Gerald M. Best Photograph Albums

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Gerald M. Best Photograph Albums

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Abstract: Photographs of locomotives and trains taken by Hugh Gates Boutell and Gerald M. Best. Ask Library Staff for additional Gerald M. Best photographs.

Language of Material: English

Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Harriet B. Best

Scope and Content of Collection
Album 62 and Album 63 are photographs by Hugh G. Boutell. Album 62 is titled "General Locomotive Photographs, Volumes 2 and 3, commenced Feb. 7, 1923 and consists of locomotive photographs from narrow gauge and standard gauge railroads from across the United States. Album 63 is titled "Locomotives and trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad" and includes predecessor railroads of the Pennsylvania Railroad system. This album includes detailed captions. Album 73 includes photographs of 83 small narrow-gauge railroads throughout the United States and Canada. These are cross-referenced in the CSRM photograph collection. Albums 74 is titled "Pennsylvania Railroad Locomotives & Trains Vol. III, by Hugh Gates Boutell. Detailed information accompany each photograph, including the railroad, locomotive class and number, builder's information, the location, and the date. The locations of the photographs range from Chicago, Illinois in the west to Washington, D.C. in the east. Besides the Pennsylvania Railroad, other railroads included are: the West Jersey & Seashore, South Jersey, Camden & Atlantic, Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad, Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis, and Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines. Hugh Gates Boutell was a retired mechanical engineer and the editor of TECHNOLOGY NEWS BULLETIN from 1919-1946. Album 75 consists of photos of short line and main line railroad locomotives in the eastern United States from 1898 to 1941. Railroads include: Bridgton and Sac River Railroad, Illinois Central, Western Maryland, East Broad Top, Norfolk & Western, Southern Railway, Cumberland Valley, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Boston & Maine, East Washington Railway, Atlantic Cty Railroad, Nelson & Albemarle Railway, Mount Washington Railway, Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington, Bessemer & Lake Erie, Philadelphia and Reading, Columbus & Greenville, Western Maryland, Baltimore & Ohio, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, Big Level & Kinzue Narrow Gauge, Chicago and Illinos Midland, Tennessee Central, Great Falls & Old Dominion, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Tionesta Valley Railroad, and Erie Railroad. Album 76 contains locomotives and trains primarily from the eastern United States taken during the 1930s. Railroads include: Southern Pacific, Norfolk and Western, Tuckerton Railway, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Maryland & Pennsylvania, Denvery & Rio Grande, Erie, Colorado and Southern Railway, Franklin and Megantic Railroad, Southern Railway, Bridgeton & Sac River, Green Mountain, Pearl River Valley, Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington, East Tennessee & Western North Carolina, Kishacoquillas Valley, Reading, Chesapeake and Western, Baltimore & Ohio, Philadelphia and Reading, Delaware & Hudson, Illinois Central, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, Atlantic and Gulf, Diamond & Calord, Knox Railroad, Mt. Mitchell narrow gauge, Reading, East Broad Top, Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes, and Mount Washington Railway. Album 77 consists of photographs of trains and locomotives across the United States. Some of the railroads include: the Ohio River & Columbus, Roanoke Street Railway, Shenandoah Valley Railroad, Roanoke & Southern, Norfolk & Western, McLean Lumber Company, Big Sandy & Cumberland, Atchison, Topeka &