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### Descriptive Summary

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**Creator:** Eureka and Palisade Railroad

**Extent:** 1 document box

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### Collection Description

The collection consists largely of letters, forms, and invoices, pertaining to the everyday operation of the Eureka and Palisade.

### Historical Background

The Eureka and Palisade Railroad was organized in 1873 to provide transportation between the Nevada mining camp of Eureka and the Central Pacific Railroad at Palisade. The following year, a group of California and Nevada financiers, including Isaac Requa, William Sharon, and Darius Ogden Mills, took control of the company from the local promoters. The narrow gauge line was completed the following year.

When mining operations at Eureka declined after 1885, service on the road also diminished. In 1900 the Eureka and Palisade entered receivership, and the following year the Eureka and Palisade Railway was formed.

This new firm, headed by Isaac Requa's son Mark, along with I. W. Hellman and J. H. Moulton, took control of the property in 1902. The company entered receivership again in 1910, and in 1912 it became the Eureka-Nevada Railway, which in turn was operated by the Nevada

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Transportation Company. The line was finally abandoned in 1938.

Additional information regarding the Eureka and Palisade can be found in Gilbert H. Kneiss *Bonanza Railroads* (1941) and David F. Myrick *Railroads of Nevada and Eastern California, Volume One: The Northern Roads* (1992).

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| Folder 1 | <b>Letters, 1876-1903, mostly requests for payment, letters of transmittal of payments, and financial dealing of the line's superintendent Granville Davis Abbott.</b> |
| Folder 2 | <b>Telegrams, 1902-1903, pertaining to the operation of the railroad and Granville Davis Abbot's stock market transactions.</b>  |
| Folder 3 | <b>Daily statements of accounts, 1902-1903</b>   |
| Folder 4 | <b>Invoices issued by the Eureka and Palisade Railway, circa 1903</b>  |
| Folder 5 | <b>Train collection forms, 1902</b>  |
| Folder 6 | <b>Invoices and receipts, circa 1903</b>   |
| Folder 7 | <b>Monthly statements of accounts, February and April 1903</b>   |
| Folder 8 | <b>Monthly reports of tickets sold, February and April 1903; way passenger fares, February and April 1903</b>  |
| Folder 9 | <b>Miscellaneous documents</b>   |