern Pacific railroad played a critical role in the development of the American West. It operated in Tucson until it was purchased by the Union Pacific Railroad in 1996.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Photographs taken by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, Tucson Division, for work along the tracks. The photographs were largely taken for safety purposes. Photographs of washouts, railroad bridges and underpasses, railroad tracks, bluffs, trestles, jetty protection, railroad crossings, erosion along rivers and washes. It includes photographs of underpasses in Tucson and Phoenix. The bulk of the collection is arranged by geographical location. It contains very few photographs of locomotives, but does contain photographs of bringing the historic locomotive Engine #1673 into Tucson on March 30, 1955 and Chandler Steam Locomotive, #2562. It also includes Tucson's Stone avenue subway and the central avenue and 17th avenue subways in Phoenix.

The collection does include some construction photographs of men working as well as a few employees. It will mostly be useful for researchers looking at environmental changes along washes, bluffs and rivers. It also includes structures such as stock pens, trestles, culverts, signs, water tanks and canals.

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