

CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

MS 27 JACK RUSSELL WAGNER COLLECTION

1945-1980. 7 boxes + 1 oversize box

The Jack R. Wagner Collection consists largely of manuscripts, letters, notes and ephemera pertaining to his publications and interest in railroad history. Also contained is some material relating to his world travels, as well as some ephemera.

PROVENANCE Gift of Jack Russell Wagner (387-953), 1988

HISTORICAL INFORMATION A native of California, John ("Jack") Russell Wagner began his career as a radio engineer in 1937, and served as a civilian with the Army's Signal Corps and Air Corps during World War II. It was in this latter service that he became associated with the Manhattan Project. After the war he returned to the radio business in Northern California, working in that field until 1981 when he retired as Director of Broadcast Operations for San Francisco station KCBS.

Mr. Wagner traveled widely and wrote articles on western topics for such publications as WESTWAYS, TRUE RAILROAD MAGAZINE, AMERICAN FORESTS and WESTERN MINING JOURNAL. In addition he wrote three books, SHORT LINE JUNCTION (1956), GOLD MINES OF CALIFORNIA (1970) and THE LAST WHISTLE [OCEAN SHORE RAILROAD] (1974). Mr. Wagner died in October, 1988 at the age of 72.

SERIES SUMMARY

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1. PUBLICATIONS

BOX LIST

SHORT LINE JUNCTION (1956)

- Box 1 Folder 1 Front matter, source notes and maps
- Box 1 Folder 2 California Western - manuscripts
- Box 1 Folder 3 California Western - correspondence and notes
- Box 1 Folder 4 Yreka Western - correspondence and notes
- Box 1 Folder 5 Yreka Western - newspaper articles
- Box 1 Folder 6 McCloud River - correspondence and notes
- Box 1 Folder 7 Quincy Railroad - correspondence and notes
- Box 1 Folder 8 Sierra Railroad - correspondence, notes and ephemera
- Box 1 Folder 9 Sierra Railroad - manuscripts and material relating to publication
- Box 1 Folder 10 Nevada Northern - correspondence and notes
- Box 1 Folder 11 Nevada Copper Belt - correspondence, manuscripts and notes
- Box 1 Folder 12 Nevada Copper Belt - February 1916 Report, passes and ephemera
- Box 1 Folder 13 Nevada Copper Belt - abandonment documents
- Box 1 Folder 14 Nevada Copper Belt - Nevada Douglas Copper Company documents

Box 5 [Oversize]

[Volume] Nevada Copper Belt -

Trial balance ledger, 1912 (?) - 1916

Folder 1 Cash account sheets, 1909-1915

Box 9 [Oversize]

[Volume] Nevada Copper Belt -

THE LAST WHISTLE [OCEAN SHORE RAILROAD] (1974)

Box 2 Folder 1 Correspondence

Box 2 Folders 2-5 Notes and research material

Articles

- Box 2 Folder 6 "Sagebrush Shortline," Virginia & Truckee - correspondence, manuscripts and notes
- Box 2 Folder 7 "The Last of the Cable Cars" - correspondence, manuscript and notes
- Box 2 Folder 8 "Big City Short Line," State Belt Line - correspondence, manuscript and notes
- Box 3 Folder 1 "Railroad Through the Redwoods," Northwestern Pacific - manuscript
- Box 3 Folder 2 "Combs Monorail" - correspondence
- Box 3 Folder 3 "Lost Tunnel of the Siskiyou," Buck Rock Tunnel - correspondence
- Box 3 Folder 4 "Lost Tunnel of the Siskiyou," Buck Rock Tunnel - manuscripts and printed articles

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Not dated.

2. RAILROAD RESEARCH

BOX LIST

- Box 3 Folder 5 "The Strahorn Line," Oregon, California & Eastern - manuscript and notes
- Box 3 Folder 6 St. Jorge's Bay & Pinta Railroad - correspondence
- Box 3 Folder 7 "San Diego Short Line" - San Diego & Arizona Eastern - correspondence, manuscript and clippings
- Box 3 Folder 8 Alameda & San Joaquin Railroad - mounted photographs and notes

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Not dated.

3. FOREIGN RAILROADS

BOX LIST

- Box 3 Folder 9 Panama Railroad - correspondence, manuscripts and notes
- Box 3 Folder 10 Indonesian State Railways - manuscript
- Box 3 Folder 11 Kowloon-Canton Railway and Chinese Railroads - correspondence, notes and ephemera

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Not dated, 1971.

4. MISCELLANY

BOX LIST

- Box 3 Folder 12 Madrid, New Mexico - correspondence, manuscript and clippings
- Box 3 Folder 13 North Bay Railroad Association Library Book List, 1971.
- Box 3 Folder 14 General Correspondence

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1909-1955.

5. PUBLISHED MATERIALS

Includes copies of magazines with articles by Jack R. Wagner

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Box 4

- Box 4 Folder 1 "Sagebrush Shortline," RAILROAD MAGAZINE (July 1945)
- Box 4 Folder 2 "Last of the Cable Cars," RAILROAD MAGAZINE (November 1945)
- Box 4 Folder 3 "All Quiet on the Quincy," RAILROAD MAGAZINE (July 1947)
- Box 4 Folder 4 "Comb's Monorail," RAILROAD MAGAZINE (September 1947)
- Box 4 Folder 5 "Siskiyou Shortline," RAILROAD MAGAZINE (August 1948)
- Box 4 Folder 6 "California Western," AMERICAN FORESTS (September 1948)
- Box 4 Folder 7 "East of Shasta," RAILROAD MAGAZINE (October 1950)
- Box 4 Folder 8 "The Ely Route," RAILROAD MAGAZINE (September 1952)
- Box 4 Folder 9 "Last of the Cable Cars," WESTWAYS (March 1953)
- Box 4 Folder 10 "Message to Garcia," RAILROAD MAGAZINE (May 1953)
- Box 4 Folder 11 "The Steel Trail to the Mother Lode," WESTWAYS (July 1953)
- Box 4 Folder 12 "Railroad Through the Redwoods, RAILROAD MAGAZINE (August 1953)
- Box 4 Folder 13 "Operation Piggy-Back," TRUCKING NEWS (December 1953)
- Box 4 Folder 14 "Big City Short Line," WESTWAYS (February 1955)
- Box 4 Folder 15 "East of Shasta," WESTERN RAILROADER (July 1955)

Box 6

Jack Russell Wagner Publications - duplicates and non-railroad

Box 7

Jack Russell Wagner Manuscripts - "Giants on the Land" (Pacific Lumber Co.)

"Sagebrush Shortline" (Virginia & Truckee - screenplay)

Box 8 Ephemera

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