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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

January 1888

Language

English

Abstract

This collection consists of five photographs by an unknown photographer depicting damage caused by a locomotive boiler explosion at a railroad station in Atchison, Kansas, in January 1888.

Creator

Atchison Union Depot and Railroad Company

Extent

.01 Linear Feet 1 folder

Physical Location

R 44, C 1, S 2

Repository

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

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Historical Information

On January 6, 1888, a locomotive boiler explosion occurred at the railroad station in Atchison, Kansas. It is possible that these photographs were taken after that explosion. The explosion created a fire and enough damage that the station had to close. Rebuilding was delayed due the high price of acquiring needed extra track room.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of five photographs by an unknown photographer. Three of the photographs show extensive damage to the tracks, platform, and bricks at the railroad station and two of these show Dr. Dan and C. M. Rathburn, who was President of the Atchison Union Depot & Railroad Company. The other two photographs are of a non-damaged locomotive and two railroad employees.

Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center holds many other photograph and transportation collections.

Keywords

Atchison (Kan.)

Photographic prints

Railroad stations

Photographs

Existence and Location of Copies

The entire collection is available online through the [Atchison Union Depot & Railroad Company collection](#). You can also access the digital objects through the inventory on this finding aid.

Arrangement

Arranged by subject.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Train on a broken platform with three men

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/36012

Unit Date January 1888

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Content

Handwritten on verso: "Tied up, Atchison, Kansas"; black and white photograph; 5.25" x 3.25"

Crowd standing on a damaged train platform

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/36013

Unit Date January 1888

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Content

Handwritten on verso: "Holes in platform. Dr. Dan - grey hat, C. M. Rathburn (hat and long coat), Atchison Station Kansas"; black and white photograph; 5.25" x 3"

Crowd standing on a damaged train platform

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/36014

Unit Date January 1888

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Content

Handwritten on verso: "Tracks, brick all gone, Atchison, Kansas, C. M. Rathburn in hat and long coat"; black and white photograph; 3" x 5.25"

Crowd standing on a damaged train platform

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/36015

Unit Date January 1888

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Content

Handwritten on verso: "Platform all torn up, Dr. Dan, Atchison Kansas"; black and white photograph; 3.25" x 5.25"

Two men standing in front of train 17

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/36016

Unit Date January 1888

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Content

Handwritten on verso: "Bridge plug, Atchison, Kansas"; black and white photograph; 3" x 5.25"

Charles M. Rathburn biography

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/36017

Unit Date 1900

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Content

Photocopy of typewritten copy of Charles M. Rathburn biography from the Genealogical and Biographical Record of North-Eastern Kansas from 1900; 1 page