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Descriptive Summary

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Collection Description

The Railroad Law Enforcement Collection deals with a number of aspects of crimes associated with rail travel. It begins with the first train robbery in the United States in 1870 and includes material up to 1977. The bulk of the material covers the period between 1870 and 1943. The Western United States is the main focus of the collection, although a number of the crimes covered occurred in Canada.

The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, clippings, trial transcripts, police reports, sworn statements, wanted circulars, photographs, police "mug shots," scrapbooks and printed material.

The most significant cases contained in the collection are the "Lower 13" murder on Southern Pacific's train No. 15 in 1943, the derailment of the City of San Francisco in 1939 and the robbery of Southern Pacific's train No. 10 at Goodyear, California. Prominent individuals mentioned in the collection include Bill Miner, the DeAutremont brothers, Chris Evans and

	Text and research material for a manuscript on the history of train robberies in the United States. The research material is arranged by event.
Box 1, Folder 1-2	Text, "U.S. Train Robberies, 1870-1933"
Folder 3	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 20, the Pantano Express, 1887
Folder 4	Robberies of Southern Pacific train No. 5, February 1894; 1895
Folder 5-6	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 15, the Oregon Express, 1904
Folder 7-10	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 10, 1910
Folder 11	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 23, 1913
Folder 12	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 5, 1913
	Additional material on U.S. train robberies, and on the derailment of the City of San Francisco
Box 2, Folder 1	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 9, 1913
Folder 2	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 7, 1914
Folder 3-4	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 21, 1914
Folder 5	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 25, 1915
Folder 6	Robbery of El Paso and Southwestern train No. 31, 1922
Folder 7	Robbery of the Golden State Limited, 1922
Folder 8	Attempt to derail Southern Pacific train No. 78, 1922
Folder 9	Career of the DeAutremont brothers
Folder 10	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 36, 1930
Folder 11	Robbery of Southern Pacific train No. 76, 1932
Folder 12-16	Report and photographs of the derailment of the City of San Francisco, 1939
Box 3, Folder 1-2	Police training procedures manual, 1977
Folder 3-4	Miscellaneous Southern Pacific police material
Folder 5	FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, 1940
Folder 6	Railroad Police Progress, 1964
Folder 7	Robbery of Canadian Pacific train No. 63, 1920
Folder 8	Material on a murder on Southern Pacific train No. 15, 1938
Folder 9	Material on train robber Bill Miner
Folder 10	Miscellaneous wanted circulars
Folder 11	Miscellaneous illustrations from newspapers
Folder 12	Unidentified photographs of a dynamited safe
Folder 13	Miscellaneous "mug shots"
Folder 14	Miscellaneous photographs of individuals
Folder 15	Miscellaneous unidentified train photographs
Folder 16	General information on train robberies
	Material on the "Lower 13" murder aboard Southern Pacific train No. 15, 1943
Box 4, Folder 1	Robert E. Lee Folkes trial transcripts
Folder 2-3	Correspondence regarding the investigation, arrest, and trial of Folkes
Folder 4	General printed material on the trial of Folkes
Folder 5	Police investigative reports
Folder 6-8	Clippings
Folder 9-10	Photographs
	Material on the "Lower 13" murder case
Box 5, Folder 1	Police reports on Robert Folkes
Folder 2	Medical Examiner's reports
Folder 3	Statement of Robert Folkes
Folder 4-5	Statements of Robert Folkes and witnesses
Folder 6-8	Statements of Southern Pacific and Pullman Company employees
Folder 9-11	Statements of passengers in Car D and others
Folder 12	Statement of Ralph Conner
Folder 13	Statement of John Funches
Folder 14	Statement of Ben Holt

Box 6, Folio 1	Clippings relating to train robberies, including: Sontag and Evans, 1893 Brown and Dunbar, 1910 F. Martinez, 1912 Ralph Fariss, 1913 Jean LeBanta, 1914 James Hogue, 1914 E. Collins and F. Ryan
Folio 2	Contains clippings on general criminal activity, not railroad related, during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
Folio 3	Contains miscellaneous drawings and newspaper artwork from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.