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Collection Description
The collection consists of letters to McFarland, primarily from other railroad aficionados, letters concerning the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, R&LHS Pacific Coast Chapter newsletters and announcements of excursions and miscellaneous photograph lists (not McFarland images) and retirement and scrapping lists for Southern Pacific steam locomotives. Correspondents include Charles E. Fisher, Gilbert H. Kneiss, David L. Joslyn, and Charles Smallwood.

Historical Background
Robert H. McFarland was a railroad enthusiast and photographer in the San Francisco Bay Area during the early and mid-twentieth century. Prior to his death in 1954, he photographed Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Western Pacific, Northwestern Pacific, and traction subjects, as well as maritime and city views.
Key to Arrangement

Folder 1  Letters
Folder 2  Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Pacific Coast Chapter newsletters
          Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Pacific Coast Chapter excursion announcements
Folder 3  Miscellaneous rosters, scrapping lists, and photograph lists
Folder 5  Miscellany