



The UP-controlled Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad (originally San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad) completed its Cedar City Branch in 1923. The Cedar City Branch started on the LA&SL mainline at Lund, Utah; this portion of the mainline, from Milford, at the end of the 1880 Utah Southern Extension, southwest to the Nevada state line, was built in 1899 by the Oregon Short Line and in 1905 absorbed into the SPLA&SL.

This northwest view shows the SPLA&SL/LA&SL mainline in the distance behind the house and the wye for the Cedar City Branch is in the foreground. A house is all that remains of Lund, where passengers once transferred from the "Continental Limited" between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles to catch the train to Cedar City; from Cedar City they could visit the Brian Head Sky area, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Zion National Park, and other destinations. The grade is easy through the flat Escalante Desert, one of many enclosed basins within the Great Basin. The Wah Wah Mountains are in the distance.



Although the SPLA&SL mainline was completed in 1905, this culvert on the mainline at Lund was apparently constructed or upgraded in 1909.