

MS 493 GUY L. DUNSCOMB PAPERS

1937-1999. 7 boxes + 1 oversize box

At the time of his death in September 2000, Guy Dunscomb had been working with Robert Pecotich on a revised edition of SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM PICTORIAL, Volume II. This collection includes correspondence, corrections, notes and copies for the new manuscript.

PROVENANCE Gift of Robert A. Pecotich (387-1568) 2001 and 2002

HISTORICAL INFORMATION Guy L. Dunscomb was a prominent railroad photographer and historian. He was born May 24, 1915 in Chicago and in 1920 moved to a citrus ranch in Lindcove, California. Dunscomb had his first contact with trains there, as the Visalia Electric passed his family's ranch. In 1932, Dunscomb took his first photograph, of a Southern Pacific steam locomotive, in Santa Cruz, California. This was the beginning of a collection which would grow to include 20,000 locomotive images.

Dunscomb's working life was spent at the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. In the 1930s, he began working for the Southern Pacific Freight Traffic Department. After serving in the Army for 4 years during World War II, he moved to Modesto in 1947 and worked for three years as a printer before returning to Southern Pacific in 1950 to work in the Operating Department. In 1959, Dunscomb transferred to the Pacific Motor Trucking Company. He retired in 1977.

Dunscomb authored nine railroad books, which he published himself. His first book, DIVISION MAPS OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC, co-authored with Al Rose, was published in 1949. It was followed by ALBUM OF WESTERN LOCOMOTIVES (1950), and A CENTURY OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM LOCOMOTIVES (1963). Dunscomb wrote several books in collaboration with Fred Stindt, including: WESTERN PACIFIC STEAM LOCOMOTIVES, PASSENGER TRAINS AND CARS (1980). He collaborated with his son Donald Dunscomb on WESTERN STEAM PICTORIAL (1988).

Dunscomb's final collaboration was with his son Donald K. Dunscomb and Robert A. Pecotich, a Silicon Valley resident and railroad photographer and historian. The first volume of SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM PICTORIAL was published in 1991 and the second volume in 1999.

Dunscomb passed away on September 1, 2000 at his home in Modesto. He was survived by his wife, Eileen; children Marilyn Reineka of Merced and Donald Dunscomb of Roseburg, Oregon, as well as several grandchildren.

Dunscomb was a prominent figure in many railroad organizations, including the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, and the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society.

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MS 493 GUY L. DUNSCOMB COLLECTION**1. PUBLICATIONS**

Includes drafts of photo captions for the books: SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM PICTORIAL, Volume I (1991) and SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM PICTORIAL, Volume II (1999), text, research and editing notes, and correspondence about the books. Organized chronologically by book and then by edition. Volume I of SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM PICTORIAL had two editions: the first was the California Edition, in April 1991 and the second was the Shasta or Cascade Edition, which came out later in 1991. An addendum was also prepared to Volume I. Files for both books are organized chronologically by page number or by locomotive number. Page proofs are organized chronologically by page number. The various corrections of Volume I did not consistently put the locomotives in page number order. The page proofs include notes.

BOX LIST**THE NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD: REDWOOD EMPIRE ROUTE**

- Box 1 Folder 1 The Northwestern Pacific Railroad: Redwood Empire Route
- SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM PICTORIAL, Volume I
- Box 1 Folder 2 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- California Edition -- Locomotives 1000-1500 series
- Box 1 Folder 3 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- California Edition -- Locomotives 1600-1900 series
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- Box 1 Folder 5 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- California Edition -- Appendix -- Locomotive Appliances
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- Box 1 Folder 12 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- California Edition -- Page Proof -- Appendix: SP Tender History, 1870-1913
- OV 1 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- California Edition -- Printer's Proof
- Box 2 Folder 1 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- Cascade Edition -- Introduction
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- Box 2 Folder 5 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- Cascade Edition -- Locomotive 2400 series
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- Box 2 Folder 7 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- Cascade Edition -- Correspondence, 1991
- Box 2 Folder 8 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- Cascade Edition -- Prologue
- Box 2 Folder 9 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- Cascade Edition -- Addendum, 1992 (1 of 6)
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- Box 2 Folder 15 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- Cascade Edition -- Photocopy
- Box 2 Folder 16 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I -- Cascade Edition -- Additional notes on locomotives
- Box 2 Folder 17 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume I - Retail sales information
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- Box 3 Folder 3 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume II -- Introduction (3 of 3)
- Box 3 Folder 4 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume II -- Locomotive 2900 Series
- Box 3 Folder 5 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume II -- Locomotive 3000 Series
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- Box 4 Folder 5 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume II -- Appendix -- Southern Pacific Tender History, 1914 to 1956 (1 of 4)
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- Box 4 Folder 10 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume II -- Appendix -- Business Car Symbol List -- Central Pacific (2 of 2)
- Box 4 Folder 11 SP Steam Pictorial, Volume II -- Appendix -- Business Car Symbol List -- El Paso & Southwestern
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2. TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

Includes: newsletters, announcements, itineraries, timetables, ribbons, railroad histories which relate to special excursion trains or trips which Dunscomb may have taken or planned to take.

Includes promotional materials from various museums, historical societies and other places of interest which were collected by Dunscomb presumably during his trips. Includes maps, pamphlets, and brief histories of sites in California, New Mexico, Wyoming, Oregon, Utah, Montana, and Nevada.

Includes maps, lists of photos in Dunscomb's personal collection and newspaper clippings about such topics as the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, Tuolumne County, and excursions of the California-Nevada Railroad Historical Society.

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3. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence with railroad historian Fred A. Stindt. Organized chronologically.

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