Descriptive Summary

Title: "Operation Fill" Southern Pacific's New Crossing of the Great Salt Lake Photograph Album


Collection Number: MS 776

Creator/Collector: Southern Pacific

Extent: 1 album

Repository: California State Railroad Museum Library and Archives
Sacramento, California 95814

Abstract: This album chronicles the building of a new fill across the Great Salt Lake to replace the then existing trestle.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Scope and Content of Collection

This album chronicles the building of a new fill across the Great Salt Lake to replace the then existing trestle. All phases of the construction is shown. This photo album was prepared for the Southern Pacific's Board of Directors' meeting on August 15, 1957. The original opened in 1904. A major fire broke out on the trestle in May 1956. Actual construction was started in June 1955. Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc. was awarded a $45 million contract for construction. The target completion was April 1960. [Album 106]