Richard B. Jackson notebook and photograph albums

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Richard B. Jackson notebook and photograph albums

Dates: 1889-1971

Collection Number: MS 479

Creator/Collector: Jackson, Richard B.

Extent: 9 albums + one half-box

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Abstract: Notebook with R. B. Jackson's notes regarding electric, short line and narrow gauge railways.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Gift of James R. Jackson

Biography/Administrative History

Richard B. Jackson (1886-1971) was a prominent railroad photographer. The California State Railroad Museum has a large collection of his photographic prints and negatives.

Scope and Content of Collection

Notebook with R. B. Jackson's notes regarding electric, short line and narrow gauge railways. Organized into the following categories: San Francisco, Oakland, Various California, Vicinity of Los Angeles, Southern California, San Diego Street Railways and references. Includes several photograph albums: Album 111 consists of locomotive, passenger train, and depot photos on the South Park Line on the Colorado and Southern from 1929 to 1969. Album 112 contains photographs of passenger trains on the Clear Creek Line of the Colorado and Southern. With the exception of copies of stereo photos from 1874 of the roundhouse at Golden, Colorado, these photos date from 1938 to 1941. The last part of this album reverts back to locomotive portraits and passenger and freight car portraits. Album 113 contains photographs of Nevada Central, Grizzly Flats, California Western, Casper, Southern Fork & Eastern, Eureka Nevada, Union Pacific, Sierra, and Yosemite Valley railroads. Album 114 contains very good quality photos of Southern California trains, buildings, and scenes. Album 115 is an album of locomotive portraits, starting with named ones and then numerical ones from 31700 to 1 in ascending numerical order of Denver & Rio Grande and later Denver & Rio Grande Western dating from 1884 to 1940. Album 116 is also a Denver & Rio Grande Western album with photographs of passenger car photos, including many interior shots, caboose photos, freight cars, and Maintenance of Way equipment. Album 117 includes photographs of Denver & Rio Grande from Alamosa to New Mexico, Antonito to Durango and the Durango-Silverton line. Contains 5 x 7 black-and-white photos of Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge locomotives, cars, depots, equipment, and facilities. Album 118 contains same photos of the Gunnison Marshall Pass line. Of note are the Salida yard, depot, Monte Christo Hotel, and roundhouse from 1889 and 1901. Album 119 includes photos of locomotives, passenger cars and train photos dating from 1923 but goes as late as 1958. All of these railroads are on the island of Oahu and include: Oahu Railway, Honolulu Plantation, Oahu Sugar Company, Hawaii Consolidated Railway, Wailua Agricultural Company, and Ewa Plantation. Album 120 includes photographs of short line railroads in the state of Colorado. Most include typed captions with date and place. Railroads include: Unatnah Railway, Manitou & Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Florence & Cripple Creek, Gilpin City Tram, Colorado Eastern, Argentine Central, Denver, Lakewood & Golden, Denver, Longmont & Northwestern, Little Book Cliff, and Colorado & Northwestern. Album 121 consists of photographs of trains, locomotives and stations on the Rio Grande Southern Railroad in Colorado. Includes date and location information.