



Summary Information

Title: A. E. Brown Photographs of Southern Pine Lumber Company Locomotives

Collection Number: 2002:071

Creator: A. E. Brown, as photographer; Louis Saillard, as collector

Collection Dates: c. 1951-2003, bulk 1951-1963

Extent: .25 cubic feet (1 box)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

This collection consists of original negatives created by railroad photographer A. E. Brown depicting Southern Pine Lumber Company engines 13 and 20, as well as *A Symphony in Steam* 1959 audio recording of the Angelina and Neches River Railroad engine 110 operated by William "Mr. Jay" Morrison. Also included is a small amount of correspondence and copy prints of the negatives.

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Author/Processing Information: Processed by Matt Gorzalski in April 2012.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Albert Emery Brown was born in Akron, Ohio on July 9, 1914. He and his family moved to Shreveport, Louisiana c. 1918 after his father was killed in World War I. Shreveport was an industrial and trade center where at least seven railroads converged. Brown's interest in railroads, particularly steam locomotives, grew in this environment and he began collecting time cards as a teenager in the 1920s. As the Great Depression reduced railroad traffic nationwide, and surviving companies began converting from steam to diesel engines, Brown began photographing railroads to preserve their legacy and memory. By 1934 he was traveling a 220 mile radius around Shreveport photographing railroads. Increased railroad traffic during World War II provided more opportunity for photography. In 1952 he published *Locomotives and Trains of the Kansas City Southern, Louisiana & Arkansas Railways*. Brown's service in the Air Force led him to move to Sheppard Air Force Base in 1954 in Wichita Falls, Texas where

he continued photography. In 1956 he was stationed at Brize-Norton Air Force Base in England, returning to Shreveport in 1957 and working as a certified public accountant. Brown died in Shreveport on June 14, 1981 and is buried in there.

Collection Scope and Content:

The A. E. Brown Photographs of Southern Pine Lumber Company Locomotives consists of original black and white and color negatives of the Southern Pine Lumber Company and/or Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company engines 13 and 20 in the early 1950s. There are 10 photographs of engine 20 and 11 of engine 13. The 21 negatives and correspondence was originally a part of railroad photographer A. E. Brown's collection. There are also 26 copy prints created by History Center staff. The three original letters between Brown and Texas South-Eastern Railroad managers discuss Brown's work in Diboll and with the TSE. The collection includes a copy of the 1959 *A Symphony in Steam* vinyl recording of Angelina and Neches River Railroad engine 110, operated by William "Mr. Jay" Morrison. The record was published by C & V Productions of Shreveport, LA, and included L. J. Carlson and Harold K. Vollrath, the latter of whom was an acquaintance of A. E. Brown. Also included are reference prints created by History Center staff, a copy of the February 1988 Louis Saillard article "The Legacy of A. E. Brown" that appeared in *Railfan & Railroad* magazine, and correspondence between Jonathan Gerland and donor Louis Saillard.

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

Subject Terms

Topics

- Railroads -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Railroads -- Texas -- Diboll

Corporate Names

- Angelina and Neches River Railroad Company
- Southern Pine Lumber Company
- Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company

Personal Names

- Brown, A. E., 1914-1981
- Morrison, Jay

Locations

- Texas, East

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions on this collection.

Acquisition Information: Accession 2002:071 was donated by Louis Saillard on August 21, 2002.

Custodial History: The negatives and correspondence were originally a part of railroad photographer A. E. Brown's collection created over the course of his life. Louis Saillard acquired the collection and donated the materials relating to Diboll and Angelina County to The History Center.

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Related Material:

Additional A. E. Brown photographs and other East Texas railroad photographs can be found in the Jay Morrison East Texas Railroad Photographs, c. 1914-2003, 2001:036, The History Center, Diboll, TX

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Bibliography:

- Louis Saillard, "The Legacy of A. E. Brown," *Railfan & Railroad*, February 1988, 36-45.

Collection Inventory

Box 1

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| Folder 1 | Negatives and Copy Prints, 21 negatives and 26 copy prints, c. 1951 |
| Folder 2 | Texas South-Eastern Railroad Correspondence, 1951, 1962-1963 |
| Folder 3 | "The Legacy of A. E. Brown," in <i>Railfan & Railroad</i> by Louis Saillard, 1988 |
| Folder 4 | Correspondence with Louis Saillard and Jonathan Gerland, 2002-2003 |
| Item 1 | <i>A Symphony in Steam</i> , 1959 |