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Biography/Administrative History
According to information provided in a two-page handwritten document, James Ray began his career as an apprentice machinist on the Great Western Rail Road of England, working from March 1867 to October 1872. Apparently he came to America in 1872 and worked first at the Pittsburgh Locomotive Works as a machinist from November 1872 to March 1874. He later worked for the Atlantic and Great Western at Meadville, Pennsylvania until 1882. By November of 1882 he was employed by Southern Pacific. He was still with SP in 1923.
Scope and Content of Collection
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