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Alfred A. Hart (1816-1906) was the official photographer of the Central Pacific Railroad in the 1860s. Hart eventually sold his negatives to photographer Carleton E. Watkins (1829-1916), who then continued to publish Hart's stereoviews of the railroad's construction.

Scope and Contents

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