Newton Cope collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Newton Cope collection

Dates: 1868-1922

Collection Number: MS 63

Creator/Collector: Cope, Newton (1922-2005)

Extent: 1 box

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Abstract: The collection consists of invoices, bills, vouchers, and routine correspondence from the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads and subsidiary lines.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Newton Cope, Sr., 1977

Biography/Administrative History

Newton Cope (1922-2005) was a San Francisco social figure and a collector of Western antiques.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of invoices, bills, vouchers, and routine correspondence from the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads and subsidiary lines. The documents relate largely to the purchase of supplies for railroad construction and operations. There are also documents relating to problems and complaints of freight customers. In addition, the collection contains wanted circulars for train robbers in the early twentieth century, as well as letters relating to the robberies.