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Abstract: In 1868, Cyrus K. Holliday obtained a charter and raised capital for a new railroad that began running in Kansas the following year. He dreamed of a railway to replace covered wagons along the Santa Fe Trail between Independence, Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico. By 1890, 9000 miles of track had been laid. The railway became bankrupt in the Panic of 1893, but was bought by Edward Payson Ripley, who added 2000 miles of track creating one of the largest privately-owned rail systems in the world. The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, clippings, maps, books, and other printed material relating to the formation, development, and history of the Santa Fe Railroad.

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Biography

In 1868 farmer, lawyer and first mayor of Topeka, Kansas, Cyrus K. Holliday obtained a charter and raised capital for a new railroad that began running in Kansas the following year; he dreamed of a railway to replace covered wagons along the
Santa Fe Trail between Independence, Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico; by 1890, 9000 miles of track had been laid; the railway became bankrupt in the Panic of 1893, but was bought by Edward Payson Ripley, who added 2000 miles of track; it became one of the largest privately-owned rail systems in the world, with passenger service from Chicago to San Francisco and Los Angeles, and with the bulk of its business in freight.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, clippings, maps, books, and other printed material relating to the formation, development, and history of the Santa Fe Railroad.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Correspondence and historical material (Box 1).
2. Official papers, Adams's notebooks, newspaper clippings, photographs (Box 2).
3. Rules and regulations of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System (Box 3).
4. Ephemera and pamphlets published by and about the Santa Fe Railroad Co. (Box 4).
5. Books (Box 5).
6. Newspapers and clippings (Box 6).
7. Adams's large notebook (Box 7).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Adams, Charles K.--Archives.
Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company--History--Sources.
Railroads--West (U.S.)--History.
- 5 maps (3 maps on Belgian railroad routes, 2 maps on French railroad routes.
- 1 newspaper clipping from Los Angeles Times, December 4, 1945.

Correspondence and Historical Material

Box 1, Folder 1  Correspondences and notes, December 4, 1931-April 9, 1945.
  Physical Description: (23 pieces)

Box 1, Folder 2  Correspondence typescripts, holograph January 21, 1939-January 1951.
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes letters from and to Phil Townsend Hanna, Editor, Westways.

Box 1, Folder 3  The Santa Fe Railway, by De Witt O'Kieffe, n.d.
  Physical Description: (21 pieces, Typescript)

Box 1, Folder 4  Century Annals of San Bernardino County, 1769-1904, by L.A. Ingersoll.
  Physical Description: (13 pieces)

Box 1, Folder 5  Early Railroad Efforts, including the Texas & Pacific. Excerpt from History of San Diego 1542-1908, by William E. Smythe, 1850-1877.

Box 1, Folder 6  Record of Board of Supervisor's Meeting held January 9, 1868.
  Physical Description: (4 pieces, photocopy and typescript)

Box 1, Folder 7  Tri-partite Agreement, January 31, 1880.
  Physical Description: (14 pieces, blueprint copy)

Box 1, Folder 8  History of the Santa Fe's entry into Los Angeles, 1880-1890.
  Physical Description: (15 pieces, typescript and holograph)
<table>
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<th>Box 1, Folder 9</th>
<th>Brief history of California Southern Railroad Company as abstracted from San Diego Union Files, by Mrs. Joseph Weidel, January 1, 1882-November 28, 1885.</th>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 10</td>
<td>Excerpts from the History of Pasadena, by Hiram A. Reid, 1882-1887.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 13</td>
<td>Historical review of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 16</td>
<td>Yearly Reports to the President and Board of Directors of the San Francisco &amp; San Joaquin Valley Railway Company, by W.B. Storey Jr., January 30, 1896-1899.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 17</td>
<td>Article from the American Railway Bridges and Buildings, 1898.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 18</td>
<td>Memorandum from old file on San Pedro breakwater, 1898-1910, by C.K. Adams.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 19</td>
<td>Historical review of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, compiled by G. Holterhoff, Jr.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 20</td>
<td>History of Oakland and East Side Railroad Company, 1901-1927.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 21</td>
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<td>Santa Fe and Los Angeles Harbor Railway Company, 1937.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 23</td>
<td>Miscellaneous charts, relating to A.T.S.F. system, 1867-1941.</td>
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Box 1, Folder 24  Schedules of employees time cards from Valley Division, Los Angeles Division and Albuquerque Division, prior 1916.
   Physical Description: (Typescripts)

Official Papers, Adams's Notebooks, Newspaper Clippings, Photographs

Box 2, Folder 1  Santa Fe Railroad from Los Angeles to Holbrook, March 8, 1943. Prepared by W.M. Balling, consulting mining engineer.
   Physical Description: (11 pieces, typescript)

Box 2, Folder 2  Santa Fe Railroad, Barstow to San Francisco, 1944.
   Physical Description: (Typescript)

Box 2, Folder 3  Line between Los Angeles and San Diego by C.K. Adams, November 24, 1944.
   Physical Description: (Typescript)

Box 2, Folder 4  Santa Fe News Bureau Newsletter, September 11, 1947.
   Physical Description: (1 piece)

Box 2, Folder 5  Southern California Education Tour, 1950, by R.S. Hirsch.
   Physical Description: (Typescript and holograph)
   Scope and Content Note
   Notes.

Box 2, Folder 6  Correspondence on tank cars used in transporting helium gas, 1945.
   Physical Description: (7 pieces, typescript and photocopy)

Box 2, Folders 7-9  C.K. Adams's notebooks.
   Scope and Content Note
   Including Historical review of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, compiled by G. Holterhoff, Jr.
   Note
   Duplication in box 1, folder 19.

Box 2, Folder 10  Newspaper clippings, 1886 and 1941.
   Physical Description: (2 pieces)

Box 2, Folder 11  Photographs.
   Physical Description: (3 pieces)

Rules and Regulations of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System

Box 3, Folder 1  Through Train Service, October 1889.
   Physical Description: (1 item)

Box 3, Folder 2  Distance between stations on Santa Fe System, May 15, 1909.
   Freight Tariff no.4, July 20, 1894.
Box 3, Folder 3  Rules Governing the Transportation Freight Traffic, August 1, 1897.
Box 3, Folder 4  Rules Governing the Transportation Freight Traffic, July 1, 1913.
Box 3, Folder 5  Rules Governing the Transportation Freight Traffic, October 15, 1927.
Box 3, Folder 6  Freight Tariff and Classification Rules, October 1, 1928.
   Scope and Content Note
   Supplement No.2.
Box 3, Folder 10  Contract for Unified Operation of Railroad Facilities at Los Angeles, February 1, 1928.
Box 3, Folder 11  Santa Fe Railroad, Albuquerque and Belen to Los Angeles, San Diego and Phoenix, March 1945.

Pamphlets, Ephemera, Published by and about the Santa Fe Railroad Company

Publications of the Santa Fe Railroad Company

Box 4, Folder 1  Hough, Waltes: The Moki Snake Dance (1902).
Box 4, Folder 2  Record-Breaking Run of the Scott Special over the Santa Fe, July 1905.
Box 4, Folder 3  Santa Fe Employees’ Magazine, June 1908.
Note  (Given by the Los Angeles Historical Society)
Box 4, Folder 4  Titan of Chasms Grand Canyon of Arizona (c.1910).
   Physical Description: (3 copies)
Box 4, Folder 5  Historical review of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, 1914.
Box 4, Folder 6  Grand Canyon Outings, March 1927.
   Along Your Way.
   Physical Description: (2 issues)
Box 4, Folder 7  The Railroad, 1941 and 1945.
   Physical Description: (2 issues)
Box 4, Folder 8  Santa Fe Today, May 1, 1945.
Box 4, Folder 9  Santa Fe Magazine, 1923-1950.
   Physical Description: (4 issues)

Publications about the Santa Fe Railroad

Box 4, Folder 11  A review of Railway Operations, 1947; American railroads, their growth and development; Quiz on railroads and railroading.
   Physical Description: (7 items)
Box 4, Folder 12  Baldwin Locomotives, October 1, 1939.
Box 4, Folder 13  Miscellaneous pamphlets, ephemera.

Books

Box 5, Folder 1  The Grand Canyon of Arizona, 1906.
   Physical Description: (2 items)
Box 5, Folder 2-3  Higgins, C.A. New Guide to the Pacific Coast, Santa Fe Route, 1899-1914.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes 6 different editions of the book.
Box 5, Folder 4  
Carr, Clark E. *History of Bringing The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway to Galesburg*, 1913.  
Newspapers, Newspaper Clippings

Box 6, Folder 1  
*Atchison Daily Globe*, September 14, 1940; September 16, 1940.

Box 6, Folder 2  
*California Names-A Gazetteer*, Chapters 1-43.

Box 6, Folder 3  
*Progress Bulletin*, January 13, 1941.

Box 6, Folder 4  
*The Topeka Daily Capitol*, September 8, 1940.

Box 6, Folder 5  
Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1902-1949.

Box 7  
C.K. Adams's notebook.