VACA VALLEY AND CLEAR LAKE RAILROAD COLLECTION

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Biography/Administrative History
The Vaca Valley Railroad was incorporated in 1869 to build from Elmira to Vacaville, California. It was later sold at auction and extended from Vacaville to Winters, with right of way acquired to Madison. In February 1877 the Vaca Valley and Clear Lake was incorporated and operated under that name until 1888, when it became a part of the Northern Railway. This company completed the line up the Capay Valley to Rumsey in July 1888. The Vaca Valley and Clear Lake was controlled first by the California Pacific and later by the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of the Treasurer’s office cash book, commencing September 23, 1878, and continuing into February 1881. The volume lists dates and amounts of fund taken in and cash paid out. The second volume is an inventory of the Vaca Valley & Clear Lake Railroad, dated July 1, 1888, and consisting of engines and cars, stations and other structures, stationary fixtures, track department materials, lumber, oil, stationary and printed materials.