

Nostalgia & History

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What is the item the two men are on? Picture 1 and 2 are from the website, <http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/GEA/id/3884/rec/160>

Picture 1, Enlarged 80%. Call Number: MSS P-3156 # 29. Title: Schumans Bridge Crew Bridge. Photographer: Anderson, George Edw 1860-1928. Contributor: Edwards, Robert W. (Robert William), 1925-2002.

Description: A photograph taken outdoors of a group of m working on a railroad bridge with two women seated looking at the camera. Date: ca. 1880-1920. L. Tom Perry Special Collections, H Lee Library, Brigham Young University. Place: Hale, Utah. Physical Description: Gelatin dry plate negative; 20.32 x 25.4 cm. (8 x 10



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Picture 2, Full Picture.



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Pictures 3, 4, 5 and 6 are from the website,

<http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/GEA/id/11408/rec/113>

Picture 3, Enlarged 100%, Left. "Call Number: MSS P-3289 # 78. Title: John Deal Teams on R. R. Castilla [Utah]. Photographer: And George Edward, 1860-1928. Contributor: Ozment, James L. Description: A group of men and horses next to a railroad track. There is finished fence behind them. Date: ca. 1860-1920. L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University. Contractor: Deal, John. Physical Description: Gelatin dry plate negative; 20.32 x 25.4 cm. (8 x 10 in.)"



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Picture 4, Enlarged 100%, Left Middle.



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Picture 5, Enlarged 100%, Right Middle.



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Picture 6, Enlarged 80%, Right.



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I think they are sitting on the left side of the wooden bridge that is being dragged by the steam donkey (winch) out of the way.

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The tower with the two men on it across the stream is a mystery. [Edit: Yes, perhaps it is part of the old bridge.]

The machine on the near bank is a donkey engine, widely used by loggers and contractors as a winch. It appears to have a single ho spool. Cylinders for the engine can be seen on each side of the base of the boiler, and behind that the shaft of the winch can be seen out on each side with spools for rope. The one on the right is wound with rope on it now.

The newly assembled steel plate girder bridge on the left is about to be slid into place, and an old wooden truss has already been slid the right side out of the way. Both bridges rest on temporary wooden skidways.

-John

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If you do a search of the George Edward Anderson Collection for Yale you get additional pictures.

<http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/search/collection/GEA/searchterm/Hale%20Hale/field/all!all/mode/all!all/collection/and!and/order/titl>

From these additional pictures it appears that nicknack and LarryDole are correct, the two men are sitting on the left side of the woo bridge and that the steam donkey is dragging the wooden bridge out of position and the metal bridge into position on the tracks.

Picture 7, "Call Number: MSS P-3156 # 26. Title: Schuman's Bridge Crew at Bridge. Photographer: Anderson, George Edward, 1860- Contributor: Edwards, Robert W. (Robert William), 1925-2002. Description: A photograph taken outdoors of three men and two wom standing on or near a railroad bridge under construction. Date: ca. 1880-1920. L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Librar Brigham Young University. Place: Hale, Utah. Physical Description: Gelatin dry plate negative; 20.32 x 25.4 cm. (8 x 10 in.)."



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Picture 8, Picture 7 enlarged 75%.



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Picture 9, Finished. "Call Number: MSS P-3156 # 31. Title: Schuman Bridge Crew. Photographer: Anderson, George Edward, 1860-1 Contributor: Edwards, Robert W. (Robert William), 1925-2002. Description: A photograph taken outdoors of a number of men and on woman looking at the camera, standing on either side of railroad tracks which run across a bridge on which is standing a locomotive. ca. 1880-1920. L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University. Place: Hale, Utah. Physical Description: Gelatin dry plate negative; 20.32 x 25.4 cm. (8 x 10 in.)."



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If the BYU caption info. is correct and this shot is at Hale, Utah, it is on the Pleasant Valley branch of the Rio Grande Western Ry. The of this branch was changed from narrow to standard in 1890. So the date of the photo is post 1890. If it is after 1908 it is a shot of t D&RGRR. I can't find any information on the date of replacement of Bridge 6A. Hale is a ghost, coal mining town now drowned by the of Scofield Reservoir.

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Roosevelt, Utah

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The location is in Scofield Canyon on D&RGW's (now UP's) Pleasant Valley Branch.

The occasion of the photo was the completion of a steel bridge to replace the adjacent wooden bridge at the location. The trackage surrounding the dam was washed out in the 1917 Mammoth dam failure, but was repaired. The steel bridge is still there, and is used coal trains today. The bridge is about 6.4 miles west of Colton, and about 3.6 miles below Scofield Dam (about 8.9 miles from Scofiel

Here is a Google Earth view showing the similarity of the geographic layout of the canyon in that vicinity.

I did a quick Google map showing where the bridge is in relation to the dam and Colton. Change the view to satellite and zoom in on bridge:

<https://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=211206441729406972505.0004fa7470994b7e44061&msa=0&ll=39.80392,-111.02869&spn=0.109722,0.2641>

... or: <http://goo.gl/Jqlgex> Don Strack



