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Acquisition Information
The Alfred A. Hart Stereograph Collection Relating to the Central Pacific Railroad photographs are of unknown provenance.

Biography
Alfred A. Hart was born in Norwich, Connecticut on March 28, 1816. His father was a silversmith. Hart went to New York in 1838 to study art, subsequently returning to Norwich in 1840 where he married and began a career as an itinerant portrait painter. Hart moved to Hartford, Connecticut in 1848, where he painted portraits and large scroll-like panoramas of religious scenes and landscapes. Hart formed a partnership with the Hartford daguerreotypist Henry H. Bartlett in 1857. In the early 1860's, Hart moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he ran a store selling picture frames, engravings and photographic supplies. By 1863 Hart was working as a portrait photographer. By 1865 Hart was in California making stereographic views along the line of track under construction for the Central Pacific Railroad. After January 1866 Hart was named the official photographer for the C.P.R.R. and for the next three years he documented the construction of the railroad across the mountains and onto the high plains of Utah. Hart photographed the joining of the rails at Promontory Point Utah in 1869. The C.P.R.R. selected 364 stereographs for their official series of the construction, and Hart sold additional views to Lawrence & Houseworth for publication and distribution. Hart probably made other views at Yosemite and elsewhere in California for Lawrence & Houseworth as well. In the early 1870's Hart lived in Denver, Colorado, where he returned to painting portraits and landscapes. He continued this activity in San Francisco from 1872 to 1878, then returned to New York. He apparently moved back and forth between New York and California during the later years of his life, working at a variety of jobs. He died in California on March 5, 1908.

Scope and Content
The Alfred A. Hart Stereograph Collection Relating to the Construction of the Central Pacific Railroad consists of 74 stereographic prints taken by Alfred A. Hart from circa 1866 to circa 1869. The Central Pacific Railroad hired Hart as its official photographer to record progress on the California end. The collection consists of views made along the line of the Central Pacific Railroad in California, Nevada and Utah during construction, and includes scenes in the Sierra Nevada mountains, in the Sacramento Valley, on Donner Lake and near Great Salt Lake. Also included are scenes depicting the celebration following the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad and the driving of the final spike at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869. The stereographs are arranged by and numbered with the photographer's number. Printed captions are reprinted in the container listing. Captions in parentheses appear in manuscript on the stereographs. Captions in brackets have been supplied.

Road above Newcastle. BANC PIC 19xx.141:004--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 4.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
Bloomer Cut, 63 feet high, looking West. BANC PIC 19xx.141:012--STER

ark:/13030/tf7h4nb5kf

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 12.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

[Bloo]mer Cut, Eastern Portion, 34 miles from Sacramento. BANC PIC 19xx.141:014--STER

ark:/13030/tf6g50086k

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 14.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Tangent below Pino, 23 miles from Sacramento. BANC PIC 19xx.141:023--STER

ark:/13030/tf51nb474

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 23.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Colfax from the South. Altitude 2,448 feet. BANC PIC 19xx.141:036--STER

ark:/13030/tf6k4008mf

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 36.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Long Ravine Bridge--near view. BANC PIC 19xx.141:041--STER

ark:/13030/tf509nb3bz

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 41

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Long Ravine Bridge, from below --120 feet high. BANC PIC 19xx.141:042--STER

ark:/13030/tf0b69n7k5

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 42

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Cape Horn and Railroad from the west. BANC PIC 19xx.141:043--STER

ark:/13030/tf367nb32h

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 43.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
Amer. R. [American River] and canyon from Cape Horn-- river below RR. 1400 ft.  
BANC PIC 19xx.141:044--STER  ark:/13030/tf7w1009vt
   Additional Note
   Photographer's number: 44
   Additional Note
   Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Secrettown. 62 miles --altitude 3,000 feet. BANC PIC 19xx.141:047--STER  ark:/13030/tf838nb6d1
   Additional Note
   Photographer's number: 47
   Additional Note
   Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Secrettown Trestle from the West. BANC PIC 19xx.141:048--STER  ark:/13030/tf409nb3jr
   Additional Note
   Photographer's number: 48
   Additional Note
   Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Bear River Valley, near Gold Run. You Bet and mines in the distance.  
BANC PIC 19xx.141:051--STER  ark:/13030/tf367nb331
   Additional Note
   Photographer's number: 51
   Additional Note
   Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Gold Run and Railroad Cut. BANC PIC 19xx.141:054--STER  ark:/13030/tf7r29p3nh
   Additional Note
   Photographer's number: 54
   Additional Note
   Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Rounding Cape Horn --Road to Iowa Hill from the river. BANC PIC 19xx.141:056--STER  ark:/13030/tf667nb4ss
   Additional Note
   Photographer's number: 56.
   Additional Note
   Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

[no caption] BANC PIC 19xx.141:061--STER  ark:/13030/tf3f59n8q9
   Additional Note
   Photographer's number: 61.
   Additional Note
   Photographer's series: Hydraulic Mining, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
Chalk Bluffs at Alta. Cut 60 feet deep. BANC PIC 19xx.141:070--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 70.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Building Bank across Canon Creek. 87 feet. BANC PIC 19xx.141:071--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 71.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Giant's Gap, American River. 2,500 feet perpendicular. 72 miles from Sacramento. BANC PIC 19xx.141:076--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 76.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Green Valley and Giant's Gap. American River. 1,500 feet below Railroad. BANC PIC 19xx.141:077--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 77.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Prospect Hill Cut. Upper slope, 170 feet. BANC PIC 19xx.141:082--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 82.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Fort Point Cut. 70 feet deep. 600 feet long. BANC PIC 19xx.141:085--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 85.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Horse Ravine. 77 miles. BANC PIC 19xx.141:087--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 87.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.
**Horse Ravine Wall and Grizzly Hill Tunnel.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:088--STER [ark:/13030/tf0v19n85g]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 88.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Yuba Cascades.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:096--STER [ark:/13030/tf5n39p16j]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 96.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Black Butte from the North.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:098--STER [ark:/13030/tf538nb3xd]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 98.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Cisco. Placer County. 92 miles.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:099--STER [ark:/13030/tf9m3nb760]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 99.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Yuba Cascade and Hieroglyphic Rocks, on the Yuba River, near Crystal Lake.**
BANC PIC 19xx.141:100--STER [ark:/13030/tf658007zh]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 100.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Summit Valley from Lava Bluff --Donner Pass in distance.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:109--STER [ark:/13030/tf0d5nb0pr]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 109.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Castle Peak from Grant's Peak.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:113--STER [ark:/13030/tf6d5nb50p]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 113.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.
**View of Donner Lake from Summit --Lakeview Bluff on right.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:125--STER ark:/13030/tf6j49p255

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 125.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Donner Lake, Eastern Summits 25 miles distant.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:127--STER ark:/13030/tf5k4008fj

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 127.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Donner Lake with Crested Peak and Mt. Lincoln in the distance.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:129.1--STER ark:/13030/tf787008dp

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 129.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Donner Lake, with Crested Peak and Mt. Lincoln in the distance.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:129.2--STER ark:/13030/tf958010nv

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 129.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**View on Donner Lake, Altitude 5,964 feet.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:130--STER ark:/28722/bk000498g5m

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 130.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**View on Donner Lake. Altitude 5,964 feet.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:130.3--STER ark:/13030/tf2n39n8q9

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 130.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Donner Lake with Pass in Distance,. Alt. above Lake 1126 ft.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:131.1--STER ark:/13030/tf3s200764

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 131.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
Donner Lake with Pass in Distance. Alt. above lake 1126 ft. BANC PIC 19xx.141:131.2--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 131.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Bound for the Mountains, 12 mile tangent--4 miles from Sacramento. BANC PIC 19xx.141:136--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 136.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Valley of the Sacramento.

Freight Depot at New Castle, Placer County --31 miles from Sacramento. BANC PIC 19xx.141:138--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 138.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Valley of the Sacramento.

Railroad West from Fort Point, 76 miles. BANC PIC 19xx.141:157--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 157.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Across Blue Canyon, looking East. BANC PIC 19xx.141:158--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 158.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Blue Canyon Embankment --75 feet high. BANC PIC 19xx.141:159--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 159.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Emigrant Gap, Snow Plow and Turn Table. BANC PIC 19xx.141:164--STER

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 164.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.
Old Man Mountain, Altitude 7,500. BANC PIC 19xx.141:179--STER  ark:/13030/tf5779p1hk
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 179.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Meadow Lake --6,800 feet elevation. Knickerbocker Hill and Old Man Mountain. BANC PIC 19xx.141:180--STER  ark:/13030/tf4n39p0dv
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 180.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

North Fork of South Yuba. BANC PIC 19xx.141:181--STER  ark:/13030/tf9290106g
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 181.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

"Oneonta," at Cisco. BANC PIC 19xx.141:182--STER  ark:/13030/tf5w1007zs
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 182.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Depots at Cisco. BANC PIC 19xx.141:185--STER  ark:/13030/tf467nb46c
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 185.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

South Yuba, below Cisco. BANC PIC 19xx.141:186--STER  ark:/13030/tf909nb6qb
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 186.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

Summit Valley, from Emigrant Mountain; alt 8.200 ft., looking toward Cisco. BANC PIC 19xx.141:191--STER  ark:/13030/tf0c60041]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 191.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
**Shaft House over Summit Tunnel--American Peak.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:196--STER  
[ark:/13030/tf158004pc](ark:/13030/tf158004pc)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 196.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Donner Lake and Crested Peak--Railroad Grade on Pollard's Hill.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:205.1--STER  
[ark:/13030/tf8f59p39p](ark:/13030/tf8f59p39p)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 205.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Railroad on Pollard's Hill, 1,100 feet above Donner Lake.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:205.2--STER  
[ark:/13030/tf5199p0sx](ark:/13030/tf5199p0sx)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 205.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Coldstream Valley, from Tunnel No. 13.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:206--STER  
[ark:/13030/tf5x0nb4wm](ark:/13030/tf5x0nb4wm)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 206.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Coldstream.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:207--STER  
[ark:/13030/tf667nb4t9](ark:/13030/tf667nb4t9)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 207.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Donner Lake from Crested Peak, Alt. 8,500 ft., R. R. 1,000. ft below --Lake 2,100 ft. below.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:209--STER  
[ark:/13030/tf909nb6rv](ark:/13030/tf909nb6rv)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 209.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Snow Covering below Cisco.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:213--STER  
[ark:/28722/bk000498g65](ark:/28722/bk000498g65)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 213.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
**Loaded Teams from Cisco.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:210--STER [ark:/13030/tf0v19n867]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 210.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**[no caption].** BANC PIC 19xx.141:216--STER [ark:/28722/bk000498g7q]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: [216].
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Scene on the Truckee River, near Donner Lake.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:220--STER [ark:/13030/tf7k4008rt]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 220.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**Truckee River, below Truckee Station, looking towards Eastern Summit.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:222--STER [ark:/13030/tf5p30086k]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 222.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California.

**American River Bridge. Railroad around Cape Horn, 1,400 feet above.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:229--STER [ark:/13030/tf0x0nb1cv]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 229.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Engine House and Turntable. Rocklin, 22 miles from Sacramento.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:241--STER [ark:/13030/tf4v19p0zf]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 241.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Valley of the Sacramento.

**[no caption].** BANC PIC 19xx.141:247--STER [ark:/13030/tf9g5010pb]
Additional Note
Photographer's number: 247.
Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
From Tunnel No.10, looking West. Building wall across the Ravine.
BANC PIC 19xx.141:255--STER (ark:/13030/tf0v19n87r)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 255.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Tunnel No.12, Strong's Canyon. BANC PIC 19xx.141:257--STER (ark:/13030/tf2m3nb1qp)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 257.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Castle Peak, from Railroad. Above Donner Lake. BANC PIC 19xx.141:258--STER (ark:/13030/tf4g500791)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 258.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Coldstream Valley, East of Donner Lake. BANC PIC 19xx.141:259--STER (ark:/13030/tf9g5010qv)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 259.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, California. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

[no caption]. BANC PIC 19xx.141:272--STER (ark:/13030/tf3c6006nr)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 272.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, Nevada. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Looking toward the Verdi. Truckee River, 140 miles from Sacramento.
BANC PIC 19xx.141:277--STER (ark:/13030/tf5000071q)

Additional Note
Photographer's number: 277.

Additional Note
Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, Nevada. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
**Virginiia Street, from the Bridge. Reno.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:286--STER [ark:/13030/tf5t1nb48n](ark:/13030/tf5t1nb48n)

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's number: 286.

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, Nevada. Scenes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Red Bluffs, Lower Canyon of Truckee. 178 miles from Sacramento.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:305--STER [ark:/13030/tf4x0nb3zv](ark:/13030/tf4x0nb3zv)

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's number: 305.

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, Nevada. Scenes in the Washoe Range.

**End of Track. On Humboldt Plains.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:317--STER [ark:/13030/tf8f59p3b6](ark:/13030/tf8f59p3b6)

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's number: 317.

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, Nevada. Scenes on the Humboldt River.

**The first Constuction Train passing the Palisades. Ten Mile Canyon.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:338--STER [ark:/13030/tf2n39n8rt](ark:/13030/tf2n39n8rt)

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's number: 338.

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, Nevada. Scenes in the Washoe Range.

**The Last Rail is Laid. Scene at Promontory Point, May 10th, 1869.** BANC PIC 19xx.141:356--STER [ark:/13030/tf938nb714](ark:/13030/tf938nb714)

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's number: 356.

- **Additional Note**
  - Photographer's series: Central Pacific Railroad, Utah. Scenes near Great Salt Lake.