

Frank J. Ruf Memorial Collection

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Access Number: None Assigned**Creators:** Ruf Family, Catskill Mountain Railway**Extent:** .3 cu. ft. (1 box)**Languages Present:** English**Date Range:** 1882-1940

Historical Note: Frank J. Ruf was a resident of Greene County who held the distinction of being a thirty-year veteran of the Catskill Mountain Railway. Having worked his first four years as a fireman, Ruf spent most of the next 26 years of his career at the throttle of Engine No. 2 before finally retiring. His enthusiasm for everything rail-related led him to compile a collection of photographs of the Catskill Mountain Railway and the engines operated by that company, as well as a diverse array of images of other locomotive variants that were ubiquitous on the railroads of the United States during the late 19th and early 20th century.

Summary of Contents: The collection contains primarily photographic material pertaining to the Catskill Mountain Railway's buildings and rolling stock. Images date between the late 19th and early 20th centuries and are for the most part prints, although some glass plate negatives are located in one folder. Enlargements of all negatives appear in the collection.

Arrangement: Contents are folders by pertinent subject, box is organized as presented to VRL by the donor.

Acquisition: Gift by family of subject in 1970, supporting documentation not present.

Processing Details: None available.

Publication: Collection processor information and dates unavailable, finding aid created Fall 2016 by Jonathan Palmer.

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