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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The Norfolk & Western Railway Company Construction Site Photographs includes approximately 360 photographs (and in some cases, photocopies of photographs) of railroad construction in Southwest Virginia. The majority of images date from 1967-1981.

### Creator

Norfolk and Western Railway Company (1896-1982)

### Extent

0.6 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

## Repository

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# Administrative Information

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## Source of Acquisition

The Norfolk & Western Railway Company Construction Site Photographs were purchased by Special Collections in 1997.

## Processing Information

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# Historical Note

The Norfolk & Western Railway was established through a reorganization of the bankrupt Norfolk and Western Railroad in 1896, the latter company itself having arisen from the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Railroad, a successor to the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad. In order to raise capital to pay off debt, meet its payroll and other obligations, and make continued improvements to the line, the new company issued \$23 million in preferred stock, \$66 million in common stock, and \$62.5 million gold bonds paying four percent, secured through a consolidated mortgage to the Mercantile Trust Company of New York.

Through expansion and various mergers, the company grew to become a major U.S. carrier, serving 14 states. The company manufactured steam locomotives at its own Roanoke Machine Works (established in Roanoke, Virginia in 1882), and among the railroad's affiliated holdings were several hotels. In 1982, the N&W combined with the Southern Railway to form Norfolk Southern Corporation.

# Scope and Contents

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# Related Archival Materials

Special Collections and University Archives includes many other collections relating to railroad history in this region, as well as Norfolk & Western Railway, Norfolk & Western Railroad, and various subsidiaries. You can browse and search within a list of these collections online.

# Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South  
Photographs  
Railroad  
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## Arrangement

The photographs are organized in chronological order, with undated photographs at the end.

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Unit Date** July 7, 1967

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Unit Date** August 1, 1967

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Unit Date** September 21, 1967

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Unit Date** November 3, 1967

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Unit Date** May 3, 1968

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Unit Date** July 27, 1968

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Unit Date** April 29, 1969

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Unit Date** April 30, 1969

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Unit Date** August 26, 1969

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Unit Date** October 12, 1978

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Unit Date** December 19, 1978

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Unit Date** August 6, 1979

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Unit Date** December 11, 1979

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Unit Date** May 1980  
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**Unit Date** August 9, 1980  
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**Unit Date** November-December 1980  
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**Container** 10 (folder)  
**Unit Date** February 1981  
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**Container** 11 (folder)  
**Unit Date** April 13, 1981  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 12 (folder)  
**Unit Date** April 15-May 19, 1981  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 13 (folder)  
**Unit Date** April 28, 1981  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 14 (folder)  
**Unit Date** May 6, 1981  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 15 (folder)  
**Unit Date** Undated  
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**Container** 6 (folder)