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Collection Description

The collection consists of photocopies of typescripts of historical essays by Joslyn which have been bound in three parts:

- (1) RAILROADS OF CALIFORNIA
- (2) MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS
- (3) SACRAMENTO GENERAL SHOPS, SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY-PACIFIC LINES, 1948.

In addition, there are a few separate short essays included in the collection, as well as letters and locomotive rosters relating primarily to Southern Pacific equipment.

Historical Background

David Lindsay Joslyn (1886-1963) was born in Kansas, but from the age of ten, lived in Sacramento. While still in his teens, he went to work at the Southern Pacific's Sacramento General Shops. There he worked at a number of assignments,

including laborer, car truck builder, foreman, clerk, draftsman, and photographer. Over the years Joslyn also spent much time researching and writing about the history of Southern Pacific and its predecessor and subsidiary companies, as well as other railroad topics. The collection represents a compilation of Joslyn writings along with some correspondence and notes.

Box 1, Folder 1	Biographical Information, 1964.
Box 1, Folder 2	RAILROADS OF CALIFORNIA The Sacramento Valley Railroad Company. 1959. 14 pages. The Central Pacific Railroad. 1959. 24 pages. Western Pacific Railroad Company. Not dated. 2 pages. The Sacramento Southern. Not dated. 1 page. California Pacific Railroad. 1959. 3 pages. Western Pacific Railroad. 1959. 3 pages. The Oregon and California Railroad. 1959. 2 pages. The Electric Lines. 1959. 4 pages. Southern Pacific chronology. Not dated. 4 pages. History of the Sacramento Valley Railroad. 1931. 9 pages. Shasta Route into Oregon. Not dated. 7 pages. California Northern Railroad, Marysville to Oroville. 1950. 2 pages.
Folder 3	MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS Forty-six years with the Southern Pacific. Not dated. 16 pages. The Jarrett and Palmer Special. 1933. 8 pages. Andrew Jackson Stevens, General M[aster] M[echanic] Central Pacific RR. 1958. 4 pages. Transcriptions from contemporary accounts of the Golden Spike Ceremony. 1869. 4 pages. Andrew Jackson Stevens. 1944. 34 pages. The Jarrett and Palmer Special, with J. O. Goodell. Not dated. 13 pages. The Jarrett and Palmer special train. 1958. 9 pages. Fighting snow on the Sierra Nevada mountains. Not dated. 5 pages. History of the locomotive pilot. 1942 (?). 12 pages. Evolution of the locomotive. 1930. 15 pages. The life story of the locomotive C. P. Huntington, as told by itself. 1962. 47 pages.
Folder 4-5	SACRAMENTO GENERAL SHOPS, SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY-- PACIFIC LINES. 1948. 55 pages. 3 copies
Folder 6	ADDITIONAL WRITINGS The A. J. Stevens monument. 1928. 4 pages. Central Pacific. 1955. 11 pages. Dedicating and unveiling the T. D. Judah Monument at the S.P. station, Sacramento, April 30, 1930 and February 21, 1931. 1958. 6 pages. From out of the past [groundbreaking and construction of the Central Pacific]. 1948. 3 pages. Golden spike, silver spike maul and laurel tie. Not dated. 3 pages. A short biographical sketch of Leland Stanford. 1936. 1 page. The T. D. Judah monument at the S. P. station. Not dated. 3 pages.
Folder 7	OTHER Central Pacific and Southern Pacific locomotive rosters.
Folder 8	Letters, 1927-1928, 1958