

# **Guide to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company Records**

**WA MSS S-2704**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-2704

**CREATOR:** Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company

**TITLE:** Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company records

**DATES:** 1908-1974

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5.34 linear feet (16 boxes) + 5 rolls

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of photographs, blueprints, drawings, and reports that document the construction, maintenance, and repair of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad from Sausalito, California to Eureka, California.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2001.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Processing Information

Former call number: Uncat MSS 119

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization, in 2012.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

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## Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad runs between Marin and Humboldt Counties in California, much of it following the course of the South Fork of the Eel River. It was founded in the late nineteenth century as a joint venture of the Sante Fe and Southern Pacific Railroads. Portions of the railroad remain in operation in 2012.

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## Scope and Contents

The records consist of photographs, blueprints, drawings, and reports that document the construction, maintenance, and repair of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad from Sausalito, California to Eureka, California.

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Photographs, 1931-1971. II. Drawings and Blueprints, 1908-1974. III. Other Records, 1914-1962.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Photographs, 1931-1971

2.09 linear feet (5 boxes)

Series I consists of photographs (including prints and negatives) that document the construction, maintenance, and repair of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad. Many of the photographs are identified in accompanying notes or labels; some are unidentified and undated.

Not arranged in any particular order.

b. 1	Notes	undated
b. 1	Unidentified	1939-1960
b. 1	Pepperwood and Unidentified	1967
b. 1	Berger Creek slide	1971
b. 1	Unidentified	1947
b. 1	Mile posts 173, 196, Unidentified	undated
b. 1	Unidentified 3 Folders	undated
b. 1	Mile post 190, Tunnel 3	1932
b. 1	Bridge 257.84	1960
b. 2	Unidentified	1948-1954
b. 2	Mile post 189 to 190.20, Ramsey 4 Folders	undated
b. 2	Mile post 193 to 194, Slides	1935
b. 2	Mile post 168 to 171, Storm damage	1958
b. 2	Mile post 190	1935
b. 2	Rohnert Park Bicycle Paths	undated
b. 2	Mile post 228.82, Tunnel 36	1935
b. 3	Tunnel 39, Cave-in 2 Folders	1967
b. 3	Bell Springs	1937-1961
b. 3	South Fork, Unidentified	1931-1961
b. 3	South Fork	1942-1956
b. 3	Nanning Creek Trestle, Unidentified	1960
b. 3	Scotia Bluffs	1936, undated

b. 3	Tunnel 31	1955-1958
b. 3	Glory Hole, Tunnel 4, Unidentified	1960-1962
b. 4	Arial photographs of Tunnel 18	1960
b. 4	Arial photographs of Tunnel 19	1960
b. 4	Trestle Camp 9, Tunnel 26, Unidentified	1938-1957
b. 4	Mile post 194 to 196	1952-1954
b. 4	Mile post 167, Dos Rios	1958-1960, undated
b. 4	Mile post 187 to 189	1943-1958, undated
b. 4	Mile post 190 to 197	1938-1958, undated
b. 4	Mile post 198 to 200, Kekawaka	1935-1958
b. 4	Mile post 240 to 248	1948-1959, undated
b. 5	South Fork	1960
b. 5	Tunnel 16	1930s
b. 5	Scotia Bluffs	1972
b. 5	Pepperwood	1957?
b. 5	Tunnel 26	1957
b. 5	Tunnel 31	1955
b. 5	Unidentified	circa 1955
b. 5	Scotia Bluffs	1936-1958
b. 5	Island Mountain	1956-1960
b. 5	Mile post 196	1957
b. 5	Kekawaka Creek	undated
b. 5	Notes	undated
b. 5	Mile post 190	1954

**Series II: Drawings and Blueprints, 1908-1974***3.04 linear feet (9 boxes)*

Series II consists of drawings and blueprints that document the construction, maintenance, and repair of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad.

Not arranged in any particular order.

b. 6	Drawings	circa 1950-circa 1970
b. 7	Drawings and blueprints <i>3 Folders</i>	1920-1923
b. 8	Drawings and blueprints	1923-1973
b. 9	Drawings and blueprints	1965-1973
b. 10	Drawings and blueprints	1913-1966
b. 11	Drawings and blueprints	1934-1974
b. 12	Drawings and blueprints	1914-1965
b. 13	Drawings and blueprints	1942-1973
b. 14	Right of way plats	1908
b. 21	Right of way plats	1908

**Series III: Records, 1914-1962**

*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Series III consists of an abstract describing deeds and ordinances relating to the Sausalito Land & Ferry Company, and reports relating to a landslide near mile post 201.

Arranged chronologically.

b. 15	"Abstract of instruments affecting the county road at Waldo Point near the town of Sausalito"	1914
b. 15	Report on landslide near mile post 201 <i>2 Folders</i>	1962



**Series IV: Maps**  
*5 rolls*

b. 16 (Roll)	Maps
b. 17 (Roll)	Maps
b. 18 (Roll)	Maps
b. 19 (Roll)	Maps
b. 20 (Roll)	Maps

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Landslides -- California  
Pacific railroads  
Photography of railroads -- California  
Railroad bridges -- California -- Design and construction  
Railroad bridges -- California -- Maintenance and repair  
Railroad construction workers -- California -- Pictorial works  
Railroad engineers -- California  
Railroads -- California -- Design and construction  
Railroads -- California -- Maintenance and repair  
Railroad tracks -- Maintenance and repair  
Railroad tunnels -- California -- Design and construction  
Railroad tunnels -- California -- Maintenance and repair

### **Geographic Names**

Eel River (Calif.)  
Humboldt County (Calif.)  
Marin County (Calif.)  
Mendocino County (Calif.)  
Sonoma County (Calif.)  
Trinity County (Calif.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Blueprints (reprographic copies) -- California -- 20th Century  
Photographic prints -- California -- 20th Century

### **Occupations**

Railroad engineers -- California -- 20th Century

### **Corporate Body**

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company