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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**

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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.
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Albums.
Photoprints.
Hopkins Transportation Library.

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"Railroad Boosters SP-Ojai Excursion," August 15, 1948. Cab-forward Mallet engine, tunnel at Hassan, California, camera car. 1948

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"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

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