Inventory of the Sacramento Northern Railway Company Records, 1938-1985

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Collection Description
The collection consists of correspondence, photocopies, mimeographs, log books, computer printouts and printed material relating to employment practices, wages, operating procedures, equipment, train movements, etc. In addition the collection contains correspondence, reports, memoranda and notes concerning the abandonment of service, including ferry service across the Carquinez Strait, between West Pittsburg and Montezuma, trackage abandonments elsewhere in Northern California during the 1940s and 1950s, and electric interurban passenger equipment and streetcars.

Historical Background
The Sacramento Northern Railway Company was incorporated in California on August 29, 1921. Its purpose was to acquire and operate the property of the Sacramento Northern Railroad. It absorbed the Sacramento Northern on November 4, 1925. Western Pacific Railroad owned the new railroad. Sacramento Northern's trackage consisted of a main line extending from Chico to Sacramento, with various branches, operating approximately 157 miles of track. On December 31, 1928, the
San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad was acquired. This line stretched from Chico to Oakland. On January 15, 1939, through service to Chico was instituted. Passenger service was discontinued in October of 1940 but freight service was continued.

Related Collections

Box 1
- Sacramento Northern Railway Operating Department car handling circulars, 1964-1969
- Western Pacific Railroad car handling circulars, 1964
- Western Pacific Railroad, Sacramento Northern Railway, and Tidewater Southern Railway Circular No. 167-E, listing industries located at points served, team track facilities, ramps and platforms, track scales, icing stations and interchange points
- Sacramento Northern Railway Trainmen's Job Bulletins, 1981-1984, covering work hours and rules, train instructions and job notices

Box 2
- Sacramento Northern Railway Enginemen's Job Bulletins, 1982-1984
- Sacramento Northern Railway Trainmen's and Enginemen's Job Bulletins, 1981-1983

Box 3
- Sacramento Northern Railway Yardmaster's Log Books, 17 vols., July 1, 1982-June 14, 1985, containing notations on the daily operation of the railroad, including equipment, train movements, interchanges, and problems

Box 4
- Trackage and ferry service abandonment, West Pittsburg-Montezuma, December 1949-December 1954 (8 folders)
- Trackage abandonment, Dozier-Montezuma, 1950 (1 folder)
- Trackage abandonment, Oakland-Lafayette, January 1954- April 1960 (5 folders)
- Trackage abandonment, Oroville Branch, June 1952-April 1968 (3 folders)
- Trackage abandonment, Vacaville-Willotta, October 1949-January 1950 (1 folder)
- Trackage abandonment, Walnut Creek-Lafayette, November 1957-July 1964 (2 folders)

Box 5
- Material disposal (including locomotives and rolling stock), July 1955-September 1972 (1 folder)
- Passenger trains and streetcars, October 1938-November 1970 (5 folders)
- Pay rates and records, 1944-1958 (7 folders)

Box 6
- Equipment completion reports; Exhibit D. January 1929 - 1957. Filed in AFE order.