

Finding aid for the G. Edward Vandeventer collection of public transportation ephemera, reports, and other material, 1930 – 2001

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Title: G. Edward Vandeventer collection of public transportation ephemera, reports, and other material

Collection Number: 21-DPGTL

Extent: 5.004 linear feet, 12 boxes

Abstract: Gale Edward “Ed” Vandeventer was an employee of the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) from 1975 to 1997. During this time, Vandeventer contributed to the creation of a new scheduling system for SCRTD’s Scheduling Department and was part of the operational planning of the Blue, Red, and Green Metro Rail lines.

This collection contains ephemera published by the SCRTD including notices of service changes, bus guides, and maps, as well as material related to Blue Line operations to planning. Also included in this collection is material collected by Ed Vandeventer published by antecedent transit companies of Los Angeles: the Pacific Electric Railway Company, Los Angeles Transit Lines, Metropolitan Coach Lines, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, and of SCRTD’s successors, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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Custodial History: This material was donated to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority by the family of G. Edward Vandeventer in 2011. An additional eight boxes were donated by Phyllis Vandeventer in 2014.

Biographical history

Gale Edward “Ed” Vandeventer (1942 – 2003) was a long-term employee of the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

Authority (LACTMA) who began working as a planner for the District in July 1975. Vandeventer later served as Rail Operations Superintendent from 1985 to 1988 and was reappointed to the position in July 1991 after serving as the Superintendent of Instruction from 1988 to 1991. Following the 1993 merger, Vandeventer became an employee of LACMTA. He retired in 1997.

During his employment with SCRTD and LACMTA, Vandeventer was an integral part of developing and implementing a freeway fare increment system, training supervisors for rail transit operations and training operators for Metro Rail's Blue Line.

Vandeventer was born January 21, 1942 in Denver, Colorado, and was raised in Long Beach, California. He graduated from Millikan High School in 1959 and received bachelor's (1964) and masters' (1966) degrees in civil engineering from the University of Southern California. He lived in Hacienda Heights, California with his family from 1968 until his death.

Vandeventer was also a rail history enthusiast who was a longtime member of the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California, serving the museum as Superintendent of Railway Operations, Vice-President of Museum Services, and as a member of the Board.

Vandeventer passed away on June 5, 2003.

Scope and Content

This collection comprises material collected by Ed Vandeventer that was created by various public transportation agencies that existed in Los Angeles from the 1940s to the early 2000s. This includes reports, service planning documentation, promotional material, service guides, correspondence, ephemera, service schedules, maps, and photographs created by the Pacific Electric Railway Company, Los Angeles Transit Lines, Metropolitan Coach Lines, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, Southern California Rapid Transit District, Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency; as well as material related to the Orange Empire Railway Museum.

Also included in this collection are miscellaneous materials Vandeventer collected related to public transportation and rail travel throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Arrangement

The records are arranged in eleven series by transit agency, six of which have been further arranged in subseries. The content of each series and subseries are arranged chronologically. The series and subseries arrangement of the records is as follows.

- Series 1, Pacific Electric Railway Company, 1911 – 1953
 - Subseries 1, Information for Riders, 1911 – 1953
 - Subseries 2, Information for Employees, 1938-1947
 - Subseries 3, Reports, 1938 – 1953
- Series 2, Los Angeles Railway, 1935 – 1944
- Series 3, Los Angeles Transit Lines, 1945 – 1958
 - Subseries 1, Information for Riders, 1945 – 1958
 - Subseries 2, Promotional Material, circa 1951
 - Subseries 3, Information for Employees, 1948 – 1951
- Series 4, Metropolitan Coach Lines, 1953 – 1958

- Subseries 1, Information for Riders, 1953 – 1958
- Subseries 2, Reports, 1954 – 1955
- Subseries 3, Information for Employees, circa 1953 – 1958
- Subseries 4, Promotional Material, circa 1955
- Series 5, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, 1954 – 1964
 - Subseries 1, Rapid Transit, 1954 – 1963
 - Subseries 2, Information for Riders, circa 1954 – 1964
 - Subseries 3, Promotional Material, circa 1954 – 1964
 - Subseries 4, Information for Employees, 1958 – 1963
- Series 6, Southern California Rapid Transit District, 1960 – 1993
 - Subseries 1, Metro Rail, 1960 – 1992
 - Subseries 2, Information for Riders, 1964 – 1983
 - Subseries 3, Bus Guides, 1964 – 1982
 - Subseries 4, Promotional Material, 1970 – 1983
 - Subseries 5, Information for Employees, 1978 – 1993
 - Subseries 6, Reports, 1988
 - Subseries 7, Miscellaneous, 1989 – 1991
- Series 7, Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, 1985 – 1993
 - Subseries 1, Metro Rail, 1985 – 1993
 - Subseries 2, Miscellaneous, 1992 – 1993
- Series 8, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency, 1992 – 2001
 - Subseries 1, Information for Riders, 1992 – 1995
 - Subseries 2, Metro Rail, 1993 – 2001
 - Subseries 3, Information for Employees, 1994
- Series 9, Other Transportation Agencies, 1932 – 2015
- Series 10, Orange Empire Railway Museum, 1986 – 2001
- Series 11, Transit Related Materials, 1943 – 1998.

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Other Finding Aids

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Related Archival Materials

- [70-DPGTL Pacific Electric Railway Company records](#)
- [73-DPGTL Los Angeles Railway records](#)
- [01-DPGTL Metropolitan Coach Lines records](#)
- [06-DPGTL Los Angeles County Transportation Commission records](#)
- [02-DPGTL Jacki Bacharach papers](#)

This repository also holds records of LAMTA, SCRTRD, and LACMTA which are not currently processed as of June 2016.

Notes

Duplicates exceeding 3 to 5 copies of an identical item have been removed from this collection. Some items, including takeaways, timetables, and maps, have been separated for inclusion in the larger SCRTD and LACMTA collections.

Indexing Terms

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Pacific Electric Railway Company
Metropolitan Coach Lines
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Agency
Southern California Rapid Transit District
Los Angeles County Transportation Commission