

1917 Santa Susana Pass Road Construction

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Original photo size above.

Photo on right shows teams of horses pulling equipment and wagons. Stoney Point is visible on the right. The photo below right shows equipment with a derrick moving rocks. The Santa Susana Pass Road (that still exists today) was built in 1917.

We have been able to keep in touch with many of the Johnson Family members and we were fortunate to have Richard Johnson recently share his collection of family photos. Richard is the grandson of Norman Johnson, the ninth out of ten children of Ann and Neils Johnson. His collection of letters, family photos and much more, also included this never before seen photo which shows the Santa Susana Pass Road under construction in 1917. The photo was only 2 x 4 inches showing what appears to be two photos in another photo album. Once scanned and enlarged, the images are more easily recognized below.



Richard and his wife Sue also provided the genealogy records that they had on the Johnson family. In their collection are letters to and from Ann Johnson and her mother written in the 1890's and a collection from 1907 to 1920 to various family members about the community and activities going on within the family. Having our pioneer families share their research, and being able to help future generations connect, is a great resource to our Chatsworth History.

