MS 617 SHORT LINE ENTERPRISES COLLECTION

1962-1989. 18 boxes + 8 half-boxes

SCOPE AND CONTENT

MS 617 contains business records from Short Line Enterprises, Inc. [SLE], collected by SLE co-founder, Logan Stanley Garner. The correspondence and notes in these files were addressed to or generated by Mr. Garner.

Related collections include papers of SLE partner, William A. Oden (MS 420). The Stephen E. Drew Railroad Equipment Restoration Report Collection (MS 606) includes information about restoration reports prepared for SLE by Mr. Drew.

MS 617 is arranged into six series, with some series further divided.

Series 1. PROJECT FILES

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Series 2. FINANCIAL RECORDS

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Series 4. NOTES

Series 5. ADMINISTRATION

Series 6. EQUIPMENT

PROVENANCE Gift of Logan Stanley Garner (387-534), 2003.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION Short Line Enterprises, Inc., a California corporation in operation between 1967 and 1988, purchased, restored and operated historic railroad equipment. It also provided research assistance relating to railroad equipment restoration.

The company was formed in 1967 by William A. Oden and Logan Stanley Garner, with the intent of operating an excursion railroad, the Rogue River Valley Railroad. For this venture the pair acquired railroad equipment from three Hollywood motion picture studios: MGM, Paramount Pictures, and Twentieth Century Fox.

After plans for the Rogue River Valley Railroad fell through, the company added two partners, Ron G. Steiner and Robert D. Verkuyl, and shifted its emphasis to the acquisition and restoration of railroad equipment for use in motion pictures, television shows, and commercials. SLE leased Southern Pacific's Santa Paula Branch upon which to operate SLE equipment in such films as "Throw Momma from the Train," "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and "The Three Amigos."

SLE also prepared feasibility reports and performed railroad equipment restoration services for several Los Angeles area restaurants, the Kansas State Historical Society, the Nevada State Railroad Museum, and the California State Railroad Museum. SLE restored equipment for use on the Virginia & Truckee, Sierra Railroad and the Roaring Camp & Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad.

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Series 1. PROJECT FILES, 1962-1987. 7 boxes + 2 half-boxes

This series includes the business records of Short Line Enteprises.

Series 1 Project Files is divided into two subseries, one of which is further divided:

- 1.1 Motion Picture and Television Projects
 - 1.1.1 General business
 - 1.1.2 Specific projects
- 1.2 Restoration Projects / SLE Equipment Projects.

The Motion Picture and Television Project subseries (1.1) includes correspondence, notes, memoranda, tariffs and leases, pamphlets, clippings, and press releases. Also includes material relating to the production of movie and television shows that used SLE equipment, such as scripts, playbills, and shooting schedules. There are two Logan Stanley Garner notebooks relating to conversations with Sierra Railroad representatives regarding trackage rights.

Subjects include marketing SLE to production companies, working with Sierra Railroad, Kirtlan Land and Farming Company, and Newhall Land and Farming Company to provide trackage, the logistics of making equipment available for films, including movement of equipment, shooting schedules and staffing.

Specifically General Business (1.1.1) includes material used to promote SLE to the motion picture industry, such as SLE's joint venture with the Sierra Railroad.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject.

Specific Projects (1.1.2) includes material related to specific film or television projects using SLE equipment or personnel. Arranged alphabetically by production company.

The Restoration Projects and SLE Equipment Projects subseries (1.2) includes correspondence between SLE and clients, handwritten notes, contracts, income statements, project lists, flow charts, resumes, job tickets, invoices, estimates, proposals and proposal drafts.

Subjects include proposals for restoration reports, discussions between SLE employees and clients at various stages of reports, restoration work on locomotives for exhibit in specialty restaurants, research on Virginia & Truckee equipment at the Nevada State Railroad Museum, research of Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe equipment for the Kansas State Historical Society, maintenance of equipment for excursion railroads, examination of potential purchase of branch lines, Sierra Railroad excursions and participation of Short Line Enterprises-owned equipment at the 1981 grand opening of the California State Railroad Museum. Arranged alphabetically and then by subject for larger files.

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Subseries 1.1. Motion Picture and Television Projects

1.1.1 General Business:

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- 1:1 Advertisements, 1980-1983
- 1:2 Car moves, 1985
- 1:3 Contacts, 1985
- 1:4 Correspondence, 1980
- 1:5 Correspondence, 1980
- 1:6 Correspondence, 1980
- 1:7 Correspondence, 1981
- 1:8 Correspondence, 1982
- 1:9 Correspondence, 1983
- 1:10 Kirtlan Land and Farming Company, Lease to, 1984-1987
- 1:11 Newhall Land and Farming Company, 1984-1985
- 1:12 Notes, 1978-1979
- 1:13 Notes, 1987
- 1:14 Proposals, 1969
- 1:15 Sierra Railroad -- Advertisements, 1976-1982
- 1:16 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1975
- 1:17 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1976
- 1:18 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1976
- 1:19 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1976
- 1:20 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1976
- 1:21 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1976
- 1:22 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1977
- 2:1 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1977
- 2:2 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1978
- 2:3 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1979
- 2:4 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1979
- 2:5 Sierra Railroad -- Correspondence, 1980-1982
- 2:6 Sierra Railroad -- Stan Garner notebooks, 1977
- 2:7 Sierra Railroad -- Stan Garner notebooks, 1980
- 2:8 Shop / storage building, Newhall, 1980s
- 2:9 Tariffs and agreements, 1979-1980
- 2:10 Tariffs and agreements, 1981-1982
- 2:11 Tariffs and agreements, 1983-1984
- 1.1.2 Specific Projects
- 2:12 Blake Edwards Production, 1987
- 2:13 Cannon Films: The Presidents' Wife, 1986
- 2:14 Coast Productions, 1985
- 2:15 David Wolper Productions, 1974
- 2:16 EMI Television Programs, Orphan Train, 1979-1980
- 2:17 Lovinger / Cohen Associates, 1986
- 2:18 Man Who Broke 1000 Chains, 1986
- 2:19 Ogilvy and Mather, 1985
- 2:20 Orion Films: Three Amigos, 1985
- 2:21 Orion Films: Throw Momma from the Train, 1987
- 2:22 Paramount: Macgyver, 1986
- 2:23 Paramount: Macgyver, 1986
- 2:24 Paramount: Macgyver, 1987
- 3:1 Raleigh Film & Television Studio: Chattanooga Choo Choo, 1983
- 3:2 Raleigh Film & Television Studio: Chattanooga Choo Choo, 1983

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3:3 Raleigh Film and Telvision Studio: Chattanooga Choo Choo, 1983
3:4 Stephen J. Cannell Productions, Hardcastle & McCormick, "Something's Goining on in this Train," 1985
3:5 Steve Horn Productions, 1987
3:6 Universal Pictures: Midnight Run, 1987
3:7 Walt Disney Productions, Tough Guys, 1985
3:8 Warner Brothers, [unidentified production], Eureka & Palisades steam locomotive No. 4, 1986
3:9 Warner Brothers: Kung Fu, 1974
3:10 Warner Brothers: Kung Fu, 1987
3:11 Warner Brothers: Lost Boys, 1986
1.2 Restoration Projects and SLE Equipment Projects
Box: Folder
4:1 Cal Nevada cars, 1985
4:2 SLE equipment (Sierra No. 8) at California State Railroad Museum, 1981
4:3 SLE equipment (Sierra No. 8) at California State Railroad Museum, 1981
4:4 SLE equipment (Sierra No. 8) at California State Railroad Museum, 1981
4:5 Harrahs, Nevada, 1986
4:6 Historic Red Clay Valley, Buffalo Creek & Cauley No. 14, 1987
4:7 Kansas State Historical Society [KSHS] -- AT&SF steam locomotive No. 1, "Cyrus K. Holliday," 1984
4:8 - 4:10 Kansas State Historical Society -- AT&SFsteam locomotive No. 1, 1985
4:11 - 4:12 KSHS -- AT&SF business car No. 410, 1986
4:13 - 4:14 KSHS -- Drover's caboose D 911, exhibition car, 1985
4:15 - 4:17 KSHS -- Drover's caboose D 911, exhibition car, 1986
4:18 KSHS -- Drover's caboose D 911, exhibition car, 1987
4:19 KSHS -- Motor cars D 917 and D 918, 1985
5:1 C. Mondavi and Sons, 1985
5:2 Nevada State Fair, 1986-1987
5:3 Nevada State Railroad Museum [NSRM] -- General, 1980-1982
5:4 NSRM -- General, 1983-1987
5:5 NSRM -- Angel's Flight car restoration, 1985
5:6 NSRM -- Angel's Flight car restoration, 1986-1987
5:7 NSRM -- Boulder City Branch Study, 1984-1985
5:8 NSRM -- Boulder City Branch Study, 1986
5:9 NSRM -- Boulder City Branch Study, 1986
5:10 NSRM -- Boulder City Branch Study, 1986
5:11 NSRM -- Carson & Tahoe Lumber and Fluming Company narrow gauge steam locomotive No. 2 "Glenbrook," 1981-1982
5:12 NSRM -- Carson & Tahoe Lumber and Fluming Company narrow gauge steam locomotive No. 2 "Glenbrook," 1985
5:13 NSRM -- Shop crane, 1986-1987
5:14 NSRM -- Maintenance and operations, 1986-1987
5:15 NSRM -- Museum gun carousel, 1986
5:16 NSRM -- Steam Expo '86, Vancouver, Canada, 1985
5:17 NSRM -- Tonopah & Goldfield Railroad / Virginia & Truckee Railway gasoline motor car No. 99, 1984-1985
5:18 NSRM -- Turntable, 1982
5:19 NSRM -- Miscellaneous V&T equipment, 1980-1985
5:20 NSRM -- V&T -- Miscellaneous coach headliners, 1983-1984
6:1 Nevada. Division of State Parks [NDSP] -- V&T -- Steam locomotives Nos. 18 and 22, 1979
6:2 NDSP -- V&T -- Steam locomotives Nos. 18 and 22, 1979
6:3 NDSP -- V&T -- Steam locomotives Nos. 18 and 22, 1980-1982
6:4 NDSP -- V&T -- Steam locomotive No. 18, 1981
6:5 NDSP -- V&T -- Steam locomotive No. 18, 1982-1989
6:6 NDSP -- V&T -- Steam locomotive No. 22 "Inyo," 1981-1984
6:7 NDSP -- V&T -- Steam locomotive No. 25 and tender, 1976
6:8 NDSP -- V&T -- Steam locomotive No. 25 and tender, 1976
6:9 NSRM -- V&T -- Steam locomotive No. 25 and tender, 1980
6:10 NSRM -- V&T -- Steam locomotive No. 25 and tender, 1982
6:11 NSRM -- V&T -- Paint research, 1982-1983
6:12 NSRM -- V&T -- Paint research, circa 1982-1983
6:13 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock (9 pieces), 1986
6:14 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Box car No. 1005, 1983
6:15 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Caboose No. 24, 1986
6:16 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Caboose No. 24, 1987
6:17 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Caboose No. 24, 1987
6:18 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Coach No. 4, 1983
6:19 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Coach No. 4, 1983
6:20 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Coach No. 4, 1983-1984
6:21 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Coaches Nos. 11 and 12, 1983-1984
6:22 NSRM -- V&T -- Rolling stock -- Tunnel cars Nos. 53 and 57, 1985-1986
6:23 NSRM -- V&T -- Symposiums, 1981-1982
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- 9:5 V&T -- Leases, 1973
- 9:6 V&T -- Leases, 1975
- 9:7 9:8 V&T -- Leases, 1976
- 9:9 V&T -- Leases, 1977
- 9:10 White Pine Historical Railroad Foundation, Nevada Northern Railroad materials study, 1983-1985
- 9:11 White Pine Historical Railroad Foundation, Nevada Northern Railroad materials study, 1986

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Series 2. FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1967-1989. 8 boxes + 1 half-box

Series 2. Financial Records is divided into four subseries some of which are further divided:

- 2.1 Financial Statements and Summaries
- 2.2 Insurance
- 2.3 Invoices
- 2.3.1 Incoming Invoices
- 2.3.2 Outgoing invoices
- 2.3.3 Vendors invoices

2.4 Taxes and Relations with Government Agencies

Includes an annual reports to stockholders, cash disbursement sheets, bank transaction forms, invoices, packing slips, expense reports, handwritten itemized partnership equity list, balance sheets, statements of operation, financial statements, project income statements, and worksheets. Material summarizes income from projects, SLE expenses, and business equity. Expense report files include copies of accompanying documentation such as bills and receipts. Arranged alphabetically by document type or subject.

Insurance (2.2) includes policy information, notices of intent to cancel and certificates of insurance for boilers from the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company. Subjects include policies for boilers, automobiles, liability and employee health coverage, eligibility and administrative fees. Arranged alphabetically by type of insurance.

Invoices (2.3) includes invoices sent to SLE with notations including date paid and check number, cash disbursement forms, and a few expense reports. There are a few folders containing invoices sent out by SLE to various clients. Contains bills for all aspects of SLE operations, including office expenses, insurance, advertising, photography, purchase of goods such as lumber, tools, hardware, paint and services such as moving equipment and metal-working.

Subseries 2.3 Invoices is divided into:

- 2.3.1 Incoming invoices
- 2.3.2 Outgoing invoices
- 2.3.3 Vendors invoices

Incoming invoices (2.3.1) are arranged chronologically.

Outgoing invoices (2.3.2) were sent to clients for work performed and for reimbursement for parts ordered for a project. Organized by project, administrative costs, parts and labor, and arranged chronologically.

Vendors' invoices (2.3.3) were submitted to SLE by businesses providing service, equipment and parts. Arranged alphabetically by vendor name.

Taxes and Relations with Government Agencies (2.4) includes information relating to an application for register of historic places in California, business licenses, information about incorporation, by-laws and taxes, notices about payment of payroll and business taxes, vouchers, certificates, and handwritten notes.

Subjects include tax information, company, property and employee tax payments from California, Nevada and the IRS. Also includes property taxes due upon final dissolution of SLE in 1998 and an audit by the Nevada State Industrial Insurance System. Arranged alphabetically.

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- 2. 1 Annual reports, 1980, 1981
- 1:2 Cash disbursement, 1987
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- 1:5 Financial statements, 1972
- 1:6 Financial statements, 1984
- 1:7 Financial summaries, 1981
- 1:8 Security Pacific National Bank, 1986-1988
- 1:9 Trial balances -- Tools, 1985
- 1:10 Wells Fargo Bank, 1973

Series 2.2 Insurance

- 2:1 Automobile insurance, 1987
- 2:2 Boiler insurance -- Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, 1971-1975
- 2:3 Boiler insurance -- Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, 1975-1977
- 2:4 Boiler insurance -- Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, 1978
- 2:5 Boiler insurance -- Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, 1979-1981
- 2:6 Boiler insurance -- Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, 1986-1987
- 2:7 Health insurance, 1981-1982
- 2:8 Health insurance, 1983
- 2:9 Health insurance, 1984
- 2:10 Health insurance, 1985-1987
- 2:11 Liability insurance, 1982-1987
- 2:12 Liability insurance, 1987

Series 2.3 Invoices

- 2.3.1. Invoices (Incoming)
- 3 1967-1975
- 4 1975-1981
- 5 1982
- 6 1983
- 7 1983-1984

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2.3.2 Invoices (Outgoing)
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2.3.3 Vendors' invoices
8:1 - 8:2 Al's Plumbing and Heating Supplies, 1988
8:3 Amerigas, 1987
8:4 Anamet Laboratories, 1987
8:5 "B", 1987-1988
8:6 Douglas W. Hughes, 1986
8:7 "C" - "Ce", 1986-1988
8:8 Carson Motor Supply, 1987-1988
8:9 "Ce" - "Ct", 1987-1988
8:10 "D" - "F", 1987-1988
8:11 Golden Express, 1986
8:12 "H" - "L," 1987
8:13 "M," 1987
8:14 Motorola Communication and Electronics, 1986
8:15 "N," 1987-1988
8:16 "P," 1986-1988
8:17 Peach's Lincoln Upholstery, 1985
8:18 PIX Productions, 1979-1982
8:19 "Q" - "R", 1986-1987
8:20 "S", 1985-1987
8:21 "T" - "V", 1987
8:22 "W" - "Z", 1987-1988
Series 2.4 Taxes and Relations with Government Agencies
9:1 California -- Arcadia business license, 1983-1989
9:2 California -- Department of Parks and Recreation -- National Register of Historic Places, 1979
9:3 California -- Dissolution of SLE, 1988
9:4 California -- Employment Development Department, 1978-1984
9:5 California -- Employment Development Department, 1985-1986
9:6 California -- Employment Development Department, 1987-1988
9:7 California -- State Board of Equalization, 1974-1980
9:8 California -- State Board of Equalization, 1986-1989
9:9 Nevada -- Employment Security Department -- Mailings, 1980-1986
9:10 Nevada -- Employment Security Department -- SLE contributions, 1981-1984
9:11 Nevada -- Employment Security Department -- SLE contributions, 1985-1987
9:12 Nevada -- Articles of incorporation; annual declaration of doing business in Nevada, 1980-1986
9:13 Nevada -- State Industrial Insurance System, 1987-1988
9:14 Nevada -- State tax information, 1988
9:15 United States Internal Revenue Service, 1976, 1986
9:16 United States Internal Revenue Service, 1987-1988
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Series 3. CORRESPONDENCE, 1969-1976, 1981-1983, 1987. 1 box

Includes incoming and outgoing typed and handwritten correspondence, some promotional material, newsletters and requests for proposals. Outgoing correspondence is generated by Logan Stanley Garner, Vice-President of Finance and Administration, except for two correspondence files which includes correspondence generated by Ronald G. Steiner and Stephen E. Drew on behalf of projects undertaken for SLE.

Subjects include: purchase and sale of locomotives, rolling stock and parts, operating an excursion railroad, leasing and renting equipment to various movie and television studios for use on film, restoration work and studies done for such clients as V&T Railroad, CSRM, NSRM and KSHS. There is also information about a major sale of SLE equipment in the early 1970s supervised by SLE employee and stockholder Ronald G. Steiner.

Arranged chronologically.

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Series 4. NOTES, 1970-1977, 1980-1987. 2 boxes

Includes handwritten notes, drafts of letters, reports, statistics, sketches, drawings, telephone messages, photocopied book pages, financial summaries and payroll lists. Most were collected and generated by Logan Stanley Garner.

These files represent Garner's initial thoughts and reactions to issues important to SLE, from personnel matters and financial issues to relations with clients and vendors.

Arranged chronologically.

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Box: folder

1:1 1970

1:2 1971

1:3 1972 1:4 - 1:6 1973

1:7 1974

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1:9 - 1:11 1976

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1:18 1982

2:1 - 2:2 1983

2:3 - 2:7 1984

2:8 - 2:11 1987

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Series 5. ADMINISTRATION, 1972-1986. 1 half-box

Series 5 : Administration includes SLE articles of incorporation, asset balance sheets, minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, lists of advertisers and partnership papers.

Includes information about the steps taken to incorporate and market SLE, securing operating rights, joint excursions, SLE's relocation to Sacramento, and the death of principal partner William A. Oden. Arranged by subject.

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Box : Folder

- 1:1 Articles of incorporation, Califronia, 1972
- 1:2 Articles of incorporation, California, 1973
- 1:3 Assets, liabilities, inventory, 1972-1973 1:4 Forms and letterhead, blank, undated
- 1:5 Board of Directors meetings, 1972
- 1:6 Board of Directors meetings, 1973
- 1:7 By-Laws, 1972, 1973
- 1:8 Company literature, 1974
- 1:9 Lease from Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, 1974
- 1:10 Excursions: Lightning Express, 1976-1978
- 1:11 Excursions: Lightning Express, 1978
- 1:12 Mailing lists, undated
- 1:13 Move to Sacramento, 1983
- 1:14 Excursion, Original Whistle Stop, 1979
- 1:15 Partnership papers, 1969
- 1:16 Postcard business with Shirley Burman, 1982-1986
- 1:17 William Oden, estate of, 1983

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Series 6. EQUIPMENT, 1972-1988. 1 half-box

Includes correspondence, an equipment roster, lists of lamps needed by SLE for restoration projects, registration documents for a SLE-owned truck, and a draft of an article written about SLE equipment.

Subjects include equipment purchases from Hollywood studios in the early 1970s, sale of equipment to the Nevada State Railroad Museum and the California State Railroad Museum in the late 1980s, and information about the licencing and maintenance of various vehicles.

Arranged alphabetically by specific piece of equipment or by subject. Series 3 : Correspondence also contains information about SLE equipment.

BOX LIST Box : Folder

- 1:1 "Return of the Lightning Express," typescript, 1978 1:2 Ford truck, 1985-1988
- 1:3 Lamps, 1986
- 1:4 Roster, 1973, 1975 1:5 California State Railroad Museum, sales to, 1986-1987
- 1:6 Nevada State Railroad Museum, sales to, 1985-1987
- 1:7 Paramount Pictures, purchases from,1972
 1:8 Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, purchases from,1972
- 1:9 Components, purchases, 1971 1:10 M 19 Series D Fairmont Railway Motors motor car and trailer, 1985-1987

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