Maricopa & Phoenix Railroad collection

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Construction costs, bills, invoices, and other financial records for the Maricopa & Phoenix Railroad and the Maricopa, Phoenix & Salt River Valley.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Southern Pacific Railroad, New York Collection.

Biography/Administrative History
Organized in 1886, the Maricopa & Phoenix Railroad was built with Southern Pacific backing from the Southern Pacific's main line at Maricopa Wells, Arizona, north through the farming community of Tempe to Phoenix. The Maricopa & Phoenix began operation in July 1887, and continued under that name until December 1895, when it was consolidated with the Phoenix, Tempe & Mesa Railway (built 1894-1895 between Phoenix and Mesa, eight miles to the east). The new company bore the name Maricopa & Phoenix & Salt River Valley Railroad. This company was sold in July 1907, and in January of the following year was taken over by the second Maricopa & Phoenix Railroad, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific. Two years later, the Maricopa & Phoenix became a part of another Southern Pacific company, the Arizona & Eastern Railroad.

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection includes accounting records generated by the construction of the Maricopa & Phoenix Railroad from Maricopa Wells to Tempe, Arizona by the contractor Morris R. Locke and completed in July 1887. There are also construction records for the Maricopa & Phoenix and financial records for the Maricopa & Phoenix, and the Maricopa, Phoenix & Salt River Valley. Contains correspondence about the company's reorganization in 1908.

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