

**MS 717 JEFFREY "JEFF" ROOT COLLECTION**

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The material in the Jeffrey "Jeff" Root Collection mainly consists of documents and correspondence from Southern Pacific's Passenger Traffic Department. Jeff Root was assistant chief clerk in this operating department in the 1980s. He was interested in Southern Pacific passenger traffic service, and its decline due to increasing financial losses. The focus of Mr. Root's collection is on Southern Pacific's attempts to secure regulatory authority to discontinue its passenger train service in the 1960s and early 1970s.

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The following material has been removed from the Jeffery Root Collection and added to the Library's collections: 608 2x2 slides taken between 1970 and 1974 by Jeff Root, tickets, maps, track charts, drawings, employee timetables, public timetables, menus, posters, sketches, a painting, photographs, matchbooks, and travel bags.

PROVENANCE Gift of Jeff Root (387-2213), 2013.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION Jeffery Root was the assistant chief clerk in the Operating Traffic Department of the Southern Pacific Company in San Francisco from 1984 until 1990, when the position was abolished.

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1949-1970. 14 linear feet

Series 1. General manager of passenger and government traffic Robert Max Jochner

This series has been divided into 2 subseries:

Subseries 1. Discontinuance files

Subseries 2. Subject files

Subseries 1. Discontinuance files

Documents include: press releases, transcripts of hearings, testimony, exhibits, train consists, notes, ads, correspondence, reports, photographs, tables, Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and the California Public Utilities (CPUC) decisions, briefs, and statements, all pertaining to SP's applications for permission to discontinue named trains.

Robert M. Jochner, the SP General manager of passenger and government traffic from 1967 to 1971 was responsible for coordinating and advancing SP's program to discontinue multiple passenger trains. His assistant general manager Lewis Monk assisted.

Information about attempts to discontinue the "Del Monte" and the "Shasta Daylight" is missing from the Jochner material.

Robert M. Jochner's discontinuance files are arranged by train name, then by CPUC or ICC number, then by document type.

Subseries 2. Subject files

Includes statistics, reports, advertisements, reports, schedules, estimated expense and revenue forms, correspondence, and memos. Of particular note is an index to confidential files. We do NOT have the files that the index refers to.

Subjects include: joint facilities agreements, passenger statistics, revenue, expenses, fares and personnel.

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1918-1981. 7 linear feet

Series 2. Correspondence files

Correspondence files include letters, telegrams, reports, circulars, requisitions, charts, forms, consists, notices, telegrams, clippings, and inventories. Many of the files in this series pertain to passenger train service and train operation.

These correspondence files were created by multiple departments and offices of Southern Pacific, including the Office of the President, the Vice-President & General Manager, the operating, motive power, executive, passenger traffic, engineering and accounting departments.

Discontinuance files from the Office of the Vice-President & General Manager can be found under the number 521.3: Passenger service. These files are arranged alphabetically by train name.

There are a few files from the President's office are located under number 521.3 after the named trains that pertain to commuting and extra passenger service, and also number 529 Special trains.

Other subjects include the inventory, classification, purchase and retirement of passenger cars and the evaluation of passenger train service. There are circulars and organization charts for operating department personnel and inventories of buildings.

Correspondence files have been arranged numerically, with a numerical value assigned to each subject. Williams' classification system is designed to organize documents associated with particular railroad-related activities and subjects. I have indicated which department created them in the box list.

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Series 3. Research

This series is arranged into 3 subseries:

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Subseries 1. Southern Pacific

This subseries contains information collected by Mr. Root about Southern Pacific. It includes clippings, correspondence, consists, and transcripts of named passenger trains, and circulars, lists, tariffs, and reports.

Of particular interest are the 1952 snowbound "City of San Francisco" passenger list, chronological narrative and newspaper accounts, a journal of passenger trains added and discontinued, and a transcript by Elmer Lagorio, History of "Del Monte".

Other subjects include: Southern Pacific history, passenger train history, structures such as the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal, the New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal, the Phoenix Union Terminal, the Portland Terminal and the San Francisco General Office, data about locomotives and cars, and employment records of head file clerks, including Jeffrey Root.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Subseries 2. Other railroads

Includes material collected by Jeff Root about railroads other than Southern Pacific such as: correspondence, clippings, maps, consists, promotional brochures, and menus. The Amtrak files include budgets and contacts with railroads whose passenger service Amtrak took over, including Southern Pacific's "San Joaquin". There is also some correspondence between Jeff Root and the United States Congress opposing planned cut-backs to service. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe files contain information about the abandonment of their Oakland line, and about their named passenger trains such as "The Chief", "El Capitan" and the "Grand Canyon."

Other railroad material is of an ephemeral nature, and includes brochures, pamphlets, and menus. In addition to American Railroads, it includes a Canadian railroad and a sampling of European railroads.

Arranged alphabetically by railroad, then by subject.

Subseries 3. Subjects

Includes correspondence, brochures, clippings, a contract, magazines, sample tickets and reports. Subjects include: steam excursions, including the excursion on SP 4449 to the California State Railroad Museum Grand Opening, the 100 year anniversary of the Golden Spike Ceremony, sample tickets for Peninsular Service, the opening of the Ogden Union Station Museum, and the National Register application for the Denver & Rio Grande station in Salt Lake City.

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