Finding aid for the John H. Shelton personal memorabilia collection, 1930s - 1940s

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Title: John H. Shelton personal memorabilia collection
Creator: John H. Shelton
Identifier/Call Number: 24-DGPTL
Physical Description: 0.417 Linear Feet (1 box, with two small boxes inside)
Date (inclusive): circa 1930s-1940s
Abstract: John H. Shelton was a conductor for the Southern Division of the Pacific Electric Railway for several years. The collection is comprised of memorabilia used by a Pacific Electric Railway conductor, which includes badges, lapel pins, buttons, and keys. Also included is a letter from the superintendent, a photograph, and an “Agreement Between Pacific Electric Railway…” booklet. Some memorabilia are without a date, but it appears the majority are from the 1930s and 1940s.
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Biography/Administrative History
John H. Shelton was a conductor for the Southern Division of the Pacific Electric Railway for several years. His wife, Lydia Shelton, also worked in the Southern Division as a Ticket Office Clerk. They lived in Long Beach, California, and had two daughters, Dorothy and Doris.

Scope and Content
The collection is comprised of memorabilia used and accumulated by Pacific Electric Railway conductor, John H. Shelton, which includes badges, lapel pins, buttons, and keys. Also included are a letter from the Southern Division superintendent, a photograph, and a Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen union agreement. Many of the memorabilia are without a date, it seems the majority are from the 1930s and 1940s.

Arrangement
Collection is described at the item level. Boxes 2 and 3 are small cartons housed inside Box 1 along with the two folders.

Related Materials
70-DPGTL Pacific Electric Railway Company Records

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Transport workers -- California -- Los Angeles County
Local transit -- California -- Los Angeles County
Los Angeles Railway Corporation
box 1, folder 1  Agreement Between the Pacific Electric Railway Co. and the Employees of the Transportation Department Represented by the General Grievance Committee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen 1935 March 16

Scope and Contents
Staple-bound booklet of union agreement.

box 1, folder 2  Letter from superintendent; photograph 1933 January 23; undated

Scope and Contents
Typed letter to Shelton from the superintendent, commending him for having no accidents or disciplinary incidents during the year of 1932. 8x10" color photograph of large group of men in employee uniforms and suits, with accompanying note from Donald Ross stating that John Shelton is the man wearing glasses and a navy suit.

box 2  Badges and pins undated

Scope and Contents
Pacific Electric Railway Safety Award lapel pins, Pacific Electric Railway operator badge, Metropolitan Coach Lines operator badge, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Union button, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Union 20-year membership button

box 3  Badges, pins, labels and keys 1941; undated

Scope and Contents
Conductor label worn on hat; Pacific Electric Railway lapel pins; key that rolls register back to zero after each run; unidentified key; key for change box on bus; pin worn on lapel while operating bus, 1941; Badges “1242” worn on hat