

**MS 1277**  
**Railroad Collection**  
**1861 - 1968**

**DESCRIPTION**

This large collection consists of various documents relating to railroads and railroading. The collection was donated by a former employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and, because of this association, a large portion of the collection is made up of documents related to the Southern Pacific company.

Documents in the collection span many years and cover a wide range of document types. The collection can be broken down into the major categories of advertising, timetables, internal company communication, union documents, technical instructions, employee manuals, and other miscellaneous material. Overall this collection presents a wealth of information for researchers and train enthusiasts.

Among the more interesting elements of the collection are the many original documents generated in the day to day operation of the railroad. Documents such as intra-company telegrams and records of accounting and train movements are here preserved for posterity. Anyone interested in advertising history will want to explore the wide range of brochures and pamphlets in the collection. The brochures represent more than half a century of history, from the early 1900's to the 1960's. Some of the more notable brochures include a 1913 guide to New York city published by the New York Central Lines, a portfolio of paintings by artist Howard Fogg of scenes from along New York Central lines, and an assortment of brochures from the Pullman Company.

Because such a large percentage of the collection is comprised of Southern Pacific materials, the Southern Pacific material has been separated from the rest of the collection. The Southern Pacific Section includes timetables, corporate newsletters, employee bulletins, union documents, advertising materials, technical drawings, as well as other documents relating to the day to day running of S-P lines. Brochures advertising the 1939 World's Fair in San Francisco, and materials related to S-P train service during World War 2 are especially interesting parts of this collection. Also noteworthy are drawings and technical specifications for S.P. signage and the laying down of track.

13 Boxes, 6.5 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The material collected in this collection represents the lifetime accumulation of Mr. A.B. Pinnell, a collector of railroad memorabilia. Mr. Pinnell made a lifetime career with the Southern Pacific company as a railroad dispatcher. During his career and into retirement, Pinnell amassed a large collection of items related to the business of railroading. His collection included paper records as well as physical artifacts such as railroad signs and conductor's signals. Much of his collection was donated to the Arizona Historical Society. This collection represents a small part of the total donation. After retiring from the railroad, Pinnell joined and became the first president of the Old Pueblo Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Association.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by A.B. Pinnell

## **ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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## **PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Jason Patrick in May 2006.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LISTING**

### **Box 1**

- Folder 1 Southern Pacific brochure timetable and other information about "3 Overland Routes"
- F.2 Southern Pacific brochures and information about 4 Scenic Routes East.
- F.3 Advertising for Southern Pacific Overland Route.
- F.4 Advertising for Southern Pacific Lake Tahoe Line
- F.5 Southern Pacific information about the Sunset Route
- F.6 Southern Pacific information about the Sunset Limited
- F.7 Information about the Audubon dining car on the Sunset Limited
- F.8 Brochures and information for the Shasta Route
- F.9 Brochures and information for the Golden State Route.
- F.10 Brochures and information for the City of San Francisco Streamliner
- F.11 Brochures and information for the Lark
- F.12 Brochures and information for the Challenger

### **Box 2**

- F.13 Brochures and information for the Californian Line.
- F.14 Brochures and information about miscellaneous Southern Pacific routes and trains.
- F.15 Brochures and information about travel in Arizona and the Southwest.
- F.16 Brochures about Guest Ranches along Southern Pacific Lines
- F.17 Brochures and information about travel in Nevada
- F.18 Southern Pacific brochure titled "Along our Lines."
- F.19 Southern Pacific brochure titled "How to see twice as much on your trip to California."
- F.20 Brochures and information about travel in California.
- F.21 Brochures and information about travel in Southern California.
- F.22 Brochures and information about travel to the Pacific Coast
- F.23 Brochures and information about travel to Palm Springs
- F.24 Brochures and information about California Desert Resorts.
- F.25 Brochures and information about San Francisco and Vicinity.
- F.26 Brochures and information about Santa Cruz California.

### **Box 3**

- F.27 Brochures and information about New Orleans and the Deep South
- F.28 Brochures and information about Alaska
- F.29 Brochures and information about Vancouver
- F.30 Brochures and information about Mexico and South America
- F.31 Brochures and information about Southern Pacific's Steamship Lines
- F.32 Information for Employees about Southern Pacific Hotel Playa De Cortes in Mexico.

- F.33 Brochures about low fares on Southern Pacific
- F.34 Brochures about summer travel on Southern Pacific.
- F.35 Brochures about Southern Pacific Daylight service.
- F.36-37 Miscellaneous Southern Pacific brochures and information.
- F.38 Southern Pacific special event trains.
- F.39 Southern Pacific football trains.
- F.40 Southern Pacific Ski Excursion trains.
- F.41 Brochures and information about the 1939-1940 New York World's Fair.
- F.42 Brochures and information about U.S. National Parks.

**Box 4**

- F.43 Brochures and information about the 1939-1940 San Francisco World's Fair
- F.44 Brochures and information about Southern Pacific service during World War 2.
- F.45 Southern Pacific flier "The West" (World War 2 years.)
- F.46 Notice to Southern Pacific patrons about Daylight Savings Time February 9, 1942.
- F.47 Brochures and information about Southern Pacific history.
- F.48 Information about the Southern Pacific Junior Engineer program.
- F.49 Information about the Southern Pacific Junior Stewardess/Nurse program.
- F.50 Southern Pacific Children's Menu.
- F.51 Brochures and information about train dining.
- F.52 Southern Pacific publication titled "This is Southern Pacific."
- F.53 Southern Pacific Train Primer
- F.54 Railroad Decals.
- F.55 Copies of Southern Pacific advertising with message to employees.
- F.56 Southern Pacific business reply cards.
- F.57 Southern Pacific Public relations advertisement titled "A Short Course in Railroading for Airline Executives.
- F.58 Southern Pacific Flier "The West"
- F.59 Reprints of Southern Pacific advertising in Time Magazine.

**Box 5**

- F.60 Southern Pacific reprint of "The Case of the Vanishing Passenger Local." By W.G. Whitsett. Originally published in the Employee Magazine for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.
- F.61 Southern Pacific brochures with for employees containing advice about customer service.
- F.62 Southern Pacific brochures for employees.
- F.63 Southern Pacific notices to passengers and agents.
- F.64 Agreement between Southern Pacific and the Train Dispatcher's Association.
- F.65 Agreement between Southern Pacific and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.
- F.66 Agreement between Southern Pacific and System Federation No.14, Railway Employees Department, American Federation of Labor.
- F.67 Agreement between Southern Pacific and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.
- F.68 Agreement between Southern Pacific and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.
- F.69 Order of Railway Conductors: Southern Pacific Conductor's Agreement.
- F.70 Brochure with information about Southern Pacific Piggyback Service.
- F.71 Brochures and information about Southern Pacific freight services in the "Golden Empire."
- F.72 Brochures and information about Southern Pacific freight services.
- F.73 Southern Pacific Freight Tariff books (1908&1910).
- F.74 Southern Pacific local freight rate book for Arizona and New Mexico (1908).

**Box 6**

- F.75 Southern Pacific technical drawings and standards for rail rack and mound construction.
- F.76 Southern Pacific drawings showing specifications for standard train bulletin boards.
- F.77 Southern Pacific listing of standard paint colors for buildings and fences.
- F.78 Southern Pacific drawings and descriptions of standard signs and signals.
- F.79 Southern Pacific operating maps.
- F.80 Tabulation of Rio Grande division track mileage.
- F.81 Track diagrams for track in Deming New Mexico.
- F.82 Track diagrams for lines from San Juan Arizona to Anapra/El Paso New Mexico.
- F.83 Track diagrams for lines from Yuma, Arizona to Gila Bend, Arizona.
- F.84 Southern Pacific Distance Table no.420.
- F.85 Southern Pacific Locomotive Diagrams.
- F.86 Southern Pacific Rules and regulations governing air signals, air brakes, heating and lighting passenger cars, and electric and acetylene headlights.
- F.87 Southern Pacific rules for handling of oil burning locomotives.
- F.88 Telegraph reference symbol and brevity code.
- F.89 Southern Pacific air brake rules and regulations.
- F.90 Southern Pacific rules and regulations governing heating and lighting of passenger train cars and maintenance and operation of locomotive headlights.
- F.91 Southern Pacific rules and information for the firing and handling of locomotives.
- F.92 Southern Pacific rules for operation of portable fire extinguishing equipment on diesel locomotives.
- F.93 Southern Pacific instructions for handling U.S. Mail and S.P. company mail.
- F.94 Southern Pacific conductors and brakemen official seniority list for Tucson and Rio Grande Divisions.
- F.95 Railway Employees timebook and seniority guide for the Southern Pacific Salt Lake division.
- F.96 Hours of Service Act.
- F.97 Southern Pacific instructions to train dispatchers.
- F.98 Southern Pacific rules and regulations of the Hospital Department.
- F.99 Southern Pacific safety rules.

**Box 7**

- F.100 Southern Pacific Rules and Regulations of the Maintenance of Way Department.
- F.101 Southern Pacific Rules and Regulations of the Transportation Department. (1923&1930)
- F.102 Southern Pacific Rules and Regulations of the Transportation Department. (1943&1951)
- F.103 Southern Pacific Rules and Regulations of the Transportation Department. (1956&1960)
- F.104 Southern Pacific Bulletin No.137 to employees in the Passenger Department
- F.105 Southern Pacific Dispatcher's Record of Train Movement.
- F.106 Southern Pacific *Inside Track* newsletters.
- F.107 Southern Pacific *Traffic Gram* newsletters.
- F.108-110 *Southern Pacific Bulletin* (1931-1952).

**Box 8**

- F.111-114 *Southern Pacific Bulletin* (1953-1956).

**Box 9**

- F.115-119 *Southern Pacific Bulletin* (1957-1961)

**Box 10**

- F.120-124     *Southern Pacific Bulletin* (1962-1966)  
F.125     Southern Pacific Tucson Division Employee timetables  
F.126     Employee Timetables for Southern Pacific Tucson-Rio Grande Division.  
F.127     Supplement to employee timetable for Southern Pacific Tucson Rio-Grande Division.  
F.128     Supplemental timetable with special instructions for Southern Pacific employees in the Tucson Division.

**Box 11**

- F.129     Yuma Division Employee Timetable  
F.130     Employee Timetable Supplement-Yuma Division  
F.131     Employee Timetables-Rio Grande Division  
F.132     Employee Timetables-San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, and Austin Divisions.  
F.133     Employee Timetables-Los Angeles Division.  
F.134     Employee Timetable Supplement-Los Angeles Division.  
F.135     Employee Timetables-San Joaquin Division.  
F.136     Employee Timetables-Coast Division.  
F.137     Employee Timetables-Western Coast Division.  
F.138     Employee Timetables-Western Division.  
F.139     Employee Timetables-Sacramento Division.  
F.140     Employee Timetables Supplement-Sacramento Division.  
F.141     Employee Timetables-Shasta Division.  
F.142     Employee Timetables-Portland-Shasta Division.  
F.143     Employee Timetables-Portland Division.  
F.144     Employee Timetables-Oregon Division.  
F.145     Employee Timetable Supplement-Oregon Division.  
F.146     Employee Timetables-Salt Lake Division.  
F.147     Passenger Timetables-4 Scenic Routes.  
F.148-150    Passenger Timetables-4 Scenic Routes, Form A. (1936-1951)

**Box 12**

- F.151     Passenger Timetables-4 Routes, Form B  
F.152     Passenger Timetables- Coast Line and San Joaquin Valley Line, Form 1.  
F.153     Passenger Timetables- Coast Line and San Joaquin Valley Line, Form C.  
F.154     Passenger Timetables- Shasta Route, Form 2.  
F.155     Passenger Timetables- Shasta Route, Form D.  
F.156     Passenger Timetables- Overland Route, Form F.  
F.157     Passenger Timetables- Overland Route, Form G.  
F.158     Passenger Timetables- Overland Route, Form 4.  
F.159     Passenger Timetables- Sunset Route, Form 6.

**Box 13**

- F. 160-161    Passenger Timetables- Sunset and Golden State Route, Form 3. (1936-1959)  
F. 162     Passenger Timetables- Sunset and Golden State Route, Form E.  
F.163     Passenger Timetables- San Francisco Peninsula.  
F.164     Passenger Timetables-West Coast of Mexico.  
F.165     Miscellaneous Small Schedules.  
F.166     Southern Pacific Fare Information.