Union Pacific Stage Company records

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Abstract: This collection includes various business records of the Union Pacific Stage Company.
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Biography/Administrative History
The Union Pacific Stage Company was a little known entity within the vast Union Pacific empire. In 1925, the UP had organized the Utah Parks Company to provide summer tour service from Cedar City to and around Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and later to Grand Canyon. As a way to attract more tourist travel over what was admittedly not a particularly scenic route between Chicago and Los Angeles, the UP conceived the idea of featuring Death Valley National Monument as the focal point of a three-day bus tour, using Utah Parks vehicles. The first season was October 1926 to May 1927. Tour passengers detrained at Crucero and rode the Tonopah & Tidewater to Death Valley Junction (97 miles) and then the gas motor cars of the Death Valley Railroad to Ryan (22 miles). The round trip from Los Angeles took five days, with two days spent in Death Valley. When the California Railroad Commission would not grant intrastate operating authority to an out-of-state corporation, the UP formed the Union Pacific Stage Co, incorporated February 28, 1927. UP Stage leased buses from the Utah Parks Company. When a costly branch-line passenger train operating once a day between Los Angeles and East San Pedro was discontinued, UP offered substitute bus service via the Union Pacific Stage Company. Service to the new East Los Angeles station began May 15, 1929. During World War II service was extended to the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal to transport troops from area military bases to connections with Southern Pacific and Santa Fe trains. UP Stage Company was also incorporated in Nevada and Utah in the 1940s to provide railroad connection service, but both operations were abandoned by 1948. After several years of declining ridership, A. B Allen of Allen Transportation and Warren K. Miller resumed regular operations (May 8, 1972) as the American Pacific Stage Company to provide bus connecting service for Amtrak. [Excerpted from Warren K. Miller, "Union Pacific Stage Co.,” Motor Coach Age (September 1976), p. 4-8.]
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection includes various business records of the Union Pacific Stage Company. The Administration files refer to the organization of the company, personnel matters, issuance of stocks, facilities, leases and changes in service. The collection also documents the efforts of Warren Kendall Miller to restore UP Stage Company Coach No. 1. The collection is organized alphabetically by subject.
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