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## **Historical Background**

The Northern Electric Company was incorporated on June 14, 1905. Its trackage consisted of a line from Chico to Sacramento, branches from Oroville Junction and Chico to Hamilton, and street car tracks in Chico. In December 1907, the firm was absorbed into the Northern Electric Railway Company. This line operated almost 160 miles of track from Sacramento to Chico and Oroville, as well as street railway trackage in Sacramento. The Northern Electric Railway constructed trackage for the Sacramento Terminal Company, which it controlled, in 1909-1910, and acquired the Vallejo and Northern Railroad in December 1912. This latter company had been projected to run between Vallejo and Sacramento, with branches to Suisun and Vacaville. In reality, the Vallejo and Northern constructed only 1.8 miles of trackage in Sacramento and a line between Suisun and Vacaville. The Northern Electric Railway Company entered receivership in October 1914. In 1918 it was sold at auction to the newly-formed Sacramento Northern Railroad Company.

Additional information on the Northern Electric Railway can be found in Ira Swett's *Sacramento Northern*, Interurbans Special 26 (Los Angeles: Electric Railway Publications, 1962) reprinted in 1998 by Pentrex Media Group.

Box 1	Transfer ledger, 1912-1914, entitled "Sutter County Land Syndicate," one volume,
	documenting land sales by the Northern Electric Company and by its real estate
	subsidiary, the Northern Realty Company.

Two-volume report "Report on the Northern Electric Railway and Branches, the Vallejo and Northern Railroad, and the Sacramento Street Railways," not dated, carbon copy, by C. G. Young. Volume one consists of the text of the report, and volume two contains maps and information on the various franchises in the Northern Electric system, principally the Sacramento and Woodland, the Chico Electric, and the Sacramento and Eastern. The report also has information on the operations of the Northern Electric's competitors and connections, principally the Western Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, and the California Transportation Company steamer line.

Revaluation Inventory, Sacramento Terminal Company, June 30, 1913, one volume, which includes two folded maps and profiles in a pocket.

One folder, miscellaneous papers, including: Credit memoranda, 1914; Real estate account balance sheet, 1915; Real estate payment sheets, 1914-1915; Operating expenses, not dated; Road and equipment expenditures, not dated; Journal entry, April 1914; Journal vouchers, June and September 1913 - February and March 1914; Cash vouchers and invoices, real estate sales, June 1913; Material requisition, January 1914 Northern Electric Railway Company agreements: Agreement between Northern Electric Railway Company and Yuba City Water Company, license to cross right of way at Yuba City with water main. June 1, 1907; Agreement between Northern Electric Railway Company, Northern Realty Company, and Sutter Drainage District, right of way. September 24, 1908.

Box 2, Folder 2

Box 2, Folder 1

Northern Electric Railway Company, Ordinances granted by: Town of Colusa, Ordinance No. 14 - Rights to construct, maintain and operate an electric railroad on Market Street, in Colusa, California. September 13, 1909; Town of Colusa, Ordinance No. 27 - Rights to construct, maintain and operate a railroad in Colusa, California. September 11, 1911; Town of Colusa, Ordinance No. 30 - Rights to construct, maintain and operate railroad in Colusa, California. September 10, 1912; City of Marysville, Ordinance No. 157 - Rights to construct, maintain and operate a single track railroad in Marysville, California. August 19, 1913; City of Marysville, Ordinance No. 184 - Rights to construct, maintain and operate a single or double track railroad in Marysville, California. March 7, 1918; City of Marysville, Ordinance No. 184 - Rights to construct, maintain and operate a single or double track railroad in Marysville, California. June 15, 1922; City of Sacramento, Ordinance No. 747 - Rights to construct, maintain and operate a single or double track railroad in Sacramento, California. July 23, 1906; City of Sacramento, Resolution of Intention No. 943 - Changing the grade of "M" street in Sacramento, California. October 9, 1911.

Box 2, Folder 3

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, correspondence between Northern Electric Railway Company and various city officials, and drawings of franchise routes in Marysville and Colusa, 1915-1917.

Box 2, Folder 4

Vallejo and Northern Railroad Company agreements: Agreement between Vallejo and Northern Railroad Company and County of Solano, granting rights to construct, maintain and operate a railroad in the City of Vallejo, California. October 7, 1907; Town of Suisun City, Ordinance No. 134, granting rights to construct, maintain and operate an electric railroad in Suisun City, California. February 21, 1910; December 3, 1912 on verso; Town of Fairfield resolution granting rights to construct, maintain and operate a railroad in Fairfield, California. November 12, 1912.

**Miscellaneous Northern Electric Railway forms:** 

 Box 2, Folder 5
 Credit memos, 1908

 Box 2, Folder 6
 Credit memos, 1909

 Box 2, Folder 7
 Debits, 1908

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Box 2, Folder 8	Debits, 1909
Box 2, Folder 9	Journal entries, 1908
Box 2, Folder 10	Journal entries, 1909
Box 2, Folder 11	Statement of pay rolls / pay roll deductions, 1908- 1909
Box 2, Folder 12	Miscellaneous