Jeff S. Asay Collection MS 83

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**Title:** Jeff S. Asay collection

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**Abstract:** This collection includes research material Mr. Asay used to write two of his books: UNION PACIFIC NORTHWEST: THE OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY, A HISTORY (1991) and UNION PACIFIC IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN (2010). Additional material includes files used by Mr. Asay to write the article "Crucero: UP's Desert Outpost" published in the Union Pacific Railroad Historical Society's periodical, STREAMLINER in 1999.

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**Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open for research. Contact Library & Archives staff for appointment.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gifts of Jeff S. Asay in 2001, 2007, and 2018

**Arrangement**


**Biography**

Jeff S. Asay was born in New Jersey on January 2, 1946. He began his railroad career as a Southern Pacific towerman in Los Angeles in 1966 while attending school. The Union Pacific Railroad hired Jeff Asay as a staff attorney in 1973 after he graduated from UCLA Law School. From 1978 to 1986 he was assigned to the Portland regional office where he developed an interest in the history of Union Pacific in the Northwest and collected research materials for his book UNION PACIFIC NORTHWEST: THE OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY (Edmonds, Washington: Pacific Fast Mail, 1992). During his 36-year career with the railroad, Mr. Asay has worked in East Los Angeles, Portland, Kansas City and Roseville. He retired as senior regional counsel in Roseville in 2009.

Mr. Asay has been active in railroad historical research for over twenty years.

He has written for the National Association of Timetable Collectors, Railroad Station Historical Society, SP Trainline, and the Union Pacific Historical Society. Jeff Asay has been a volunteer at the California State Railroad Museum Library & Archives since his retirement from the Union Pacific in 2009. He also serves as a Board Member of the CSRM Foundation.

Jeff Assay drawings in the collection.

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item], Jeff S. Asay Collection, MS 83, California State Railroad Museum Library & Archives, Sacramento, California.

**Scope and Contents**

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Included in this collection are secondary sources such as journal articles; however, most of the collection consists of primary sources relating to railroad companies in the Pacific Northwest. These include photographs, maps, drawings, annual reports, receivership records, articles of incorporation, court proceedings, valuation reports, mortgage documents, Interstate Commerce Commission reports, and reports and photos showing the reconstruction of the John Day Dam.
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**Bibliography**


**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad
Northern Pacific Railroad
Oregon Washington Railroad Company
Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company
San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad
Union Pacific Railroad Company
Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company
Asay, Jeff S., 1946-

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**Series 1. UNION PACIFIC NORTHWEST: THE OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY, A HISTORY 1875-1999**

Physical Description: 6.66 Linear Feet 16 manuscript boxes, 3 oversize boxes

Arrangement

This series is arranged into 7 subseries: Subseries 1. Pacific Northwest Railroad History

Scope and Contents

Included in this series are secondary sources such as journal articles; however, most of the collection consists of primary sources relating to railroad companies in the Pacific Northwest and in Los Angeles. These include photographs, maps, drawings, annual reports, receivership records, articles of incorporation, court proceedings, valuation reports, mortgage documents, Interstate Commerce Commission reports, reports and photographs.

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**Subseries 1. Pacific Northwest Railroad History**

Arrangement

Organized alphabetically by author.

Scope and Contents

Pacific Northwest Railroad History includes miscellaneous journal articles concerning Pacific Northwest transportation.

box 1, folder 1


Includes published annual reports and legal documents pertaining to the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company.
box 2

box 3, folder 1

box 3, folder 2-8

box 3, folder 9

box 3, folder 10
The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. Consolidated Mortgage. June 1, 1885.

box 3, folder 11

box 3, folder 12
Supplemental Indentures to the New York Company ... Trustee of the Consolidated Mortgage of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company. August 17, 1896.

box 3, folder 13-15

box 3, folder 16
The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company to the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern Railway Company and the Union Pacific Railway Company. Indenture Modifying Indenture of Lease. January 1, 1887.

box 3, folder 17
Subseries 2. Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company Documents

- Oregon Trunk Railway Company and Des Chutes Railroad Company, Arbitration Proceedings:
  - Brief of Oregon Trunk Railroad Company. September 1931.
  - Oregon Trunk Railroad Company's extension of lines to mouth of the Columbia River at Astoria, Oregon.
  - Astoria: The Chief Seaport of the Columbia watershed ... by Sidney Dell. June 1892.

- Correspondence:
  - Undated
  - 1890
  - 1892
  - 1893


Arrangement
Arranged by type of material.
Scope and Contents
Corporate records and legal proceedings of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company.


- Includes Articles of Incorporation, August 18, 1912.


- Valuation Sections as of December 31, 1932. Omaha: 1933.


Subseries 4. Northern Pacific Railroad Company Records 4

Arrangement

Arranged by type of material.

Scope and Contents

Includes corporate reports, legal documents, and joint facility data books.

Box 9

Arbitration proceedings pursuant to agreement between Northern Pacific Railway Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company, et al. relating to charges for transporting materials used in improving and maintaining joint lines between Vancouver and Tacoma, Washington:

Box 9, Folder 1

Arbitration agreement. May 15, 1942.

Box 9, Folder 2


Box 9, Folder 3


Box 9, Folder 4


Box 9, Folder 5


Box 9, Folder 6


Box 9, Folder 7

Stipulation. March 10, 1943.

Box 9, Folder 8


Box 9

[Volume] Reports 1875-1886: The Northern Pacific Railroad, Its Routes, Resources, Progress and Business. Not dated. The Northern Pacific Railroad's Land Grant and the Future Business of the Road. Not dated. Guide to the Northern Pacific Railroad Lands in Minnesota. Not dated. Report of the President and Directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. to the stockholders at the annual meeting September 27th, 1876; September 26th, 1877. Annual report and proceedings of the regular meeting of the stockholders. September 24th, 1879. Annual report and proceedings of the stockholders at their annual meeting. September 29th, 1880; September 15th, 1881. Memoranda. May 1, 1882. Report of the President to the stockholders at their annual meeting. September 21st, 1882; September 20th, 1883. Report of the Board of Directors to the stockholders at their annual meeting. September 18th, 1884; September 17th, 1885. Annual report of the Vice President and General Manager to the President and Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1885. Report of the Board of Directors to the stockholders at their annual meeting. September 16th, 1886. Annual report of the Vice President and General Manager to the President and Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1886.

Box 10

Northern Pacific / Great Northern Railway Company / Oregon-Washington Railroad Company joint facility data books, circa 1927. Information relating to joint use of lines, circa 1880s - 1920s. Five spiral bound volumes of photocopies. Includes photos and descriptions of individual track layouts, stations, bridges, tunnels and other railroad property.
Subseries 5. John Day Dam Reconstruction Reports 5

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents
Monthly reports on the reconstruction of the main line at the John Day Dam along the Columbia River in Oregon. Includes photographs and drawings. One folder per month.

- box 11: December 1962 - December 1963
- box 12: January - November 1964
- box 13: February 1965 - June 1966
- box 14: July 1966 - July 1968

Subseries 6. Maps and drawings 6

Arrangement
Arranged by corporate name.

Related Materials
Additional maps, profiles and drawings relating to the Union Pacific Railroad, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, and the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company have been catalogued into the Library's databases.

Scope and Contents
Includes U.S. Geological Survey maps, right of way maps, and miscellaneous printed road maps.

- box 15: [Volume] Bound manuscript volume (68 pages) of maps (ink and pencil on paper) indicating right of way and property ownership (utilizing township sections) for eastern Oregon and parts of Washington. Undated, but possibly circa 1900 or earlier. Contents: Umatilla to Pendleton; Pendleton to Huntington; Pendleton to Walla Walla; Palouse Junction to Moscow; Riparia to La Crosse Junction


Subseries 7. Photographs 7

Arrangement
Photographs reproduced in UNION PACIFIC NORTHWEST are filed in numerical order by the page number upon which they appear.

Related Materials
An additional 1,500 photographs of the Union Pacific Railroad's operations in Oregon and Washington, from the 1860s to the late 1980s have been interfiled into the Library's photograph collection by the appropriate corporate name and then by subject.

Scope and Contents
Includes photographs reproduced in UNION PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Series 2. UNION PACIFIC IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN 1889-2006

Physical Description: 21 Linear Feet 21 record cartons

Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically by subject, with the exception of drawings, which are arranged by corporate name, and listed in a pdf attached to the Collection. Drawings are also catalogued in our maps and drawings catalog, available online at: https://csrm.andornot.com/en#advanced-search

Scope and Contents
Research material collected by Mr. Asay to write his book UNION PACIFIC IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN (2010). Includes station maps, track charts, tract maps, valuation maps, contracts, reports, clippings, correspondence, brochures, booklets, corporate history, applications, agreements, corporate files, subject files, work orders, GMOs, research papers, articles, circulars, and annual reports.

The date range of the materials spans 1846-1981. Information in the Glendale, Long Beach, Rialto and Pasadena branches are included as well as agreements between Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, and Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroads.

Subjects include abandonments of the Pasadena, Crestmore, Rialto, Glendale and Long Beach branches, bridge flood control, construction and replacement, agreements between SP, LA & SL and Union Pacific about construction, switching, and the Los Angeles Union Pacific Terminal. There are several files about SP Chief Engineer William Hood and the Seaside Drawbridge, Long Beach, SP, LA & SL in the desert and the Cerritos Drawbridge slough. Other files concern interchange agreements between SP, LA & SL and other railroads, track relocations, spurs, crossings, improvements, towers, branch lines, the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor, and grading.

Files of interest include clippings and correspondence about the Clark-Harriman dispute, and an extensive report on existing railroad lines and operations in California in 1980. Work orders include retirement of tracks and depots in Fullerton, Pico Rivera, East San Pedro, Mira Loma, Hobart Tower, Whittier, Ontario, Riverside, Pomona, Bly, Terminal Island, Sunsweet, and Terminal Island. In addition to SP, LA & SL and Union Pacific, there were interactions with the following railroads: Pacific Electric, Los Angeles Terminal Railway, Crescent City Railway, Southern Pacific, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Glendale & Montrose, Las Vegas & Tonopah, Harbor Belt Line, Riverside, Rialto & Pacific, Union Pacific Stage Company, and California Improvement Company.

box 1 Abandonment 1924-2001
box 3 Agreements, 1889-1961
box 4 Agreements –Crossings, 1906-1960
box 5 Agreements, 1903-1938

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Applications, ICC, 1923-1987
Applications, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), 1948-1963
Applications, California Railroad Commission (CRC), 1913-1928
Applications, CRC, 1930-1948
Bridges, 1924-1995
Company History, 1892-2007 Correspondence, non-Up, 1905-1923
Clippings, 1887-2006
Miscellaneous, undated
Engineering Division 1907-1920, SLC Files 1901-1915, SP Chief 1904-1906
Engineering Reports 1911-1999
Engineering Reports, 1911-1999
General Manager's Files, 1905-1959
Harbor, 1902-1992
Harbor, 1892-1964
Joint track agreement, 1846-1936
Joint track agreement, 1926-1934
Joint track agreement, 1936-1971 Joint track, Non-SP related, 1997
Law Department in file number order:
File #23 thru 35-28
File # 36 thru 36-25
# 36-25 thru 117
File #123-1 thru 221
Law Department, in date order:
1901-1939
1940-1960
1960-1980
1980-1984
Reports:
Valuation
Stock Holders
Valuation (ICC), 1919-1922
Reports, 1910-2003
Superintendent's files:
1923-1958
1941-1977
1939-1981
Work orders and general manager's orders:
GMO's 158-WO 1027
WO 1117 -WO 1465
WO 1491 -WO 2083
WO 2123 -WO 2287
WO 2294 -WO 3566
WO 3628 -WO 5575
WO 5787 -WO 70196
Series 3. UNION PACIFIC'S CRUCERO INTERCHANGE RECORDS 3 1905-1999 1905-1968

Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet3 manuscript boxes

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Arrangement

The Crucero interchange files are arranged by railroad and then by office: The Crucero interchange files are arranged by railroad and then by office: Subseries 1. SP, LA & SL. General Manager’s Office Subseries 2. LA & SL. General Manager’s Office Subseries 3. Union Pacif1. SP, LA & SL. General Manager’s Office 3.1 Office of the General Manager. Salt Lake City 3.2 Office of the Superintendent. Los Angeles Division 3.3 Law Department. Los Angeles

History

From 1906 to 1916, the Tonopah & Tidewater shared an interlocking tower and station facilities with the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad (SP, LA & SL) Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad effective August 25, 1916. On April 27, 1921, Union Pacific purchased the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad (LA & SL). The Crucero crossing continued to operate until the Tonopah & Tidewater abandoned train service in 1940. The Union Pacific Railroad shut down the tower and the interchange operations there, and eventually dismantled the structures.

Scope and Contents

Files used by Jeff Asay to write the article "Crucero: UP’s Desert Outpost" co-authored with Jim Ady, published in the STREAMLINER in 1999. A copy of this article has been placed at the beginning of this series, followed by a letter and a partial transcript of an oral history by two former Union Pacific employees who worked at Crucero.

Subseries 1. SP, LA & SL. General Manager’s Office:

box 1, folder 1  "Crucero - UP’s Desert Outpost,” by Jeff Asay and Jim Ady, 1999
box 1, folder 2 Memories of working in Crucero, 1943, 1983
box 1, folder 3 Interchange facilities, 1904-1910, 1913

Subseries 2. Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad. General Manager’s Office

box 1, folder 4-6 Interchange facilities, 1921-1933

Subseries 3. Union Pacific Railroad:

box 1, folder 7-12 3.1 Office of the General Manager. Salt Lake City
Matters concerning Tonopah & Tidewater, 1937-1945
3.2 Office of the Superintendent. Los Angeles Division
Progress reports [form 2733] Los Angeles Division, 1940-1952 (Summary of AFEs in effect)
Work orders
box 3, folder 1-2 No. 254, 1933-1934
box 3, folder 3 No. 2178, 1942
box 3, folder 4 No. 2181, 1942-1943
box 3, folder 5 No. 2330, 1942-1945
box 3, folder 6 No. 2498, 1943
box 3, folder 7 No. 2986, 1944-1945
box 3, folder 8 No. 3045, 1944-1945
box 3, folder 9 No. 3077, 1945
box 3, folder 10 No. 6398, 1960-1961
3.3 Law Department. Los Angeles
File No. 36-28-1 Contracts and easements, joint facility, crossings, 1905-1960
File No. 73-4 Interstate Commerce Commission dockets, Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad discontinuance, 1939-1940