

Guide to the Andrew J. Russell Photographs Taken During Construction of the Union Pacific Railroad

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CREATOR: Russell, Andrew J., 1829-1902

TITLE: Andrew J. Russell photographs taken during construction of the Union Pacific Railroad

DATES: 1864-1869

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 linear feet (4 portfolios, 203 photographic prints)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY: Consists of 203 black and white photographic prints depicting the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad in Wyoming and Utah. The photographs were commissioned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company and taken by Andrew J. Russell between 1864 and 1869. Includes images of laborers, military personnel, housing, living and work conditions, as well as Shoshone men, including Chief Pocatello, Mormon families, and Salt Lake City.

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Biographical / Historical

Andrew J. Russell (1829-1902) was an American photographer, known for his photographs of the American Civil War and as official photographer of the Union Pacific Railway in Wyoming and Utah. He published the Union Pacific photographs in several publications including the *Union Pacific Railroad Views*.

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