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Descriptive Summary

Title: Dorr, William Ripley, collector. California railroad clubs : photograph albums,

Date (inclusive): 1948-1960

Collection number: Mss Photo 416

Creator: Dorr, William Ripley, collector.

Extent: 2 albums (416 prints) in 1 manuscript box

Repository: Stanford University. Libraries. Dept. of Special Collections and University Archives.

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Biography

William Ripley Dorr, a resident of Palos Verdes Estates, California, was a confirmed rail fan. He was a member of the Railway Club of Southern California, the Railway Historical Society of San Diego, the Pacific Coast Chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc., the California Nevada Railroad Historical Society, and the Bay Area Electric Railroad Association. Dorr participated in some 28 rail fan excursions. Most of these were in California but some took him as far away as Alaska, Chicago, Colorado, Nevada, and Arizona, from 1948 to 1963, to visit and ride on restored and operating trains.

Dorr photographed each trip, and mounted the photographs in two albums, which comprise the collection. All photos are black and white; some are labeled. They are mainly examples of types of engines and types of cars, from both the era of

steam and the more modern diesel era. He includes tickets for many of the trips, which allows ready identification of the trips on which the photographs were taken

Access Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Bay Area Electric Railroad Association.

California Nevada Railroad Historical Society.

Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.

Northern California Railroad Club.

Railway Club of Southern California.

Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Inc. Pacific Coast.

Railway Historical Society of San Diego, Inc.

Railroad accidents.

Railroads--History--Societies, etc.

Railroads--United States--History.

Albums.

Photoprints.

Hopkins Transportation Library.

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| Album 1, Pages 2
- 29 | "Apache Railway Holiday," Santa Fe Special. June 26-July 2, 1948. Railway Club of Southern California. Open observation car, steam engine on logging railway, detector car, Santa Fe steam and diesel engines. Wreck of Santa Fe Super Chief, at Winslow, Arizona, June 29, 1948. Lumber mill, McNary, Arizona. Canyon Diablo, Wickenburg, and Parker, Arizona. 1948 |
| Album 1, Pages 30
- 33 | "Railroad Boosters SP-Ojai Excursion," August 15, 1948. Cab-forward Mallet engine, tunnel at Hassan, California, camera car. 1948 |
| Album 1, Pages 34
- 40 | "Feather River Holiday," September 4-6, 1948. Santa Fe and Western Pacific. Double-header, diesel engine, vista dome car, wrecker car & crane (maintains steam up at all times), rotary snow plow, closed observation car. 1948 |
| Album 1, Pages 41
- 52 | "Sierra Railroad Holiday," May 28-30, 1949. Steam engine, camera car, Shay logging engine, West Side Lumber Company, Tuolumne, California. Jamestown, California. Round house, Columbia, California. Shaw's Flat and Sonora, California. 1949 |
| Album 1, Pages 53
- 61 | "1949 Holiday." Small New England stations, various cars. Trolley plow, postal car, Chicago Railroad Fair (1949). Unique engines: Spain's Talgo diesel engine and observation car, and Pennsylvania Railroad's electric-powered train. 1949 |
| Album 1, Pages 62
- 64 | "Vagabond Holiday," Railway Club of Southern California, Excursion No. 24, March 5, 1950. Winslow, Arizona. Round house, Alamosa, Colorado. Ticket envelope, Denver & Rio Grande Railroad (parlor car ticket), "only narrow gauge luxury train in United States." New York Central Railroad advertisement with notice on back of discontinuance of Rio Grande Railroad narrow gauge passenger service in New Mexico, on January 31, 1951. 1950 |
| Album 1, Pages 65
- 77 | "Virginia & Truckee Railway Excursion," March 18-19, 1950. Ticket, Carson City, Nevada. Station, round house, water tower, motor car, switching yard, G. A. Sampson, Vice President and General Manager. Minden, Nevada, cabooses, early steam engine, Lake Tahoe, California. Post-card of Virginia and Truckee engine, "Old 24." 1950 |
| Album 1, Pages 78
- 84 | Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge (part of Carson and Colorado Railroad). Tracks, stations, yards, engines, cars. [1950?] |
| Album 1, Pages 85
- 99 | Miscellaneous steam engines.1948-1950 |
| Album 2, Pages 2
- 7 | "Southern Pacific Holiday of 1950," Excursion No. 25, April 16, 1950. Railroad shops and round house, Los Angeles, California. Steam engines. 1950 |
| Album 2, Pages 8
- 11 | "Clover Valley Express," California Nevada Railroad Historical Society, May 12-14, 1950. |
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Album 2, Pages 12	Stock Certificate, Lehigh Valley Railroad Company (fifty shares, in the name of Edward Henderson), June 1901.
Album 2, Pages 13, 15	Santa Maria Valley Railroad [California]. Round house, cabooses, steam engine Mikado. n.d.
Album 2, Pages 14	"Railfan Excursion to Fort Bragg, California," Pacific Coast Chapter, Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc., August 20, 1950. California Western Railroad, "Skunk." 1950
Album 2, Pages 16 - 17	Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge, Keeler Yards and cabooses. n.d
Album 2, Pages 17 - 21	Santa Fe Corona-Elsinore mixed train. Last trip under steam power, May 26, 1951. Engine Mikado at Elsinore. Loading industrial cargo. 1951
Album 2, Pages 22 - 35	Trip to Alaska. July 1951. Shasta Daylight (Southern Pacific) at Dunsmuir, California. Pacific Great Eastern Train No. 1 at Squamish, British Columbia. Assorted engines and cars, White Pass and Yukon Railroad general offices and passenger station, Skagway, Alaska. Railroad shops, parlor and baggage cars, Sumpter Valley coach No. 26. Steamer Tutshi. The Duchess (Baldwin 0-6-0) steam engine (1878). Royal Mail stage coach, White Horse to Dawson City (1902) at Carcross. 1951
Album 2, Pages 36 - 37	La Canada Valley Railroad. Flintridge, California. n.d.
Album 2, Pages 37 - 38	Excursion, Bay Area Electric Rail-Road Association, Pacific Electric Railway, August 25, 1951. Parlor car (electrified). USA stamp 3 cts, commemorating 125 years of rail transport, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. 1951
Album 2, Pages 38 - 44	Excursion, Bay Area Electric Railroad Association Pacific Electric Railway, December 1, 1951. Narrow gauge cars from Denver & Rio Grande San Juan. Parlor car Chama, parlor car Durango, coach Lockwood (interior and exterior), Day car Edna. 1951
Album 2, Pages 45 - 48	"Owens Valley [California] Holiday," Railway Club of Southern California. Excursion 43, May 31, 1951. Assorted steam engines, some narrow gauge. 1951
Album 2, Pages 53	Santa Maria Valley [California] Railroad. Switch and long-haul engines. n.d.
Album 2, Pages 54 - 55	Santa Fe San Diego, San Diego station (Santa Fe). n.d.
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Album 2, Pages 61 - 63	Union Pacific City of St. Louis at Hermosa Beach, California, October 10, 1953. Santa Fe El Capitan at Summit, California. 1953
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Album 2, Pages 72 - 73	Los Angeles County Fair. Steam engines. "Gallopig Goose." Rio Grande Southern Railroad. n.d.
Album 2, Pages 74 - 75	Last steam run on Southern Pacific narrow gauge. Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc., October 16, 1954. Engine "Little Giant" at Travel Town. 1954
Album 2, Pages 76 - 77	Engines at Travel Town. Carl W. Headrick. n.d.
Album 2, Pages 78	"Gold Spike Special," trip ticket. Southern Pacific Company and McCloud River Railroad, July 2-4, 1955. Ticket to Burney, California, rodeo and horse show. 1955
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Eight trip tickets: "Rail Fan Excursion," Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc., May 4, 1958. Pacific Railroad Society, November 25, 1958. "Shasta Wonderland Tour," California Nevada Railroad Historical Society, May 22-24, 1959. "Steam Excursion," Glendale to Oxnard, California Railway and Historical Society, Inc., November 22, 1959. "Mexicali-Riito Trip," Railway Historical Society of San Diego, Inc., March 20, 1960. "Relive the Golden Ferry Boat Days," Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc., October 1, 1960. "Sacramento River Cruise," (boat & rail trip), Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc., May 11-12, 1963. 1958-1963