Lynn D. Farrar papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Lynn D. Farrar papers
Dates: 1850-2005
Collection Number: MS 616
Creator/Collector: Farrar, Lynn D.
Extent: 20 linear feet (44 archives boxes + 3 half boxes + 5 oversize boxes + 1 photo box)
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Abstract: This collection contains the papers of Southern Pacific valuation engineer Lynn D. Farrar, who was an important collector of Southern Pacific historical materials and the lead of the Southern Pacific Historical Cost Study, a multi-year, multi-million dollar project undertaken by Southern Pacific to determine the cost of the construction of Southern Pacific, its subsidiary and predecessor companies.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Lynn D. Farrar, 1999, 2009 and 2010
Biography/Administrative History
Lynn D. Farrar was born in California in 1912. He attended the University of California, Berkeley and graduated in 1944, whereupon he enlisted in the US Army. After World War II, he attended the University of Paris, and worked in the Office of Military Government for the United States in Berlin, Germany for 2-1/2 years. In 1948, he was hired by Southern Pacific Company as a junior engineer. He was a valuation engineer for the SP Valuation Department for several decades. Notably, he was the project lead for the Southern Pacific Historical Cost Study. When he retired from the Southern Pacific in 1986, Mr. Farrar founded Transport Consultants, Inc. to work for Southern Pacific on The Peacekeeper Rail Garrison Project, a collaborative project between first class class railroads through the Association of American Railroads, defense contractors and the United States Air Force, which sought to identify locations along railroad right of way that would be suitable for MX missile launches from a train. Mr. Farrar died in 2016. He is survived by a son.
Scope and Content of Collection
Indexing Terms
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Drawings from Lynn D. Farrar added to CSRM drawings
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