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This collection represents one part of Western railroad historian David L. Myrick's papers. Additional archival material, photographs and maps pertaining to Nevada are available at the Nevada State Railroad Museum. Material pertaining to Mr. Myrick's book about Western Pacific can be found at Colorado Railroad Museum Archives in Golden, Colorado.

This collection has been arranged into the following six series:

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION David Myrick was born on June 17, 1918 in Santa Barbara. He went to college in Santa Barbara State College (liberal arts) for two years and Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts (business administration).

From 1940 to 1944, Mr. Myrick worked for Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, San Diego. In 1944, he became a general clerk in the Southern Pacific Presidents Office in San Francisco and was Assistant to the Vice President of the Treasury Department by the time he retired in 1977. Mr. Myrick generally received assignments related to financial matters, bond refinancing, stockholders' relations, special studies concerning a variety of phases of the Company's activities and mergers or acquisitions. He served as corporate director of several affiliates such as Southern Pacific Communications Company (Sprint).

Myrick wrote many books about the history of railroads in Nevada, California, Arizona and New Mexico. Additionally there have been about 140 published articles, book reviews, and pamphlets relating to railroad history.

A partial bibliography of David F. Myrick's writings are available in Series 2. Writings.

Books include: RAILROADS OF NEVADA AND EASTERN CALIFORNIA (1962-1963, 1992, 2007)

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE HISTORIES OF PIONEER ARIZONA RAILROADS (1968)

REFINANCING AND REBUILDING THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (1969)

NEW MEXICO'S RAILWAYS: AN HISTORICAL SURVEY (1970)

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VENTURA COUNTY RAILROADS (1987-1988)

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RAILROADS OF ARIZONA, Vols. 1-4. (1975-2001)

WESTERN PACIFIC: THE LAST TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD (2006)

SOUTHERN PACIFIC WATER LINES: MARINE BY AND RIVER OPERATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC SYSTEM (2007)

RAILS AROUND THE BOHEMIAN GROVE, 1973

SAN FRANCISCO'S TELEGRAPH HILL, 1972

Myrick was the editor and publisher of the TELGRAPH HILL BULLETIN (San Francisco, 1955-1960), and the Vice President & Director of THE DAKOTA FARMER (Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1961-1967).

He belonged to the Santa Barbara Historical Society, Nevada Historical Society, Arizona Historical Society, Center for Latin American Studies, Book Club of California, Roxburghe Club of San Francisco, American Association for State & Local History, Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum, San Francisco, the Westerners - S.B. Corral, Tucson Corral, and Casa del Herrero Foundation.

David Myrick died on September 24, 2011 at the age of 93.

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1. RESEARCH

This series consists of material compiled by David Myrick for research purposes, particularly related to subjects that appear in his published works. This material includes handwritten research notes and notebooks, photocopies of railroad business records, articles of incorporation, annual reports, incoming and outgoing correspondence, newspaper clippings, legal records, brochures, maps and technical drawings, photographs, and photocopies of articles obtained at various research institutions.

It is divided into 3 subseries:

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Subseries 1. Notebooks and notecards, 1957-2002

This subseries contains twenty handwritten notebooks on Nevada and one on Arizona, including an index notebook for each. The notebook entries consist of both quoted excerpts and/or brief descriptions of articles that David Myrick consulted for research, along with the publication title and date. The publications consulted include Mining and Scientific Press, Elko Independent, and Battle Mountain Messenger.

All notebooks begin with a letter signifying Arizona (A) or Nevada (N), followed by a number. The notebooks are thus arranged in alpha-numeric order.

This subseries also contains a number of handwritten notecards which list information related to that recorded in David Myrick's notebooks. This information includes indexes to articles, citations, location data, and historical summaries of the operations of specific railroad companies.

Subseries 2. Subjects, 1900-2001

This subseries contains material on a variety of subjects, including line or mileage changes, mergers, public lands, and newspapers, with a significant proportion of material on both mining and lumber companies and specific geographic locations across the United States. These locations include places in Arizona (such as Bisbee) and California (such as Bodie, Copperopolis, and Mother Lode Country), with additional material on Eastern and Western states including Colorado, Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Philadelphia, Texas and Washington.

Of particular interest were the annual reports of mining companies, detailing the yields, production levels and financial information that were presented to stockholders; an Archaeological Consultant Proposal by SWCA, Inc. for a project in Arizona, including a resume for David Myrick who worked as a consultant on the project; articles of incorporation for various companies including the Lassen Lumber & Box Company and the Red River Lumber Company; biographies written by David Myrick on Darius Ogden Mills, president of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, and Ransom Reed Cable, president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad; a History of Mining in Death Valley National Monument, Volumes I & II, produced by the National Park Service; and research notes on the ethnic groups employed in railroad construction in Arizona, California, and Nevada, with particular emphasis on Chinese railroad workers.

Arranged alphabetically, and sorted into three groups: locations, mining and lumber, and general.

Subseries 3. Railroad & related companies

This subseries contains research on railroad and related companies that largely operated in the United States, with notable companies including: Arizona Eastern; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Atlantic & Pacific; Central Pacific; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; El Paso & Southwestern; Galveston, Houston & San Antonio; Hueneme, Malibu & Port Los Angeles; Northwestern Pacific; San Diego & Arizona; Southern Pacific; Texas & Pacific; Union Pacific; and Western Pacific.

This subseries also contains material on companies that operated in Central and South America, as well as Canada, Europe and Africa.

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2. WRITINGS

Includes handwritten and typed drafts of manuscripts, articles, book introductions and reviews by David Myrick, correspondence, captions for photographs, corrections to manuscripts, edits, unbound printed copies, and publications containing published articles.

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3. CORRESPONDENCE

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Subseries 1. People, 1950s-2000s, 1 linear foot

Arranged alphabetically by last name. Those mentioned include: Gary G. Allen, Don Bufkin, Helen Carlson, Gordon Chappell, Norman Cleaveland, Guy L. Dunscomb, Lynn D. Farrar, John Fickewirth, Bernard Fontana, Vernon J. Glover, Robert O. Greenawalt, Cornelius W. Hauck, Don Hofsommer, Robert Lennon, A.D. McLennan, Arnold Menke, Al Phelps, Robert H. Spude, Sterling Sessions, Ed von Nordeck, Larry Vredenburg, and Ted Wurm.

Subseries 2. Societies, 1960s-2010s, 1 linear foot

Arranged alphabetically by society name. Those mentioned in correspondence include: Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society, Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum, Central Nevada Historical Society, Cochise County Historical & Archaeological Society, Colorado Railroad Museum, DeGolyer Foundation Library, Jerome Historical Society, the Lexington Group in Transportation History, Mining History Association, Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society, Old Pueblo Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, M.H. Sherman Foundation, Silver City Museum Society, Skull Valley Historical Society, Southwestern Mission Research Center, Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society, Western History Association, and Western Writers of America.

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Arranged alphabetically by subject. Subjects include newsletters and other publications, membership renewals, and information about railroads in Arizona, California, Nevada, and other Western U.S. States, and also Central and South America.

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4. RAILROAD CORPORATE RECORDS

This series contains corporate records for the Southern Pacific Company and its subsidiaries and predecessors including Southern Pacific of Mexico, Central Pacific, Arizona Eastern Railroad, and Nacozari Railroad. Other railroad companies include Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, New Mexico & Arizona, and Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

Types of material include executive files, press releases, personnel issues, memos, branch line and joint facilities studies, deeds of sale, circulars, abandonments, tunnel data, a five-year plan by Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, tariffs, annual reports, equipment records, and minutes of board meetings.

This series contains important corporate material on the Southern Pacific of Mexico, in particular a deed of Sale between the Government of Mexico and Southern Pacific Railroad Company of Mexico, granting the former all operating rights over the SP de Mexico as of December 21, 1951, an historical, operating and general report on Southern Pacific of Mexico, with details of the corporate and operations history up until November 1937.

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Includes announcements, invitations, schedules, tickets, luggage tags, railroad promotional material, book and auction catalogues relating to railroads, tourist railroads, and excursions sponsored by various railroad historical societies or groups to which David Myrick belonged. Catalogues of railroad material for sale have been included.

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