

MS 735 SALVADOR RAMIREZ PAPERS

1860-1930, bulk 1860-1897. 11.75 linear feet + 1 half box + 1 oversize box

This collection of research papers was assembled by Salvador Ramirez as information for the books he authored.

The Salvador Ramirez Papers includes the transcribed correspondence (including, but not limited to: Collis P. Huntington, Leland Stanford, Edwin B. Crocker, Mark Hopkins, S. Speyer, Theodore Judah, and William H. Mills) photocopies of newspapers, government railroad reports and publications; political, biographical and 'Dear Old Pard' letters of J.M. Basset; photocopies sections of various books, reproductions of photographs (including, but limited to, C.P. Huntington, Leland Stanford, E.B. Crocker, Mark Hopkins, and Theodore Judah). Contact the CSRM library for more information about Ramirez' extensive books collection.

Processed material has been organized into the following series:

Series 1. Correspondence

Subseries 1: "In Their Own Words" Letters

Subseries 2: Transcribed Correspondence

Subseries 3: No Primary Source Documentation Correspondence

Subseries 4: Conflict Correspondence

Subseries 5: William H. Mills Correspondence

Subseries 6: Oakes Ames Correspondence

Subseries 7: Personal Correspondence

Series 2. J.M. Bassett

Series 3. Publications

Series 4. Biography

Subseries 1: Charles Crocker Biography

Subseries 2: E.B. Crocker Biography

Subseries 3: C.P. Huntington Biography

Subseries 4: David Colton Biography

Subseries 5: Hopkins Family Genealogy Records

Series 5. Publishing Information (RESTRICTED)

Series 6. Photographs

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION Salvador Ramirez was born 22 January 1936 in Los Angeles, California and died 24 August 2014 in Carlsbad, California. He was a United States Navy/NSA Veteran and public school educator. He received his BA and MA from CSU Long Beach and his counseling credential from UCLA. He taught in the Los Angeles School District for nine years and was a principal in San Fernando Valley for four years. He spent the remainder of his education career as the principal of San Dieguito High School in Encinitas, California.

Salvador was very passionate about California history and this passion lead him to research and write six books on the history of railroading in California. His writings primarily focused on the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was the author of "Fort Gaston, CA: A Brief Sketch", "From New York to San Francisco via Cape Horn in 1849", "Octopus Speaks: The Colton Letters", "Inside Man: Life and Times of Mark Hopkins", "Clash of Titans: Ambrose Bierce and Collis Huntington", "Colton Letters Revisited".

The 1982 book, "The Octopus Speaks: The Colton Letters", is published correspondence between C.P. Huntington and David Colton. These letters were previously believed to have been lost.

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1860-1892. 4.5 linear feet

Series 1: Correspondence (boxes 1-5)

Series 1: Correspondence ranges from 1860-1892. It is transcribed copies of letters from originals. The series has been arranged into seven subseries:

Subseries 1: "In Their Own Words" Letters

Subseries 2: Transcribed Correspondence

Subseries 3: No Primary Source Documentation Correspondence

Subseries 4: Conflict Correspondence

Subseries 5: William H. Mills Correspondence

Subseries 6: Oakes Ames Correspondence

Subseries 7: Personal Correspondence

Subseries 1: Includes files "In Their Own Words", dated 1860-1892. These letters are a collection of transcribed letters written between Charles Crocker, Collis Potter Huntington, Leland Stanford and Mark Hopkins. Includes a transcribed index of the letters.

Subseries 2: Includes transcribed correspondence dated 1860-1863 written between Theodore Judah, Mark Hopkins and Charles Crocker.

Subseries 3: Includes correspondence with no primary source documentation and dated 1866-1890. Letter authors, but are not limited to, include L.E. Chittenden, Albert Gallatin, George E. Gray, C.P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins, William B. Hyde, Anna Judah, E.H. Miller, Samuel S. Montague, B.J. Panga, E.F. Perkins, A.A. Sargent, Leland Stanford, and Lloyd Tevis.

Subseries 4: Conflict subseries includes correspondence, newspaper copies and a letter index from 1890 until Leland Stanford's death on 21 June 1893. Includes letters to and from C.P. Huntington, Leland Stanford and Aaron Augustus Sargent.

Subseries 5: Correspondence dated between 1890-1892 between William H. Mills, esq. and C.P. Huntington.

Subseries 6: Correspondence dated January 1868 and February 1868 between H.S. McComb and Oakes Ames.

Subseries 7: Personal Correspondence concerning Stephen Ambrose's "Nothing Like it in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869", between Salvador Ramirez and Alice Mayhew at Simon & Schuster Publishing

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1893-1903, bulk 1893-1897. 2 linear feet

Series 2: James M. Bassett (boxes 6, 7)

The Series 2: Bassett Series includes editorial letters sent to Bay Area newspapers under the heading "Dear Old Pard" written by James M. Bassett, a newspaperman, who at one time was employed by Stanford, as the general inspector of the Southern Pacific Railroad. After a falling out with the Big Four, Bassett began writing critical editorials, addressed to C.P. Huntington as 'Dear Old Pard'. These editorials were published in Bay Area newspapers between 1895-1897. Also includes obituary photocopies and cemetery information for Bassett and his extended family and photocopied biography information. Photocopies of the 'Dear Pard' letters on the Davie Mayoral Race (1893-1897) and the 'Dear Pard' letters on the Councilman Bassett (1895-1897) includes copies of the 'Tim' letters published September 1893 (letters to the editor from 'Tim' supporting J.M. Bassett).

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1870-1930, bulk 1870-1897. 4 linear feet

Series 3: Publications (boxes 8, 9, 11, 12)

Publications include photocopied newspaper clippings and articles from California newspapers including the LOS ANGELES HERALD, the OAKLAND MORNING TIMES, the QUINCY HERALD, the SAN JOSE RECORD and the SACRAMENTO UNION and copies of indexed letters written by Arthur McEwen, a one-time editor of THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, printed in the OAKLAND MORNING TIMES between 1890 and 1897. This series also includes a collection of theses that Salvador Ramirez used as part of his research.

Subjects include: the Nickel Ferry at the Oakland Waterfront (1890-1897), the Pullman Strike (1894), and repayment of government loans by Central Pacific.

Also includes photocopied government reports on railroad policies and practices, railroad commission reports; SOUTHERN PACIFIC BULLETIN "Trails to Rails" articles, and excerpts from various books about Tulare and Kings county history.

Included in this series are photocopied books, court testimonies and several theses.

THE HOPKINS HOAX compiled by Kellogg Research, Incorporated;

THE FREE HARBOR CONTEST AT LOS ANGELES by Charles Dwight Willard;

LETTERS OF LELAND STANFORD compiled by California Historical Society Quarterly

Court testimony transcripts:

Ellen M Colton vs Leland Stanford et all Vol. 1;

United States Pacific Railway Commission, Testimony & documents pertaining to the CP RR Co & Consolidated roads, 1887-1888

Included theses are:

Charles Crocker by Bunyan Hadley Andrew;

In Defense of Empire: The Southern Pacific versus the Texas and Pacific by Paul Victor de Ford Jr.;

Mark Hopkins: Inside Man of the Big Four by Ralph Walter Cioffi;

The Atlantic and Pacific Project by William Edward O'Neill;

The History of the San Francisco and San Jose Railroad by Louis Richard Miller;

The Influence of the Southern Pacific Railroad on Settlement in Southern California 1876-1890 by Edna M. Parker;

The Southern Pacific Railroad in California Politics by Jack Ward Bates;

Theodore Judah and the Central Pacific Railroad by Mary Cobb Nelson;

Chronicle of the Builders of the Commonwealth by Hubert Howe Bancroft;

The Hopkins Hoax by Helen H. Kincaid

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Series 4: Biography (box OV 1)

Series 4 includes biographical information on Charles Crocker, Edwin Bryant Crocker, C.P. Huntington, as well as biographical notes on David Douty Colton (D.D. Colton). David Colton, one-time sheriff of Siskiyou County (1853-1857) moved his family to San Francisco in 1859 after being authorized to practice law in California. Colton joined business with the Big Four, eventually becoming vice president of the Southern Pacific R.R. After his death in 1878, his widow, Ellen, sued the Big Four to obtain one fifth of the company and its profits. After 12 years, she eventually lost the lawsuit, but in the course of the lawsuit, presented, as evidence to the court case, the "Colton Letters". The "Colton Letters" were letters written by C.P. Huntington to David Colton, describing how government officials can and were bribed during the construction of the Central Pacific Railroad.

The series has been arranged in the following subseries 1-4

Subseries 1: Charles Crocker Biography
Subseries 2: Edwin B. Crocker Biography
Subseries 3: Collis P. Huntington Biography
Subseries 4: David Colton Biography
Subseries 5: Hopkins Family Genealogy Records

Subseries 1 includes biographical information on Charles Crocker found in transcribed notes and newspaper articles. There is a Polaroid photo of Crocker's burial tomb.

Subseries 2 contains biographical information on E.B. Crocker found in transcribed newspaper articles. Includes a SACRAMENTO UNION death notice for E.B. Crocker.

Subseries 3 includes biographical information on C.P. Huntington found in a transcribed article on the autobiography of Collis Potter Huntington and other articles.

Subseries 4 includes political notes (date range: 1895-1863, 1881) related to David Colton as well as printed materials about Colton.

Subseries 5 includes genealogy and biographical records of the of the Hopkins and Buell Family in the United States. Titles include, A Chapter of Hopkins Genealogy 1735-1905, Early Marriage Records of the Hopkins Family in the United States, Genealogy of One Branch of the Hopkins Family (John of Harford), Genealogy of One Branch of the Hopkins Family of Descendent of Stephen Hopkins Thru Giles, History of the Buell Family in England from the remotest times ascertainable from our ancient histories and in America from town, parish, church and family records, Notes on Thomas Hopkins of Providence, R.I. ca 1640 and his son Thomas Hopkins and his descendants, Stephen and Giles Hopkins: Mayflower Passengers and Some of Their Descendants Including an Eldridge Line,

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Series 5: Publishing (RESTRICTED) (box 11)

The Series 5: Publishing information is a collection of information used by Salvador Ramirez when he was writing and publishing his books

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Series 6: Photographs (box 10)

This series is a collection of photograph copies and photo DVD's of C.P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins, Charles Crocker, Leland Stanford, their wives and others. Includes digital images, reprints and photocopies found in historical societies and libraries. Salvador Ramirez used some of the photographs in his books. Includes page mock ups with photographs for publication.

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