

RESUME

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Education

University of California, Davis: post-graduate work; 1986-1990, Ph C (ABD);
Major field - United States History, California and Western American History,
Ecological History, History of Technology, Railroad History, Business and
Economic History, Agricultural History;
Second field - Latin American History.

University of the Pacific: 1979-1984, MA;
California and United States History;
Archival and curatorial work at the Pacific Center for Western Studies.

University of the Pacific: 1970-1974, BA;
Major in US, Latin American, and Spanish History;
Minor in Field Ecology, Natural History and Geology.

University of California, Davis, Extension: 1973;
Field Biology and Ecology.

Monterey Peninsula College: 1972;
History, Physical Anthropology, Chemistry

Work Experience

1977-present: Independent history, restoration, industrial archeology, museum and
archive consultant.

Clients have included Swedish National Railway Museum, Finnish National
Railway Museum, Golden Spike National Historic Site, City of Folsom Railroad
Square development, Old Pueblo Trolley (Tucson), Laws Railroad Museum, Pacific
Locomotive Association, Western Railway Museum, Short Line Enterprises (under
contract to the Nevada State Railroad Museum), Merced County Historical Society,
Cannery Row Promotion District, and California Views - Historical Photograph Co.
Recently completed restoration studies for Inyo County/Laws Railroad Museum,
Bishop, California; for the Pacific Locomotive Association, Sunol, California; and for
the Savannah Shops Roundhouse Railroad Museum, Savannah, Georgia; Cumbres &
Toltec Scenic Railroad, Chama, New Mexico and Antonito, Colorado; Columbia
Pacific Heritage Museum, Ilwaco, Washington; Mexican National Railway Museum,
Puebla, Mexico

Sept 2014-March 2018: Capital District Historian (Historian II), Capital District, California Department of Parks & Recreation, Sacramento and Jamestown, California.

Responsibilities include providing historical information and guidance to Capital District staff, Sector Superintendents/Museum Director and various Sector supervisors. This position is responsible for developing, implementing, maintaining, and monitoring the District's historic programs. The Historian reviews project evaluations, and conducts Historical Reviews pursuant to Public Resource Code 5024, as needed. They identify and evaluate the cultural resource values contained in the District, researches, compiles, edit and writes reports and policies regarding District historical and cultural resources.

Jan 2003-Sept 2014: Curator of History & Technology (Curator II), California State Railroad Museum, California Department of Parks & Recreation, Sacramento, and Railtown 1897, Jamestown, California.

Responsibilities include historical research and writing supporting Museum programs, exhibits, facilities and collections. Provide historical reference services to the Museum and to the public. Develop training materials on historical subjects. Serve as Collections Manager for the full size railroad equipment in the Museum's collection. Provides liaison on matters involving California history and cultural resources between the Railroad Sector and City, County, other State agencies, Federal agencies, historical and educational institutions. Participates in the Museum Leadership Team and in Museum planning and development, including the new Railroad Technology Museum.

May 1999-Dec 2002: Curator of Railroad Operations (Curator II), California State Railroad Museum, California Department of Parks & Recreation, Sacramento, and Railtown 1897, Jamestown, California.

Responsibilities include supervision, planning and development of the Sacramento Southern tourist railroad in Sacramento, and oversight of and coordination with the tourist railroad operation of Railtown 1897 in Jamestown, all part of the California State Railroad Museum. Supervision of the railroad maintenance and restoration shops at Sacramento, including of restoration research and industrial archeology. Curatorial (collections management) responsibilities for all the railroad locomotive and car collections of the California State Railroad Museum, both at Sacramento and at Railtown 1897. Member of leadership team planning new Railroad Technology Museum.

Nov. 1990-April 1999: Curator of History (Curator II), Nevada State Railroad Museum, Nevada Division of Museums, Carson City, Nevada.

Duties include historical research; restoration research and industrial archeology; exhibit planning, development and installation; artifact and archive collections acquisition and management; and program planning and development. Responsible for the annual V&T Railroad History Symposium (28th annual in 1998), arranging for historical papers and presentations on topics in Western railroad history, railroad technology, industrial archeology and railroad museum and tourist train operations. Completed restoration feasibility study of Virginia & Truckee locomotive #27.

Feb. 1990-Oct. 1992: Partner in The Jensen/Wyatt Company, a history and museum consulting firm with a special interest in railroad history.

Projects include a feasibility and development report with full use planning and historical documentation for the reconstruction of the Sierra Railway general offices and depot at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, Jamestown, California, published in 1991.

June 1977-Oct. 1981, Feb. 1987-Nov. 1990: Restoration Historian and Interpretive Specialist, California State Railroad Museum, California Department of Parks & Recreation.

Worked on equipment restoration; restoration research and industrial archeology; exhibit planning and development; interpretive and educational program planning and development; volunteer training program development; and artifact and archive management during the development and later operations of the museum. The museum opened in 1981.

Sept. 1986-June 1990: Teaching Assistant, Reader and Research Assistant, University of California, Davis.

Classroom instruction and guiding discussion, guest lectures, developing assignments, correcting papers and exams (in some cases also writing exams) for university classes; directed research.

June 1984-June 1986: English Language Instructor in Japan for OTC, Inc.

Taught English to businessmen, engineers, and scientists of major Japanese corporations. Developed new course material and instructional programs.

Feb. 1982-Dec. 1983: Partner in Stillwell & Wyatt, Associates, a museum exhibit and restoration firm.

Projects include designing, constructing and installing an exhibit for the California State Railroad Museum.

Sept. 1979-June 1980: Assistant Curator of Photographs, Holt-Atherton Pacific Center for Western Studies, University of the Pacific.

Organized glass plate negative and stereo card collections. Developed photograph conservation program.

1976-1977: Adult Education Instructor, Santa Clara County Schools.

1974-1977: Fire Apparatus Engineer and Firefighter, California Department of Forestry. Supervised and directed fire crew at the station and on emergency calls.

1967-1969, 1971, 1979 (5 summers): Program Director and Nature Director at Pico Blanco Boy Scout Camp in Monterey County.

As Program Director, was in charge of planning and coordinating summer camp program, supervising staff, and working with troop leaders. Eagle scout.

Publications and Presentations

- Inspection of Railroad Car Nahcotta*, co-authored with Glenn Guerra; prepared for the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, November 2015
- Thoughts on Preservation and Restoration of Railroad Equipment*, a presentation at the International Railway Preservation Conference, Museo Nacional del Ferrocarril, Puebla, Mexico, November 10-11, 2015
- Master Plan and Construction Documents for the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad*, co-authored with Peter Hansen and Randy Hees, Weatherfield Consulting, LLC; prepared for the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission, March 2015
- A Homage to Old Cars*, a keynote address at the annual conference of the Railroad Passenger Car Alliance, Reno, Nevada, January 2015
- Historical Car Assessment for the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad*, co-authored with Peter Hansen and Randy Hees, Weatherfield Consulting, LLC; prepared for the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission, July 2013
- Restoration Feasibility Study: Central Pacific Railroad Directors' Car; Virginia & Truckee Railroad coach No. 17*, co-authored with Peter Hansen, Bill Withuhn, and Randy Hees; prepared for the Nevada State Railroad Museum, October 2012
- Book review of *Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America*, by Richard White, in *Railroad History*, the publication of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Spring-Summer 2011 (No. 204), pp 84-86.
- Keynote speaker at the 141st anniversary "Driving of the Last Spike" celebration of the first Transcontinental Railroad, Golden Spike National Historic Site, Promontory, Utah, May 10, 2010.
- Nevada Copper Belt Railroad Hall-Scott Motor Car No. 22 Restoration Feasibility Assessment*, co-authored with Stephen E. Drew, prepared for the Nevada State Railroad Museum, November 2008.
- "Conservation and Reconstruction: A Case Study of Two Santa Fe Boxcars"; a presentation and discussion on national museum and preservation standards and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards presented at the Association of Railway Museums Conference, Ogden, Utah, October 13-17, 2004.
- Book review of *Making Histories in Transportation Museums*, by Colin Divall and Andrew Scott, in *Technology and Culture*, January 2004 (Vol. 45), pp 234-235.
- "The California State Railroad Museum", on the development of the California State Railroad Museum and its final phase, the Railroad Technology Museum at the Historic Southern Pacific Shops, co-written with Stephen E. Drew and Catherine A. Taylor, in *Japan Railway & Transportation Review*, June 2002 (No. 31), pp 4-14.
- "Development of the California State Railroad Museum and its Final Phase: The Railroad Technology Museum at the Historic Southern Pacific Shops", a paper co-presented with Stephen E. Drew and Catherine A. Taylor at the joint international conference *Slow Train Coming: Heritage Railways in the 21st Century* organized by the Institute of Railway Studies (University of York and the National Railway Museum) and the Heritage Railway Association at the National Railway Museum, York, England, during September 20 – 23, 2001. Proceedings published for the Institute of Railway Studies and the Heritage Railway Association by the Vintage Carriage Trust, The Railway Station, Haworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire, UK, 2001.

- “Surviving Hot Metal Industry: Knight Foundry; Resurrection of a Surviving Historic American Industrial Process (SHARPs)”, a presentation co-presented with Andy Fahrenwald and Lora Change at the *SHARPs in Motion Workshop on Surviving Historic American Industrial Processes* organized by The Institute for the History of Technology and Industrial Archaeology, of West Virginia University, during April 13-15, 1999.
- Restoration Report on Death Valley Railroad Brill Motorcar No. 5.* Prepared for Inyo County Public Works Dept./Laws Railroad Museum, December 1998.
- Structure Reports on the Laws Turntable and the Fuel and Water Facility.* Prepared for Inyo County Public Works Dept./Laws Railroad Museum, August 1998.
- "V&T coach No. 17: From Promontory to Hollywood and Back", a presentation at the 28th Annual Virginia & Truckee Railroad History Symposium, Carson City, Nevada, September 25-27, 1998.
- Book review of *The Philosophy of Railways: The Transcontinental Railway Idea in British North America*, by A. A. den Otter, in *Journal of the West*, (in 1999).
- Book review of *The NorthWestern: A History of the Chicago & North Western Railway System*, by H. Roger Grant, in *Journal of the West*, July 1998 (Vol. 37, no. 3), pp 104-105.
- “Surviving Railroad Equipment of Tuolumne County”, a presentation at the Sierra Railway History Centennial Symposium, Jamestown, California, October 9-11, 1997.
- Book review of *The Baldwin Locomotive Works, 1831-1915: A Study in American Industrial Practices*, by John K. Brown, in *IA: the Journal of the Society for Industrial Archeology*, 1997 (Vol. 23, no. 1), pp 89-90.
- “How a Steam Locomotive Works”, Appendix II in *Walt Disney’s Railroad Story* by Michael Broggie; Pasadena, Pentrex, 1997, pp 400-403.
- Book review of *Steel Rails and Territorial Tales: Forty Months Building the Oregon Short Line Railroad through Idaho*, by Edward Pierce Coleman, in *Journal of the West*, April 1997 (Vol. 36, no. 2), p 101; reprinted Jan. 1998 (Vol. 37, no. 1), p 114.
- “The First Diesel Electric Locomotive”, *The Railway & Locomotive Historical Society Newsletter*, Fall 1996 (Vol. 16, no. 4), p 8.
- “Virginia & Truckee’s McKeen Motor Car”, a presentation at the 26th Annual Virginia & Truckee Railroad History Symposium, Carson City, Nevada, October 18-20, 1996.
- "Pennsylvania Railroad Practices on the Pacific Coast: Influence and Parallels on the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads in the 19th Century", a paper presented at the *Pennsylvania Railroad Sesquicentennial Symposium*, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1996.
- "Photograph Collections and Conservation Issues", a presentation at the Nevada Museum Association Annual Meeting, Fallon, Nevada, September 25, 1996.
- "A Return to Steam", the return of a Swedish locomotive to operation after 30 years of storage, *Passenger Train Journal*, September 1996 (Vol 27, no. 9), pp 40-41.
- "The Railroad Comes to Hazen", *In Focus*, Annual Journal of the Churchill County, Nevada, Museum Association, 1995-1996 (Vol. 9, no. 1), pp 98-99.
- "Early Locomotive Construction on the Pacific Coast, 1859-1872", a paper presented at the 6th annual *Kalmbach Memorial Library Symposium on Railroad History*, National Model Railroad Association Convention, Long Beach, California, July 17, 1996.

- "Archaic Design, Innovative Design: Pacific Coast Locomotive Construction in the Central Pacific Sacramento Shops Under A. J. Stevens, 1872-1888", a paper presented at the 25th Annual Society for Industrial Archeology Conference, Sacramento, California, June 1, 1996.
- "The Virginia & Truckee RR Shops, Carson City, 1873-1991: A Legacy for Nevada Historical Preservation", a paper presented jointly with John Ballweber and Steve VanDenBurgh at the 25th Annual Society for Industrial Archeology Conference, Sacramento, California, June 1, 1996.
- "What *Is* This Thing Called Preservation?", keynote address at the 4th Annual Midwest Railroad Preservation Gathering, St. Louis, Missouri, April 13, 1996.
- "Issues in Assessments and Restorations of Historic Rail Vehicles", a paper given at the Western Regional Meeting of the Association of Railway Museums, Tucson, Arizona, May 18-21, 1995.
- Restoration Survey of Central Pacific Railroad 2-6-2T Suburban Locomotive Number 233*. Prepared for the Pacific Locomotive Association, Sunol, California, February 17, 1995.
- "Early Westinghouse Air Brakes: A Look Back On the 125th Anniversary of Their Introduction", a presentation at the 24th Annual Virginia & Truckee Railroad History Symposium, Carson City, Nevada, October 21-23, 1994.
- "A Tour of the Transcontinental Railroad", a photo tour marking the 125th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, presented at the 24th Annual Virginia & Truckee Railroad History Symposium, Carson City, Nevada, October 21-23, 1994.
- Virginia & Truckee 4-6-0 Locomotive No. 27: Restoration Feasibility Study*. Prepared for the Nevada State Railroad Museum, May 1994.
- "The Very Image of the Past: Old Photographs and the Restoration of Historic Railroad Equipment", *Journal of the West*, April 1994 (Vol. XXXIII, No. 2), pp 42-51.
- "More on Dating the Transcontinental", critical response to Robert LaMassena's earlier discussion of the first transcontinental rail connection, in Discussion section, *Railroad History*, Spring 1994 (Bulletin 170), pp 103-104.
- "Anatomy of a Steam-Era Railroad Facility" on the historical and surviving facilities of the Sierra Railway in Jamestown, California, an uncredited article, *Locomotive & Railway Preservation*, March-April 1994 (Issue 46), pp 36-37.
- "Encounter Steam!", an account of a July 1993 trip to Sweden, *Locomotive & Railway Preservation*, March-April 1994 (Issue 46), pp 56-57.
- "Iron Horses Across the Silver State", a presentation at the 23rd Annual Virginia & Truckee Railroad History Symposium, Carson City, Nevada, October 22-24, 1993.
- "The Tonopah Roads", a presentation at the 22nd Annual Virginia & Truckee Symposium, Carson City, Nevada, October 22-25, 1992.
- Book review of *We Took the Train*, by H. Roger Grant, ed., in *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly*, Winter 1991 (Vol. 34, No. 4).
- "Mercer's View of the UP/SP 'Unmerger'", critical response to Lloyd Mercer's earlier article, in Discussion section, *Railroad History*, Autumn 1991 (Bulletin 165), pp 109-113.
- "British-American and Hispanic-American Merchants and Landowners in Monterey County, California: 1870-1900", a paper presented at the 31st Annual Conference of the Western History Association, Austin, Texas, October 17, 1991.

Sierra Railway Jamestown Depot Reconstruction Report, jointly produced with Larry Jensen by the Jensen/Wyatt Company. Jamestown, California: Railtown 1897 Docent Association, Feb. 1991.

Report of Restoration Options for Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Dining Car No. 1474 Cochiti. Prepared for the California State Railroad Museum, April 1990.

"Review of the Spring 1988 All-University of California Economic History Conference at Santa Cruz", *The Cliometric Society Newsletter*, Fall 1988.

"Railroads in Tuolumne County, California: Their Role and Importance to Specific Industries and Their Impact on Economic Development, 1897-1917", Master's thesis in history, University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, 1984.

A number of presentations on Western railroad history, industrial archeology, research, museum and archival practices, and related topics given to various organizations, including: the Nevada State Railroad Museum, the Nevada Historical Society, the Nevada Museums Association, the California State Railroad Museum, the Pacific Coast Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, the Golden Gate Railroad Museum, the Tuolumne County Historical Society, the Virginia & Truckee Workshop, and others; 1980-present.

A number of articles on railroad history in the journals of railroad museums, historical and technical societies, including the Nevada State Railroad Museum, the Pacific Coast Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Society and the Sierra Railway Historical Society; 1982-present.

A series of historical railroad articles for the *Sierra Sage*, a local paper in the Carson City, Nevada, area; 1994-1995.

Past contributing editor of *Sierra Railway Historical Society Journal*
 Past editor of *Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Society Journal*

Memberships

Association of Tourist Railroads and Railway Museums
 Member of Board of Directors

Association of Railway Museums
 Past member of Board of Directors

Tourist Railroad Association
 Past member of Board of Directors

Society for Industrial Archeology
 Samuel Knight Chapter

Knight Foundry Corp. (non-profit preserving a 19th century water powered foundry),
 Past member of Board of Directors, past Chairman of Board

Railway & Locomotive Historical Society
 Pacific Coast Chapter

Lexington Group in Transportation History

Bay Area Electric Railway Association (Western Railway Museum)

Feather River Rail Society (Western Pacific Historical Society)

Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum

Northwestern Pacific Historical Society

Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society

Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Society