
Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway Records

Dates: 1911-1980

Collection Number: MS 632

Creator/Collector: Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway

Extent: 1 box

Repository: California State Railroad Museum Library and Archives
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Abstract: Contains records of the Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Royce Hall ["Coos Bay"], 1989; gift of Paul MacDonald [Statements], 2003; gift of Southern Pacific Transportation Company [Physical valuation].

Biography/Administrative History

The Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway Company, incorporated on June 20, 1903, had 36.15 miles of track in Sonoma County running from Petaluma to Sebastopol and Santa Rosa, and branch lines. It became an operating subsidiary of Northwestern Pacific Railroad on March 1, 1932 and merged into NWP effective October 31, 1985. The P&SR also operated tug and passenger boats between Petaluma and San Francisco.

Scope and Content of Collection

Material from the Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway includes the California Railroad Commission valuation report of June 30, 1912 as well as a 1914 supplementary report with revisions to the original valuation. There are expense bills from 1911 (Form F 15), a Northwestern Pacific (NWP) Motive Power Department file on Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway (P&SR) repairs to various barges and tugs, which includes memos, requisition forms, receipts, and authorities for expenditures pertaining to the repair, purchase, retirement and sale of barges 4 and 5, plus the replacement of the tug "Golden Eagle" by the "Coos Bay." Statements of siding mileage between 1949 and 1980 (Form L 3156) contain information about tracks used for spurs, sidings, wyes and drills including their location and extent, route number, line number, SPINS number, frog number, rail weight and section, and companies served. Statements of joint trackage, terminal and interchange facilities (Form L 3158) for 1958 to 1968 include information about Northwestern Pacific owned and Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway operated facilities such as location, lengths of track, agreement audit numbers, dates, and conditions. Arranged by document type.
