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Overview of the Collection
Title: Virginia & Truckee Railroad Papers
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Collection Number: mssHM 66142-66181
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Language: English.
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Provenance
Biographical Note
The Virginia & Truckee Railroad was incorporated in Nevada on May 8, 1867, but construction did not get fully underway until March 5, 1868. This standard gauge railroad went from Minden, Nevada to Reno where it meets the Central Pacific Railroad. It connected the mines of the Comstock Lode near Virginia City, Nevada with quartz reduction mills along the Carson River and lumberyards near Carson City.
   • Nevada Railroads Collection (Call number: mssNevada railroads)
Scope and Content
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Arrangement
This collection is arranged in one box with letters (correspondence) arranged in alphabetical order by author with other materials placed at the end.
Indexing: Subjects
Chinese - Labor - Nevada
   • 1881, Sept., Chinese payroll. HM 66180.
Mines and mineral resources - Nevada
   • 1897, Sept. 1, Carson and Colorado Railroad, letter to Henry M. Yerington. HM 66149.
Mines and mineral resources - California - Cerro Gordo
• 1904, Feb. 16, Thomas Boland, letter to Henry M. Yerington. HM 66145.
• 1901, Feb. 18, James Campbell, letter to Henry M. Yerington. HM 66147.

Pumping machinery
• 1872, July 15, E. B. Rail, letter to Henry M. Yerington, HM 66172.

Water rights – California – Inyo County
• 1900, July 16, Thomas Boland, letter to Henry M. Yerington. HM 66144.

Voyages and travel – Guidebooks

Voyages and travel – history – 19th century

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

**Subjects**
- Mills, Darius O. (Darius Ogden), 1825-1910.
- Virginia & Truckee Railroad.
- Chinese -- Nevada -- History -- Sources.
- Mines and mineral resources -- Nevada.
- Mines and mineral resources -- California -- Cerro Gordo.
- Pumping machinery.
- Railroads -- Nevada -- History -- Sources.
- Travel -- Guidebooks.
- Voyages and travels -- History -- 19th century.
- Water rights -- California -- Inyo County.
- Working class -- Nevada -- History -- Sources.

**Forms/Genres**
- Letters (correspondence) -- 19th century.

**Additional Contributors**
- Yerington, Henry M., correspondent.

**Box 1**

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Boland, Thomas to Henry M. Yerington. 1898, Nov. 18. Keeler, Calif. HM 66142
Boland, Thomas to Henry M. Yerington. 1899, Mar. 21. Keeler, Calif. HM 66143
Boland, Thomas to Henry M. Yerington. 1900, July 16. Keeler, Calif. HM 66144
Boland, Thomas to Henry M. Yerington. 1904, Feb. 16. Keeler, Calif. HM 66145
Brown, L. H. to Henry M. Yerington. 1868, Jan, 16. HM 66146
Campbell, James to Henry M. Yerington. 1901, Feb. 18. Los Angeles, Calif. HM 66147
Carson and Colorado Railroad to Henry M. Yerington. 1897, May 25. Hawthorne, Nev. HM 66148
Carson and Colorado Railroad to Henry M. Yerington. 1897, Sept. 1. Hawthorne, Nev. HM 66149
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