Guide to the Haugh Transportation Collection MS 184

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Abstract: The collection contains materials related to the operation of the San Diego Electric Railway Company (SDERCo) and several subsidiary transportation franchises acquired by John D. Spreckels.
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Arrangement
The collection is arranged by series:
Series I: San Diego Electric Railway Company
Series II: Citizens Traction Company
Series III: Coronado Railroad Company (Electric Division)
Series IV: Point Loma Railroad Company
Series V: San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company
Series VI: San Diego Street Car Company and Park Belt Motor Line
Series VII: South Park and East Side Railway Company
Items in each series are arranged by subject.
Scope and Content
The collection contains administrative and financial materials of the San Diego Electric Railway Company (SDERCo) as well as seven other transportation companies purchased by Spreckels. The materials range from 1892, a year after the SDERCo was founded, to 1950, shortly after the SDERCo (now the San Diego Transit System) was dissolved. The additional franchises present in the collection are the Citizens Traction Company, the electric division of the Coronado Railroad Company, the Point Loma Railroad Company, the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company, the San Diego Street Car Company (including its subsidiary, the Park Belt Motor Line), and the South Park and East Side Railway Company.
The majority of the materials present are records for the SDERCo and documents related to the purchase and operation of each individual company. This includes a history of each franchise, maps of corresponding rail lines, and ledgers detailing administrative, financial, and construction related matters.
Biographical / Historical Notes
John D. Spreckels formed the San Diego Electric Railway Company (SDERCo) on November 30, 1891. A light rail mass transit system that connected the City of San Diego, the SDERCo comprised 165 miles of track at its peak. Spreckels’ expansion of the SDER lines involved buying up several failed steam and electric rail companies and incorporating them into a unified system. Acquisitions made by Spreckels included the San Diego Street Car Company and the Point Loma Railroad Company. Spreckels even went as far as to purchase the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company in conjunction with other trolley lines. The SDERCo functioned as a public utility and by 1918 served the areas of East San Diego, National City, Chula Vista, and Coronado, as well as San Diego City proper. In July of 1948, 22 years after Spreckels’ death, the SDERCo was bought by the Western Transit Company, owned by Jesse Haugh, for $5.5 million. The name was changed to the San Diego Transit System (SDTS) that same year. In 1949, San Diego eliminated light rail transportation in favor of an all bus transit system, and the SDTS was dissolved.
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Citizens Traction Company.
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San Diego Electric Railway.
San Diego Street Car Company.
South Park and East Side Railway Company.
Spreckels, John Diedrich, b. 1853
Western Transit Company.
Account books
Business records
Coronado (Calif.)
Ferries
Local transit
Point Loma (San Diego, Calif.)
Railroads
San Diego (Calif.)
Street-railroads
Transportation
Transportation engineering
Trolley buses
Urban transportation

Series I: San Diego Electric Railway Company

Box-folder 1:1  History, 1892–1925
Box-folder 1:2  Administration and operation, 1892–1918
Box-folder 1:3  Administration and operation, 1919–1924 and undated

Includes:
“Power Planet Equipment” summary taken from the California Railroad Commission report (in Oversize Collections D2)

Box-folder 1:4  “San Diego Electric Railway Company: Application No. 3808 - Before the Railroad Commission of the State of California” (ledger), 1918 November 1

Scope and Content
This ledger is a report compiled at the request of the California Railroad Commission to provide a complete financial and traffic survey of the SDERC0. The ledger details the SDERC0’s rates, charges, rules, regulations, and general practices. There is a detailed index arranged alphabetically by subject, including a separate list of all tables and charts presented in the report. Subjects include financial information, such as bonds, construction accounts, and employee wages, and administrative topics regarding rail energy outputs, territories served, and yearly comparative statements.
Box-folder 1:5  
“Construction Department 440, Volume 2” (ledger), Accounts 501-505, 1901-1924  
Scope and Content  
This ledger details the general expenditures for the construction of the SDERCo rail lines. Each section is divided by an individual, numerical account which pertains to a particular area of construction, including: expenditures for draftsmen and engineers, real estate purchases, land grading, ballasts, and railroad materials (ties, fastenings, joints, etc.). Each section includes a summary of what the account includes and a detailed chart divided by date/item/cost/subtotal/remaining balance.

Box-folder 1:6  
“Construction Department 440, Volume 2” (ledger), Accounts 506-508, 1892-1924  
Scope and Content  
This ledger details the general expenditures for the construction of the SDERCo rail lines. Each section is divided by an individual, numerical account which pertains to a particular area of construction, including: expenditures for draftsmen and engineers, real estate purchases, land grading, ballasts, and railroad materials (ties, fastenings, joints, etc.). Each section includes a summary of what the account includes and a detailed chart divided by date/item/cost/subtotal/remaining balance.

Box-folder 2:1  
“Construction Department 440, Volume 3” (ledger), 1892-1923  
Scope and Content  
This ledger details the underground construction costs for the SDERCo. Each section is divided by an individual, numerical account which pertains to a particular area of construction, including: tunnels and subways, trestles, paving, roadway machinery, distribution systems, car houses, and bridges. Each section includes a summary of what the account includes and a detailed chart divided by date/item/cost/subtotal/remaining balance.

Box-folder 2:2  
“Construction Department 440, Volume 4” (ledger), 1892-1924  
Scope and Content  
This ledger details the structures and buildings construction costs for the SDERCo. Each section is divided by an individual, numerical account which pertains to a particular area of construction, including: stations, waiting rooms, locomotives, dams, canals, and substations. Each account also includes the furnishings and tools purchased to complete each structure. Each section includes a summary of what the account includes and a detailed chart divided by date/item/cost/subtotal/remaining balance.

Box-folder 2:3  
Finances, 1892-1908  
Box-folder 2:4  
Finances, 1892-1924  
Includes:  
1924 accounts for the Mission Beach Line (in Oversize Collections D2)  
December 1924 Road and Equipment Expenditures report (in Oversize Collections D2)

Box-folder 3:1  
“San Diego Electric Railway Company Original Cost: Road and Equipment” (ledger), 1918  
Scope and Content  
This ledger details the SDERCo’s “original construction costs.” The four sections include: the general road and equipment accounts as prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission for Electric Railways, the history of the investment in road, equipment, and maintenance for the years 1892-1918, the record of jobs and description of work from 1902-1918, and the summary of each construction account that are discussed more in depth in Construction Department 440 ledgers, volumes 2-4. Investment costs and employment expenditures are presented chronologically.
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“San Diego Electric Railway Company Receipts for Certificates of Stock” (ledger), 1892 January 2–1948 March 30

Scope and Content
The ledger is arranged chronologically, which also corresponds to the numerical stock certificate number.

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Map, 1918 June

Includes:
"System of the San Diego Electric Railway Co. as of Dec. 31"

Series II: Citizens Traction Company

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History, 1918 September 18

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Administration and operation, 1918 July 1

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Finances, 1898-1918 and undated

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Collections D2

Map, 1918 June 26

Includes:
"System of the Citizens Traction Company as acquired by San Diego Electric Railway Co. March 23, 1898"

Series III: Coronado Railway Company (Electric Division)

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History, 1918 September 17

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Administration and operation, 1907 January-1909 December

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Finances, 1918 July 5

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Maps, 1918 June 28-August 14

Includes:
“Electric Division of the Coronado Railroad Co. as acquired by the San Diego Electric Railway Co. July 1, 1908”

“Coronado Division of the San Diego Electric Railway Company as of Dec. 31, 1917”

Series IV: Point Loma Railroad Company

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“Point Loma Railroad Company: Original Cost Road and Equipment” (ledger), 1914 July 1

Scope and Content
This ledger details the financial expenditures for the construction of the Point Loma Railroad. Each section is divided by an individual, numerical account which pertains to a particular area of construction, including: labor, real estate purchases, land paving and grading, machinery, equipment (ties, ballasts, gravel, etc.), and structures (stations, bridges, trestles, etc.). Each section includes a summary of what the account includes and a detailed chart divided by date/item/debit/credit/net balance.

Series V: San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company

Box-folder 3:9

"San Diego and Coronado Ferry Co By-Laws" (bound), 1886-1927

Scope and Content
Contains by-laws for the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Co. Inside front cover contains index to the Articles and their Amendments.

Box-folder 3:10

“San Diego & Coronado Ferry Co. Minutes of Stockholders and Directors Meetings” (bound), 1886 May 22-1920 February 16

Scope and Content
Minutes book contains meeting minutes for the Stockholders annual meetings and the Board of Directors regular monthly meetings and special meetings.
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Scope and Content
The stock certificate book is arranged chronologically, which also corresponds to the numerical stock certificate number. Includes a cancelled stock certificate as a result of the corporation's liquidation, December 9, 1969.

Box-folder 4:1

“San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company Original Cost: Real Property and Equipment Accounts” (ledger), 1886-1919

Scope and Content
This ledger details the financial expenditures for equipment and property of the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company. Each section is divided by an individual, numerical account which pertains to a particular subject, including: the operation of each of the SDCFCo’s steamers, wharf and ferry house maintenance, and general office costs. Each section includes a summary of what the account includes and a detailed chart divided by date/item/debit/credit/net balance.

Box-folder 5

“S.D. and C. Ferry Co” (receipts and disbursement ledger), 1923-1927

Scope and Content
The ledger is arranged chronologically with cash receipts and disbursements on alternating pages. Receipts are divided into columns for date/from/description/account number/amount/accounts receivable/agents and pursers/ticket sales. Each page has a note regarding the total receipts and balances. Disbursements are divided into columns for date/audited vouchers/depreciation funds. Each page has a note regarding the total disbursements and balances.

Box-folder 5

“Cash Book S.D. and C. Ferry Co.” (ledger), 1949-1950

Scope and Content
The ledger is arranged chronologically with cash receipts and disbursements on alternating pages. Receipts are divided into columns for date/from/description/number/amount. Disbursements are divided into columns for date/issues to/commencing number/closing number/total tickets/month total/price per/amount.

Series VI: San Diego Street Car Company and Park Belt Motor Line

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History, 1918 July 3
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Administration and operation, 1918 June 5-28
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Finances, 1891 December 31-1892 December 31
Box-folder 5

San Diego Street Car Company Stock Certificates Ledger, 1886 May 27-1894 January 14

Scope and Content
The ledger is arranged chronologically, which also corresponds to the numerical stock certificate number.

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Collections D2

Map, 1918 June 10
Includes:
"System of the San Diego Street Car Company . . . as of December 31, 1891 . . ."

Series VII: South Park and East Side Railway Company

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History, 1918 September 19
Box-folder 4:6

Finances, 1909 May 27-1919 September 13
Box-folder Oversize Collections D2

Map, 1918 June

Includes:

"System of the South Park & East Side Railway Co. as acquired by the San Diego Electric Railway Co. August 27, 1909"