
Pacific Electric Railway Scrapbook

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Pacific Electric Railway Scrapbook

Dates: 1911-1955

Collection Number: MS 788

Creator/Collector: Pacific Electric Railway

Extent: 1 album

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Abstract: This album contains images of Pacific Electric interurban cars in operation on various lines and in various yards awaiting assignment.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Biography/Administrative History

The first Pacific Electric Railway Company was incorporated in 1901. It included 186 miles of track. It was consolidated with seven other railroads and incorporated on September 1, 1911, as a new Pacific Electric, owned and operated by Southern Pacific Company until August 1965, when it merged into Southern Pacific Company. In 1939, it included 1,068.96 miles of track and operated in Los Angeles, Orange County, and Riverside County.

Scope and Content of Collection

This album contains images of Pacific Electric interurban cars in operation on various lines and in various yards awaiting assignment. All classes of passenger cars appear to be represented in this album. The photos are glued onto slightly larger framing paper (dark red) that forms a colored border around each shot. The left side page includes neatly typed captions for each photo that are also glued onto the album pages. The last several pages of the album contain fifteen individual line timetable folders that are held in place by corner ears and can be removed for reference. Most of these folders are dated in the early 1950s and some were actually issued by Metropolitan Coach Lines, a company that bought Pacific Electric's passenger service in 1953. [Album 101]
