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## **Guide to the Robert M. Hanft Negative Collection MS 854**

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**Language of Material:** English

**Contributing Institution:** California State Railroad Museum Library & Archives

**Title:** Robert M. Hanft collection

**creator:** Hanft, Robert M., 1914-2004

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 854

**Physical Description:** 12.5 Linear Feet "shoebox" negative boxes

**Date (inclusive):** 1930-1994

Big Four Building.

**Abstract:** The Hanft Photograph collection contains black and white negatives of United States railroad photographs. These photos were taken by Hanft and other photographers.

### **Biography**

Robert M. Hanft was born March 17, 1914 to Jennie and Frank Hanft in Marinette, WI and passed November 29, 2004 in Paradise, CA. He was married to Annabelle Jane Lester on April 7, 1942 in Long Prairie, MN. They were married 57 years. Annabelle died Dec. 11, 1999 in Paradise, CA. During the depression years, he could be found riding the rails, hobo style, to find work wherever he could. His passionate interest in photography led him to start "Lakeside Photo Service" in Brainerd, MN in 1939. Hanft enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1941-1945 where he was posted in Hollywood making army training films. He educated himself with help from the G.I. Bill and achieved a B.A. in Psychology, a master's degree in Business Administration and a P.h.D. in Philosophy. During his working career, he was employed by Standard Oil, University of California, Berkeley; California State University, Fresno and California State University, Chico. Hanft joined the faculty at California State University, Chico in 1967, where he was named Professor Emeritus in Management. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Fraternity, U.C. Berkeley Alumni Assn., U. of Washington Alumni Assn., The Nature Conservancy and nearly every Railway and Trolley Historical Organization in the United States from Maine to California. Hanft developed a historical collection of railroad and trolley photos from age 15 and on through his life. Hanft was the author of three books on railroads; *Red River: Paul Bunyan's Own Lumber Company and its Railroads* (1979); *Pine Across the Mountain: California's McCloud River Railroad* (1971); *San Diego and Arizona Railway: The Impossible Railroad* (1984).

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open for research by appointment.

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### **Scope and Contents**

The Hanft Collection contains negatives of railroad photographs including 17,000+ primarily original 2-3/4 x 4-1/2-inch 116 sized black and white negatives with a detailed 384-page accompanying inventory identifying the individual negative subject, date and location. The majority of negatives are images of historic motive power, cars and scenes taken by the donor, 1930 to 1994.

Additional photographers whose names were noted on negative envelopes include, Johnson, Jones, Pennington, Whitaker, van Horn, Zorn.

### **Separated Materials**

Robert M. Hanft color slides dated 1950's-1980's located at Western Railway Museum, 5848 State Highway 12 Suisun City, CA 94585, (707) 374-2978

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item], Robert M. Hanft, MS 854, California State Railroad Museum Library and Archives, Sacramento, California.

### **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by railroad name.

### **Separated Materials**

Printed copy and pdf of *Robert M. Hanft Railroad Photograph List*

### **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Photography of railroads

Southern Pacific Company

Steam Locomotive

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Diesel Locomotive  
Electric Traction  
Railroad Locomotives  
Steam Engine  
Diesel Engine  
Railroads--United States--Photography  
Hanft, Robert M., 1914-2004

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box 1	<b>A</b>
box 2	<b>Atchison, Topeka &amp; Santa Fe</b>
box 3	<b>Ba - Bi</b>
box 4	<b>Bl - Bz</b>
box 5	<b>Ca- Canadian National</b>
box 6	<b>Canadian Northern - Central of New Jersey</b>
box 7	<b>Central Pacific - Chicago and Northwestern</b>
box 8	<b>Chicago At... - Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific</b>
box 9	<b>Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific - Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific</b>
box 10	<b>Chicago, St. Paul ... - Cob</b>
box 11	<b>Col - Cz, Da - Delaware &amp; Hudson</b>
box 12	<b>Denver...</b>
box 13	<b>De - Dz, Ea</b>
box 14	<b>Ed - Ez, F, Ga</b>
box 15	<b>General - Gz</b>
box 16	<b>H, Ia - Illinois</b>
box 17	<b>Indian - Iz, J, Ka - Key System</b>
box 18	<b>Key System - Kz, LA</b>
box 19	<b>Le - Louisville &amp; Nashville</b>
box 20	<b>Louisville &amp; Nashville - Lz, Ma - Me</b>
box 21	<b>Mc</b>
box 22	<b>Mi - Minneapolis, St. Paul &amp; Sault Ste. Marie</b>
box 23	<b>Minneapolis, St. Paul &amp; Sault Ste. Marie - Missouri Pacific</b>
box 24	<b>Missouri Pacific - Mz, Na - Nevada Consolidated Copper</b>
box 25	<b>Nevada Copper Belt - New York, New Haven &amp; Hartford</b>
box 26	<b>Northern Pacific</b>
box 27	<b>Northern Pacific</b>
box 28	<b>New York, Ontario &amp; Western - Norwood &amp; St. Lawrence</b>
box 29	<b>Oahu - Oz, Pa</b>
box 30	<b>Pe - Pl</b>
box 31	<b>Pl - Pz, Q, Ra- Reading</b>
box 32	<b>Q - R</b>
box 33	<b>Sa - St. Mary's</b>
box 34	<b>St. Paul Bridge &amp; Terminal - Savannah</b>
box 35	<b>Schader, A. D. - Southern</b>
box 36	<b>Southern Pacific (Loco's No. 1 - 2299)</b>
box 37	<b>Southern Pacific (Locomotive Nos. 2300-3399)</b>
box 38	<b>Southern Pacific (Locomotive Nos. 3400+) - Scenes</b>
box 39	<b>Southern - Sz</b>
box 40	<b>Ta - Tu</b>
box 41	<b>Tw - Tz, U, Va- Virginia</b>
box 42	<b>Union Pacific (Locos No. 1 - 3899)</b>
box 43	<b>Union Pacific (Locos No. 3900) - Scenes</b>
box 44	<b>Virginia Central - Western Maryland</b>
box 45	<b>Western pacific - Winslow</b>
box 46	<b>Winston - Z</b>

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box 48  
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box 50

**A - L 5x7**  
**M - Sm 5x7**  
**So - Sz 5 x 7**  
**Foreign**