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Collection Description

The collection consists of nearly 300 pages of black and white photographs (image size: 1-1/4 x 1-1/2 inches), with 24 images pasted on each page) of male railroad employees, arranged alphabetically by the first letter of the surname, but not in precise alphabetical order. Each photograph includes a date (possibly a hire date), a job title (brakeman, motorman, conductor), and a geographical identification (regional or specific: Pasadena, Long Beach, Pomona). The men are not in uniform.

The album was compiled by the donor's father, Walter Bales, who worked for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, and Pacific Electric. His tenure at the latter company was from the 1930s until his 1971 retirement. During the mid-1950s, Mr. Bales was chairman of a regional chapter of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. A presumption as to the corporate affiliation of these gentlemen is to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, or Pacific Electric.
