California Pacific Railroad records

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Abstract: Includes records of the California Pacific Railroad, its predecessors San Francisco & Marysville and California Pacific Rail Road, and its subsidiaries Stockton and Visalia and the Stockton & Copperopolis Railroads.
Language of Material: English
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Biography/Administrative History
In 1851, the Marysville & Benicia Railroad was organized to link the San Francisco Bay area to the Sacramento Valley. It was succeeded by the San Francisco & Marysville in 1857. This company began construction of a line between Marysville and Suisun, but prior to its completion, the line was absorbed in January 1865 by the California Pacific Rail Road. This company eventually ran from South Vallejo to Sacramento, and from Davis to Knights Landing and Marysville. Its first president was DeWitt C. Rice. The California Pacific Rail Road, in turn, became part of the California Pacific Railroad when that company was incorporated in December, 1869. Contractor D.C. Haskin was an early operator of the line. The "Cal P," as the California Pacific was known, operated both trains and steamers over a network which extended from the Sacramento / San Joaquin Valleys to the Napa Valley and Calistoga. Subsidiaries of this company included the Stockton & Copperopolis and the Stockton & Visalia Railroads. The California Pacific came under control of the Central Pacific in 1871, and was absorbed by the Southern Pacific in April, 1898.
Scope and Content of Collection
Includes California Pacific financial and stock records, correspondence pertaining to operation, and financial records relating to predecessor company San Francisco & Marysville and subsidiaries Stockton & Copperopolis and Stockton & Visalia Railroads. An 1873 California Pacific trial balances ledger includes multiple railroads.
Indexing Terms
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