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Provenance

Gift of Timothy Hopkins, M. A. Ives, Mrs. Hazel Elizabeth Sullivan, Mrs. Carleton E. Miller, and others.

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Scope and Content

The most significant collection of letters extant on the subject of the Central Pacific is contained in the Hopkins-Huntington correspondence. Some 2,500 letters and documents in 14 volumes cover the years 1860-1885 and are concentrated on the years 1872-1876. The letters are from Collis P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford, Alfred A. Cohen, and others. Several volumes contain correspondence between E. B. Crocker, Alfred A. Cohen, W. C. Ralston, E. E. Hewitt and Mark Hopkins.

In addition there is a volume of letters by Leland Stanford to a variety of correspondents, 1850-1893. (Transferred to University Archives).

Also in the collection are papers of Butler Ives, 1862-70, Central Pacific clipping books, 1872-92, and the papers of E. H. Miller, Jr., 1859-92.

As a part of the Hopkins manuscripts, there are numerous miscellaneous items from English and Indian railroads, 1830-1868, non-railroad transportation items, timetables, tickets, legal documents and the like.

Biographical Note

From files Nevada Historical Society

BUTLER IVES

Born January 31st, 1830 Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, the youngest of ten children; died December, 1872 near Vallejo, California; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

Educated University of Michigan. Parents; Butler Ives and Olive Hall Morse. His ancestors, John Moss (afterwards changed to Morse) and William Ives were among Governor Eaton's party who first settled New Haven April, 1638.

His greatest work consisted of pioneer engineering, surveying and locating the line of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific between San Francisco and Salt Lake City, working under Leland Stanford and Samuel S. Montague, chief engineer. The papers -- seventy in number -- relating to this work have been sent to the Leland Stanford University. His contract for the locating and surveying of the boundary line between the Territory of Nevada and the State of California -- running south and southeasterly from Oregon -- will be sent to the Historical Society of the State of Nevada. The Ives papers in general, running back to 1754, together with the old family bible are deposited for safekeeping with the Clarence Burton Historical Society, Detroit.

His brother, Caleb Ives, went west on the death of Butler, December, 1872, and returned with his effects and papers. The latter were given to Marvin A. Ives by his father, Caleb, in his last days saying,

I want you to have Butler's papers. He was a noble man.

The writer met about twelve years ago near Ann Arbor, Michigan an old companion, Michel J. Noyes, who had not seen Butler Ives for fifty years. His first words when I met him were,

He was the finest man I have ever known.

Among his effects was a letter of introduction dated December, 1862 to _____ Miller, Banker of Sacramento, California from George A. Thayer, one of the first mayors of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who likewise spoke of him in the very highest terms, both as a gentleman and as an engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

signed (Marvin A. Ives)

Ojai, California.

May 9, 1931.

ENGLAND - IRELAND

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | London and N. W. Railway, Manchester and Lincolnshire Railway reports, Jul 11, 1846 - Jun 11, 1859 |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Agreements between proprietors of canal navigation from Leeds to Liverpool and Northwestern Railway, etc., 1851-56 |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Robert Stevenson-F. Broughton, handwritten letters, 1803-1859 |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Portadown, Dungannon & Armagh Junction Railway Bill, 1860. Belfast, Hollywood & Bangor Railway Bill, 1860. |
| Box 2, Folder 1a | Robert Stevenson - handwritten letters (cont.) |
| Box 2, Folder 1b | Index, dating 1845-1869, referring to Agreements |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Agreements with East Lancashire Railway Corp., etc., 1847-59 |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | The Bristol & Gloucester Railway Co. with Messrs. Stothert & Slaughter, Jun 7, 1844 |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Report on Brighton Railway, etc., gradients - 1838 (?) |
| Box 3, Folder 1 | Railway Clearing House - London, Apr 26, 1842-Dec 16, 1857 |
| Box 3, Folder 2 | Report on Mileage and Stations, etc., Belfast, Hollywood, & Bangor Railway |
| Box 3, Folder 3 | Agreement between London Northwestern Railway and Lancashire & Carlisle Railway, 1857 |
| Box 3, Folder 4 | Ledger and drawings for aquaduct and bridge for Sheffield Canal, etc., 1816-18 |
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| Box 4, Folder 1 | Southampton, Manchester & Oxford Junction Railway |
| Box 4, Folder 2 | As above |
| Box 4, Folder 2a | Miscellaneous English railway mss. & pamphlets, especially Midland Railway |
| Box 4, Folder 3 | Proposed railway to join London and Southampton, 1830 |

Box 4, Folder 3a	Vester Railway, Jan 1866.Report of inspection
Box 4, Folder 4	British Railway traffic statements, 1852-3
Box 4, Folder 5	Passenger Contract Ticket on ship Webster
Box 4, Folder 6	Railroad Herald Accounts Ledger (British) - 1846, 1845, 1847[partially]
Box 4, Folder 7	Altringham to Manchester (Mainline).
Box 4, Folder 8	Lahore and Peshawar Railway, 1866-68.
Box 4, Folder 9	East Indian Railway specifications, 1854.
Box 4, Folder 9a	East Indian Railway Subsidiary Traffic Orders, 1883.
Box 4, Folder 10	Chile.
Box 4, Folder 11	Imperial train of the Südbahn. Sketch of cars. n.d.
Box 5, Folder 1	Schooners Rambler and Unity - financial records.
Box 5, Folder 2	Manuscript (eulogy) on George Stevenson by Thomas Summerside 1873.
Box 5, Folder 3	Report on Northern Electric Railway. Vallejo Electric Railway. Sacramento Street Railway.
Box 5, Folder 4	Sketches for construction of S.F. mole, etc.
Box 5, Folder 5	Report of Chief Engineer on Pacific & Atlantic Railway Co., 1851
Box 6, Folder 1	Letters and two documents, papers of M.A. Ives.
Box 6, Folder 2	Letters and telegrams to Butler Ives, 1862-70.
Box 6, Folder 2a	Four photocopies of letters, Chief Engineers Office 1869, 1872-3.Order book of Mrs. Mark Hopkins.
Box 6, Folder 3	Order book of Mrs. Mark Hopkins.
Box 6, Folder 4	Book containing names of students using Hopkins' Library
Box 6, Folder 5	Ledger of Miller, Stanford, Hopkins.
Box 6, Folder 6	Minutes of meeting of Sacramento Land Assn - Apr 27, 1869.(Miller gift)
Box 6, Folder 7	Subscription book of Southwestern Street Railway co. - 1876[San Jose and Santa Clara].
Box 6, Folder 8	Map - Right of way and track, Santa Rosa Branch. Napa junction to Santa Rosa (Southern Pacific Railroad). Document - 10-26-1869Western Pacific Railroad land grant to Charles McLaughlin (signed) Leland Stanford, E. A. Miller and notarized.
Box 7, Folder 1	CENTRAL PACIFIC MEMORABILIA Book of Clippings, Funding Bill, 1888-97.Contains anti CP/Stanford propaganda [cartoons, flyers, etc.], time schedules and listing of rates for fares, 1869. Physical Description: (copies)
Box 7, Folder 2	Book of Clippings - anti-railroad material.
Box 7, Folder 3	Book of Clippings - as above.
Box 8, Folder 1	Scrap book, Apr-May, 1884 -newspaper accounts, reports of CPRR affairs.
Box 8, Folder 2	Scrap book, Jan 1885 -newspaper accounts, reports of CPRR affairs.
Box 8, Folder 3	Scrap book, 1884-92 -as above.
Box 9, Folder 1	Scrap book, 1871-83 -newspaper accounts, etc.
Box 9, Folder 2	Scrap book, Feb-Apr, 1884 -as above.
Box 9, Folder 3	Scrap book, May 1884-Jan 1886 -as above.
Box 10, Folder 1	E. H. MILLER, JR., PRIVATE LETTERS Feb 1869-Jul 1873.
Box 10, Folder 2	Aug 1873-Dec 1878.
Box 10, Folder 3	Jan 1879-Aug 31 1882.
Box 10, Folder 4	Sep 1882-Sep 20 1884.
Box 11, Folder 1	Sep 25 1884-Jan 31 1887.
Box 11, Folder 2	Feb 1887-Oct 1889.
Box 11, Folder 3	Oct 1889-Mar 1892.
Box 11, Folder 4	Mar 1 1892-Dec 23 1892
Box 12, Folder 1	Jun 21 1889 - Dec 1890 Physical Description: [originals].
	Dec 18 1890 - Jan 31 1892.

Box 13, Folder 1	E.H. Miller, Jr. Horse Book.
Box 13, Folder 2	E.H. Miller, Jr. Day Book, Jan 1871-Dec 1885.
	E.H. Miller, Jr. Day Book, Nov 1859-Dec 1860.
Box 13, Folder 3	E.H. Miller, Jr. Day Book, Nov 1859-Dec 1860.
Box 13, Folder 4	E.H. Miller Ledger, 1863-71.
Box 13, Folder 5	E.H. Miller Ledger, 1871-76.
Box 14, Folder 1	E.H. Miller letters, Feb 2, 1892-Nov 23, 1892.
Box 14, Folder 2	Ledger, Jan 1, 1877 - 1884.
Box 14, Folder 3	Miller & Green Ledger, Aug 1869-77.
Box 14, Folder 4	Brown & Miller Day Book, Jan 1877-88.
Box 14, Folder 5	Miller & Redding Day Book, Oct 1882-87.
Box 14, Folder 6	Deed - Central Pacific Railway Co. to John S. Hittell.
Box 14, Folder 7	San Lorenzo Railway Co. - 1869-71,prospectus.
Box 14, Folder 8	Virginia & Truckee Railway - 1879
	Physical Description: (payment check).
Box 14a, Folder 9	Central Pacific Railway - shipping ledger -Nov 1880
Box 15, Folder 1	Brown & Miller Day Book, Jan 1877-85.
Box 15, Folder 2	Oak Park Ledger No. 1, owners, W.W. Brown, Miller, Montague & Arthur Brown, 1873-89.
Box 15, Folder 3	Erie Canal Enlargement, 1851.
Box 15, Folder 4	E.H. Miller's check book, 1871-2.
Box 16, Folder 1	E.H. Miller (CPRR) taxes, 1874-95
	Physical Description: [3 folders].
Box 16, Folder 2	Union Pacific Railway Co. reports, 1864-66.
Box 16, Folder 3	Legal Brief - Huntington, Stanford, Hollister [CPRR], Apr 8, 1873.
Box 16, Folder 4	Hyde Clark Correspondence, 1838-95.(Most from John Herapath). Railroad contracts - 1840s.
Box 17, Folder 1	San Francisco and San Jose Railroad timetables, 1864-68.
Box 17, Folder 1a	California Street Cable Railroad Co.
Box 17, Folder 2	Southern Pacific Railroad, 1885-
	Physical Description: stock certificates.
Box 17, Folder 2a	Suggestions for enlarging the scope of the hospital system of the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads Aug 25, 1883.
Box 17, Folder 3	Union Pacific Railroad Co. Chief Engineer's Report.
Box 17, Folder 4	Pacific and Atlantic Railroad reports, 1852
	Note
	12) from Chief Engineer, box 5 folder 5)
Box 17, Folder 5	Railroad and Locomotive Historical Society Report-Champlain & St. Lawrence Railroad.
	Scope and Content Note
	Union Tank Car (prior 1927) - history.
Box 17, Folder 6	Farmers and Merchants Association for Prevention of Railway Extortion.
Box 17, Folder 7	US District Court [Huntington vs City of Oakland] Nov 1880
Box 17, Folder 8	As above, Feb 1881
Box 17, Folder 9	As above, Mar 1881
Box 17, Folder 10	Time tables - 1873.
Box 17, Folder 11	Ship clearance papers signed by President Franklin Pierce, 1854.
Box 17, Folder 12	Santa Barbara Lands
	Physical Description: (diagram and map).
Box 17, Folder 13	A. C. Bassett - Southern Pacific Railroad.

Box 17, Folder 14 Box 17, Folder 15	<p>Carmel-Monterey Railroad, 1901 -advertisement. Photostat of request by President Andrew Johnson for permission to build Central Pacific Railroad [piece of last tie - 1869].</p>
Box 17, Folder 16	<p>Miscellaneous - passes, etc. original letter, documents and letterpress of Mark Hopkins. Three photocopies of Mark Hopkins letters, 1849.</p>
Box 17, Folder 17 Box 17, Folder 18 Box 17, Folder 19 Box 17, Folder 20 Box 17, Folder 21	<p>Timothy Hopkins' notes of railroads. Timothy Hopkins' letters. Yosemite Valley Railroad Co. Shares Shares and bonds of various railroads. Pahrump Valley Railroad Co. Prospectus</p>
Box 18 Oversize	<p>WILLIAM BRAGGE (1823-1884) letter Copy book 1851-1857. Roll. Southern Pacific Timetables, 1893 and 1901.</p>
Box 19	<p>HOPKINS DOCUMENTS 1861-1873 Legislative drafts, legal documents [deeds, articles of association, charters, etc.]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Scope and Content Note Business memoranda - billings, invoices, etc.</p> <p>1860-1885 Legislative drafts, case summaries, ordinances, law suit [Main vs CPRR], etc.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Scope and Content Note Business memoranda - inventories, etc.</p>
Box 20	<p>1860-1885 HOPKINS CORRESPONDENCE (with index)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Scope and Content Note Bound list of contents for 2 above, 12 below and L. S. vol.</p> <p>1865-1871 Letter of transmittal, Timothy Hopkins, 1923.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Physical Description: (199 entries)</p> <p>Letters of Collis P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford, and others. Jan 2, 1872 Oct 1, 1872 Letters of C. P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford, etc. Miscellaneous documents appended - telegrams, pamphlets, clippings, etc.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Physical Description: (197 entries)</p>
Box 21	<p>Oct 2, 1872 Mar 10, 1873 Letters of C. P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford, and others.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Physical Description: (187 entries)</p> <p>Mar 10, 1873 Letters of C. P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins, Alfred A. Cohen, and others. Telegrams and miscellaneous documents appended.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Physical Description: (167 entries)</p>
Box 22	<p>Aug 26, 1873 Nov 26, 1873 Letters of C. P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins. Notice of first CPRR dividend, telegrams, newspaper clippings [the California elections] appended.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Physical Description: (199 entries)</p> <p>Nov 29, 1873 Apr 8, 1874 Letters of C. P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins, R. Franchot to Huntington.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Physical Description: (193 entries)</p>
Box 23	<p>Apr 10, 1874 Jul 9, 1875 Letters of C. P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford and others. Letters of I. E. Gates to Mark Hopkins.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Physical Description: (179 entries)</p>

Aug 25, 1875 Apr 10, 1876 Letters of I. E. Gates to Mark Hopkins. Letters of C. P. Huntington to Hopkins.

Physical Description: (147 entries)

Box 24

Apr 17, 1876 Nov 26, 1886 Letters of C. P. Huntington to Mark Hopkins. Note appended by Timothy Hopkins [entry 185] explaining conclusion of struggle between Central Pacific and Texas Pacific interests.

Physical Description: (191 entries)

Nov 12, 1863 Oct 13, 1869 Letters of E. B. Crocker, Alfred A. Cohen, W. C. Ralston to Mark Hopkins. Telegrams, notices, miscellaneous correspondence appended.

Physical Description: (193 entries)

Box 25

Oct 19, 1869 Dec 6, 1872 Memorandum of dates of railroad construction, J. L. Wilcutt, Mar 31, 1913. Miscellaneous correspondence between W. C. Ralston, E. B. Crocker, Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins, and A. A. Cohen. Copies of CP business transactions - promissory notes, drafts, etc.

Physical Description: (191 entries)

Dec 12, 1872 Jan 10, 1924 Miscellaneous correspondence between Mark Hopkins, W. C. Ralston, A. A. Cohen, and others. Letters of E. E. Hewitt to Mark Hopkins. Copies of business documents, promissory notes, etc. Two letters from Timothy Hopkins to G. T. Clark. Also the deed of sale of land in Sacramento by Mary Hopkins, on 1/30/80.

Physical Description: (199 entries)

LELAND STANFORD CORRESPONDENCE

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Jan 5, 1850 Jan 19, 1893 R. L. Wilbur to G. T. Clark, letter of transmittal. Letters to Mark Hopkins and various correspondents, business and personal. Letters of George E. Gray to Stanford. The Stanford, Stillman, Osgood letters.