



## Summary Information

**Title:** Jay Morrison East Texas Railroad Photographs

**Collection Number:** 2001:036

**Creator:** William J. Morrison

**Collection Dates:** c. 1914-2003, bulk 1950s, 1970s, 1990s

**Extent:** 2 cubic feet (2 boxes and 3 albums containing approximately 781 photographs; also 14 artifacts)

**Language:** English

## Collection Abstract:

William Jackson Morrison, better known as “Mr. Jay,” was an engineer for the Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad and the Angelina and Neches River Railroad, and was a lifelong railroad enthusiast. This collection of photographs depicts several East Texas railroads associated with the lumber industry, most notably the Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad, the Angelina and Neches River Railroad, the Texas South-Eastern Railroad, and the Texas State Railroad among others.

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## Biographical/Historical Note:

William Jackson Morrison, better known as “Mr. Jay,” was born on September 9, 1912 in Chireno, Texas and died on February 23, 2007 in Lufkin. He was an engineer for the Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad, which served the W. T. Carter and Brother Lumber Company operations. In 1956 he left the MC&SA and became an engineer and conductor for the Angelina and Neches River Railroad, which served the operations of the Angelina County Lumber Company, Southland Paper Mills, and Southwest Color, among several other Lufkin-area businesses. Morrison retired in 1976 and remained a lifelong railroad enthusiast, including serving as an engineer with the Texas State Railroad tourist line in the late 1970s and early 1980s. With friends he would travel East Texas and photograph locomotives, rolling stock, and motor cars that were mostly associated with East Texas lumber companies. He was

fond of the MC&SA engine 6, referring to it as his “favorite engine.” Morrison was also a member of the Corrigan Masonic Lodge No. 1103 AF&AM.

### **Collection Scope and Content:**

The Jay Morrison Railroad Photographs collection depicts several East Texas short line railroads that are mostly associated with the lumber industry. The photographs were taken or collected by Mr. Morrison. The railroads most often depicted are the Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad, the Angelina and Neches River Railroad, the Texas State Railroad, the Texas South-Eastern Railroad, and the railroads of W.T. Carter & Brother Lumber Company and Angelina County Lumber Company. There are several photographs of the MC&SA engine 6, Morrison’s favorite engine, MC&SA engine 201, A&NRR engine 110, and the Texas State Railroad engine 200. Other railroads photographed are the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity and Sabine Railway, the Eureka Springs and North Arkansas Railway, and Southern Pacific. Some notable photos include the last Southern Pacific passenger train through Moscow in August 1954. Some photographs were originally scanned as loans from the donor(s), and these were printed and labeled as “reference prints” for inclusion in the collection. Digital copies also exist. Some of the photographs, particularly those dated from the 1950s-1960s, were taken by noted railroad photographers A. E. Brown (1914-1981), R. W. Keeling, and Joe R. Thompson. Additionally, the collection includes fourteen railroad tools used for track or rolling stock maintenance.

**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged and described at the collection level.

### **Subject Terms**

#### **Topics**

- Baldwin locomotives
- Diesel locomotives
- Railroad motorcars
- Railroads -- Texas, East
- Railroads -- Pictorial works
- Steam locomotives

#### **Corporate Names**

- Angelina and Neches River Railroad Company
- Eureka Springs and North Arkansas Railway
- Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad
- Southern Pacific Railroad Company
- Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company
- Texas State Railroad
- Waco, Beaumont, Trinity and Sabine Railway Company

#### **Personal Names**

- Morrison, Jay

#### **Genres**

- Photographs

#### **Locations**

- Angelina County (Tex.)
- Camden (Tex.)
- Galveston (Tex.)
- Moscow (Tex.)

- Rusk (Tex.)
- Texas, East

## Access and Use

**Access Restrictions:** There are no access restrictions on this collection.

**Acquisition Information:** This collection is comprised of the following accessions, all donated by Jay Morrison: 2001:036, donated on July 2, 2001; 2002:010, donated on January 30, 2002; 2002:056, donated on July 26, 2002; 2003:080, donated in July 2003; 2004:084, donated on December 20, 2004; and 2006:012, donated on March 16, 2006. Accession 2007:009 was donated on March 12, 2007 by Willie Morrison, W. J. Morrison's son.

**Custodial History:** The records in this collection were created or collected by Jay Morrison over his lifetime before donating them to the History Center.

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### Related Material:

Additional A. E. Brown photographs of Southern Pine Lumber Company locomotives can be found in A. E. Brown Photographs of Southern Pine Lumber Company Locomotives, c. 1951-1963, 2002:071, The History Center, Diboll, TX.

Additional photographs of the Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad Company can be found in the Haskell Welch's Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad Slides, 1961, 2001:017, The History Center, Diboll, TX; also in the Mallory Hope Ferrell's Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad Photographs, 1956-1960, 2007:026, The History Center, Diboll, TX.

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## Collection Inventory

### Box 1

Folder 1	Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad; Texas South-Eastern Railroad; Angelina and Neches River Railroad, 12 photos, 1946, 1950s, 1963
Folder 2	Angelina County Lumber Company; Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad; Texas State Railroad Ticket (Reference Prints), 7 photos, 1956-1957, 1962, 1976
Folder 3	Boy with Engine 109, possibly Benford, Polk County, c. 1920
Folder 4	Angelina County Lumber Company; Angelina and Neches River Railroad; Texas South-Eastern Railroad; Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad; Motor Car Excursions, approx. 94 photos, c. 1950s-1990s
Folder 5	Mr. Jay as a child, Texas State Railroad, Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad, Carter-Kelley Lumber Company, Dunagan Station, Keltys (Reference Prints), 17 photos, c. 1914-2003
Folder 6	Angelina County Lumber Company, Southern Pacific, Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engine 13, Lufkin, 18 photos, undated, 1913, 1999-2000

### Box 2

- Folder 1      *Houston Post* Magazine, Articles on Sawmill Towns of Aldridge and Camden, July 16, 1967.
- Item 1        Panoramic Photograph of W. T. Carter & Brother Lumber Company Hardwood Department Workers, 1930s
- Item 2        Panoramic Photograph of W. T. Carter & Brother Lumber Company Pine Department Workers, 1930s
- Album 1       Railroad Photographs, approx. 192 photos, c. 1970-2000
- Album 2       Railroad Photographs, approx. 337 photos, c. 1950-2000
- Album 3       Railroad Photographs, approx. 101 photos, c. 1950-2000

**Railroad Artifacts**

- 2 Journal Box Lifters
- 8 Railroad Hammers
- 1 Air Brake Hose
- 1 Caboose Air Pressure Pipe
- 1 Gauge Checker
- 1 Coupler