Yosemite Valley Railway collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Yosemite Valley Railway collection

Dates: 1912-1942

Collection Number: MS 52

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 3 boxes

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Abstract: Includes official bulletins issued by the Yosemite Valley Railway, train registers, checks, correspondence, and telegrams.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information


Scope and Content of Collection

The bulletins date from December 24, 1938 through February 26, 1942, and cover personnel matters, seniority, crew assignments, train handling and operating procedures, schedules, issuance of passes, embargo notifications from other railroads, safety notices and instructions, and routine administrative matters such as holiday observances. This collection also contains cancelled checks from the First National Bank of Merced, dating from July 1912 through May 1913, as well as blank and cancelled checks from the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merced dating from February 1924 through January 1937, including pay checks for Yosemite Valley Railroad employees. Telegrams from 1929 to 1935 served as train passes for Yosemite Valley Railway employees and their dependents. There are also three train registers from the Yosemite Valley's Bagby station. Entries may include dates, times of train arrivals and departures, car loads, locomotive numbers and the engineers' and conductors' surnames. Transportation notices for May 1936 include a request for special train service equipment and personnel for the Al Malaikah Shrine Temple Pilgrimage to Yosemite. Arranged alphabetically by document type.

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