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Personal Names
Spurgeon, W.E.
Cassidy, Henry E.
Clarke, Harry G.
Couturier, J.J.
Couturier, Nicholas
Towlerton, Angelia Couturier

Corporate Names
Colorado Midland Railway Company
Bellevue Hudson Company
Henry F. "Harry" Cassidy was an auctioneer and traveling salesman based in Stockton, California during the first decade of the twentieth century. His sales "territory" seems to have been the Mountain states: Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and Montana. While traveling in the region, he wrote to family and friends about life in the region (1902-1913). [Ms2.C345]

Little is known about writer Harry G. Clarke save that he lived in Twain Hart, California and wrote a "cowboy novel" titled Buffalo Grass (1953). [Ms2.C599]

J. J. Couturier was a placer miner in the Montana District near Empire, Clear Creek County, Colorado (c1890-1910). He had a son, Nicholas, and a daughter, Angelita Towlerton, to whom he tried to leave a claim, the Klondike Placer, in which he owned a half-interest. Correspondence in the Couturier Papers indicate that his ownership of this claim was disputed after his death by the Bellevue Hudson Company, which apparently took over the diggings and denied Couturier heirs access to the property. [Ms2.C871]

1: CASSIDY (HENRY E.) PAPERS, 1902-1913 [C345]
   1.1: Family correspondence, 1902-1913 [7 items]
   1.2: Colorado Midland Railway [2 adv. brochures]

MS 2 C 395 CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD. Time book for the month of April, 1869. Photostatic copy of original. Enclosed with correspondence & explanation from SP official confirming that Irish crew rather than Chinese set the 10-mile track-laying record April 28, 1869.

2: CLARKE (HARRY) "BUFFALO GRASS" [novel], 1953 [c599] gift of Ruth C. Clarke [cowboy novel set in Montana; typescript, 228 pp.]

3: COUTURIER FAMILY PAPERS, 1898-1913 [C871]
   3.1: Correspondence, 1898; 1910-1913 [7 items]
   3.2: Deed to ½ of Klondike Placer, Montana Mining District, 1910
   3.3: Affidavit of labor and improvements on Klondike Placer, 1910
   3.4: Deed to lot in Wolcott Placer Survey, Montana Mining District, 1910
