

CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

**MS 54 UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COLLECTION**

1874-1996. 6 boxes

This collection is arranged into:

- 1 PERSONNEL RECORDS
- 2 ENGINE CREW REGISTER
- 3 AUDITED VOUCHERS
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- 5 MISCELLANEOUS FORMS
- 6 ACCIDENT REPORTS
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Legal records for the Union Pacific's Salt Lake Route can be found in MS 695 Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Collection.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION** The Union Pacific Railroad was incorporated on July 1, 1862 in the wake of the Pacific Railroad Act of 1862. Under the guidance of its dominant stockholder Dr. Thomas Clark Durant, the namesake of the city of Durant, Iowa, the first rails were laid in Omaha, Nebraska. They were part of the railroads that came together at Promontory Summit, Utah, in 1869 as the first transcontinental railroad in North America. Subsequently, UP took over the Utah Central extending south from Ogden, Utah, through Salt Lake City, and the Utah & Northern, extending from Ogden through Idaho into Montana, and it built or absorbed local lines that gave it access to Denver and to Portland, Oregon, and the Pacific Northwest. It acquired the Kansas Pacific (originally called the Union Pacific, Eastern Division, though in essence a separate railroad). It also owned narrow gauge trackage into the heart of the Colorado Rockies and a standard gauge line south from Denver across New Mexico into Texas.

UP was entangled in the Cr dit Mobilier scandal of 1872. Its early troubles led to bankruptcy during the 1870s, the result of which was reorganization of the Union Pacific Railroad as the Union Pacific Railway on January 24, 1880, with its dominant stockholder being Jay Gould. The new company also declared bankruptcy, in 1893, but emerged on July 1, 1897, reverting to the original name, Union Pacific Railroad. Such minor changes in corporate titles were a common result of reorganization after bankruptcy among American railroads. This period saw the UP sell off some of its holdings; the Union Pacific Railway, Central Branch became the Central Branch of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Southern Branch was acquired by the newly-incorporated Missouri Kansas Texas Railroad in 1870. However, the UP soon recovered, and was strong enough to take control of Southern Pacific Railroad (SP) in 1901 and then was ordered in 1913 by the U.S. Supreme Court to surrender control of the same. The Missouri Pacific and Missouri Kansas Texas both came back into the UP fold in the 1980s. In 1996, UP finally acquired SP in a transaction envisioned nearly a century earlier. [Wikipedia]

**SERIES SUMMARY**

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1874.

PROVENANCE Gift of Hugh Campbell (387-1063), 1990 (1874 payroll)

**1. PERSONNEL RECORDS**

Various personnel records

**BOX LIST**

Box 1 Folder 1 Unbound payroll records for the UP's Eastern Division for the Track, Bridges, Construction, Superintendent Station and Car Departments for December 1874.

Oversize folder Locomotive Department (Cheyenne), Mountain Division, October 1872 payroll

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1966.

PROVENANCE Gift of Victor F. Baumbach (387-1059), 1990

**2. ENGINE CREW REGISTER**

List of locomotives, trains and crews for North Platte, Nebraska, for the period August through December 1966.

**BOX LIST**

Box 1 [Volume] Engine crew register

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1890-1891.

PROVENANCE Gift of Fred Neese (387-727)

**3. AUDITED VOUCHERS**

Expenses, primarily overcharges on freight shipments, issued from Denver and Salt Lake City between November 24, 1890 (No. 46399 / 57171) and January 23, 1891 (No. 46050 / 57227).

**BOX LIST**

Box 2 [Volume] "Vol. 154. Audited vouchers transferred by Journal Entry, March 1891, 46050 to 46399"

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1926-1967.

**4. FIREARMS RECORDS**

Correspondence, memoranda, inventories and instructions regarding firearms owned by the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, later the Union Pacific Railroad, in Southern California and Nevada.

**BOX LIST**

Box 3 Folder 1 Firearms records, 1926-1933

Box 3 Folder 2 Firearms records, 1934-1935

Box 3 Folder 3 Firearms records, 1936-1950

Box 3 Folder 4 Firearms records, 1952-1957

Box 3 Folder 5 Firearms records, 1958-1967

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1879-1884.

**5. MISCELLANEOUS FORMS**

Miscellaneous forms and correspondence, arranged by date.

**BOX LIST**

Box 4 Folder 1 1879 Statement of billing of shipping from Council Bluffs station

Box 4 Folder 2 1881 Receipt for shipment of ink

Box 4 Folder 3 1880 Bill of lading, 1 box of guns, to Carson, Nevada

Box 4 Folder 4 1884 Letter of recommendation for William Nichols, Western Division employee

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1946.

**6. ACCIDENT REPORTS**

"Reporter's Transcript, Volume 1, October 3, 1946" - 219-page carbon copy transcript of proceedings of Joint Investigation Committee, held in Los Angeles, beginning October 3, 1946. Witness accounts of derailment of Union Pacific passenger train No. 223 about two and one-half miles east of Victorville, California, on September 26, 1946.

**BOX LIST**

Box 5 Folder 1 Accident Investigation, 1946

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1879-1953.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of miscellaneous correspondence, to and from, Union Pacific and the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroads, regarding right of way, sidings, signs, clearances, change of street names, the Los Angeles freight house, taxes, and leases in the Los Angeles area (1927-1953); inquiry to UP Freight Agent at Council Bluffs, regarding a missing shipment of tools (1879)

**BOX LIST**

Box 5 Folder 2 Correspondence, 1927-1953

Box 5 Folder 3 Correspondence, 1879

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1 volume. 1919

**8. VALUATION RECORDS**

**BOX LIST**

Corporate History of Union Pacific Railroad Company as of June 30, 1919. Compiled by the Valuation Department, Omaha, October 1, 1921. 161 leaves, typescript. "This statement of the Corporate History of Union Pacific Railroad Company and its predecessors in interest has been prepared in compliance with requirements of Valuation Order No. 20, "Corporate History" issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission on May 13, 1915, in re [sic] Federation Valuation of the Railroads of the United States." (p. 2)

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2 volumes. 1939-1964

**9. LAND RECORDS**

These ledgers record information about land the federal government granted to Union Pacific that the railroad leased to outside companies or individuals for purposes such as: grazing, hay making, timber, prospecting, coal mining, oil and gas, sand and gravel.

Arranged by lease number. Information may include: the name of lessee, a description of the property (township, range, county), purpose of the lease, lease period, rental amount and date due, and remarks (often the royalty rate, any restrictions, or the grant number).

**BOX LIST**

Box 6

[Volume] No. 7 Record of leases, land grant lands and lots, 1939-1960

[Volume] No. 8 Record of leases, land grant lands and lots, 1950-1964

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