Francis A. Guido papers

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Abstract: Francis A. Guido was the founding publisher of the railfan periodical THE WESTERN RAILROADER. This material documents Francis A. Guido's life-long interest in railroading.
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Biography/Administrative History
Born on December 8, 1920 in San Francisco, Francis A. Guido became interested in railroading as a child when an uncle gave him a Lionel train set. In 1937, he went on a West Coast railfan trip with Jack Gibson, which inspired them, along with John Carrick and Bill Darrough, to organize the Northern California Railroad Club. The first issue of the club's newsletter, THE WESTERN RAILROADER, was issued in 1937 and by April 1938, Francis Guido had agreed to write, edit, and publish it, which he did for the next forty-nine years. A "railfan" journal was novel for its time. Mr. Guido served as President of the Northern California Railroad Club, Director of the Pacific Coast Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, and Secretary of the San Mateo Historical Society. Mr. Guido frequently participated in Northern California railfan excursions. Francis Guido graduated from Stanford University in 1942 with a degree in transportation economics and from Stanford Law School in 1945. He began to practice law in San Mateo the following year. Mr. Guido married Helen Neuling and had two children, Gail and Garth. He died February 1, 1986 in San Mateo, California.
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