

CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

**MS 713 FRANK L. MARY PAPERS**

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Records of land appraiser Frank L. Mary generated during his career include correspondence, field notes, and lists of railroad appraisals, an expense account and a travel record for 1915-1918.

This collection has been arranged into two series:

Series 1. BUSINESS RECORDS

Series 2. PERSONAL RECORDS

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION Frank L. Mary appraised railroad-owned lands in California, Nevada, and other states from approximately 1911 into the 1930s.

Frank L. Mary was born on September 28, 1865 in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended high school and business school in Nebraska. He married wife Katherine in 1898. The Marys had two sons, Francis N. and William E. and a daughter, Margaret.

In 1900, Frank Mary joined the Union Pacific as a right of way agent. After moving to Oakland, California in April 1909, he went to work for the Southern Pacific Land Department as a land appraiser. He became a Senior Land Appraiser for the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1914 and appraised land owned by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, and Southern Pacific railroads in California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Utah, Nebraska, Montana, and other states. In June 1921, he began working with the Southern Pacific in Southern California. From 1923 to 1929, Mary conducted private appraisals for various railroads. In 1926, he performed a reappraisal of Pennsylvania Railroad terminal and harbor property in Philadelphia for the Interstate Commerce Commission. In 1929, Mr. Mary became a land appraiser for the Western Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Mary died May 10, 1949.

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Frank L. Mary's business records are arranged into the following subseries:

Subseries 1. General business records

Subseries 2. Western Pacific business records

**Subseries 1. General business records**

This subseries includes correspondence, field notes with an index, expense account and travel information for ICC valuation work, and a list of railroad appraisals Mary conducted as of May 1924.

Correspondence includes: letters generated by Mr. Mary during his search for work as an independent land appraiser between 1925 and 1930, his interests in New Mexico land leases and oil, an attempt by Mary to purchase a Placer gravel mine, a land report done for Silverton Northern, arrangement for Mary's testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington on behalf of the McCloud River Railroad and an attempt to interest relatives in a fertilizer sale business.

There are two boxes of field notes kept by Frank Mary generated during the preparation of valuation section reports for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, and Southern Pacific railroads in California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Utah, Nebraska, Montana, and other states.

Arranged by type of material, then by subject and/or corporate name.

**Subseries 2. Western Pacific**

Includes correspondence between Mr. Mary and Western Pacific valuation engineer C.H. Byers summarizing Mary's work and listing his expenses in the Marysville, Oroville and Yuba City area and conveying instructions on surveying specific valuation sections in California and Nevada. Also includes blank Western Pacific valuation forms and passes for Mr. Mary to travel as a Western Pacific land appraiser. Mr. Mary was a land appraiser for Western Pacific from 1929-1932.

Arranged by subject.

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Subseries 1. General business records

Box 1 Folder 1 Blank Interstate Commerce Commission letterhead

**Correspondence:**

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Box 1 Folder 7 Fertilizer, 1925-1928

Box 1 Folder 8 McCloud River Railroad, 1924-1929

Box 1 Folders 9-14 Mines, 1932-1934

Box 1 Folder 15 Silverton Northern Railroad, 1925

Box 1 Folder 16 Expense account, 1915-1918

Box 1 Folder 17 Field note index

Box 1 Folder 18 List of railroad appraisals, May 1924

Box 1 Folder 19 Passes, 1921-1929

Box 1 Folder 20 Table of values, San Joaquin Valley

Box 1 Folder 21 Travel performed, Nov. 1914 - Oct. 1918

Box 1 Folder 22 Work record, Jul. 1914 - Dec. 1918

**Field notes**

Card box 1 Amador Central, Cal 1: Ione to Martell

Arizona Eastern Railroad Ariz 1: Maricopa to Hassayampa

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Cal 16, 17, 18

Cement, Tolenas & Tidewater Railroad Cal 1

**Central Pacific Railway**

Cal 3: City of Fresno

Cal 4: Fresno to Lathrop

Cal 6: Oakland to Tracy

Cal 15: Roseville to Red Bluff

Cal 16: Chico to Sterling

**Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway**

Montana 6A, 9

Brown County, South Dakota 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

South Dakota 19, 20

Iowa 11: Main line

Iowa 15: Mason City to Iowa-Minnesota state line

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Iowa 19: Sioux City Terminals  
Wisconsin 11, 14, 15, 16, 16a, 17, 18, 18a, 19, 19a Illinois 12

El Paso & Southwestern Railroad  
Ariz 1: Main line: New Mexico - Arizona line to Tucson  
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Ariz 2: Bisbee Branch  
Ariz 3: Tombstone Branch  
Ariz 4: Courtland Branch  
Ariz 5: Fort Huachuca Branch  
Ariz 6: Benson Branch

Inter-California Railway Cal 1, 2, 3 (includes SP Company Cal 1: El Centro to Seeley)  
Magma Arizona Railroad Ariz 1: Magma to Superior  
McCloud River Railroad: Main line, spurs

Northern Pacific Railway  
Idaho 1, 2, 2a, 5  
Montana 2, 4, 5, 19a, 21  
North Dakota 4: City of La Moure  
Washington 11, 11a, 11b

Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company Washington 12, 13, 17, 23, 24, 27  
Phoenix & Eastern Arizona 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Quincy Western Railway  
Ray & Gila Valley Railroad Ariz 1: Ray Junction to Ray (no notes retained)  
St. John & Ophir Railroad Utah 1: St. John to Ophir (no notes retained)  
St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway Nebraska 1: Grand Island to Hastings  
San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad: El Prado to Cascada  
San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Cal, Nev, and Utah  
Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railroad Ariz 2: Yavapai-Maricopa County line to Phoenix, Wickenburg to Parker  
Sierra Railway Cal 1,2: Oakdale to Tuolumne, Angel's Branch, 1923-1924  
Silverton Northern Railroad Cal 1a, 1b, 1925

Southern Pacific  
Cal 1, 2, 3, 3a, 3b, 4, 4a  
Cal 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11a, 12, 12a, 15  
Cal 16, 17, 18, 19, 20  
Cal 24: Goshen to Bakerfield  
Cal 27: Kerman to Goshen  
Cal 29: Fresno to Friant  
Cal 30: Tracy to Fresno  
Cal 32: Madera Spur  
Cal 33: Raymond Branch  
Cal 35: Tracy to Oakland  
Cal 36: San Ramon Branch  
Cal 47: Galt to Lone  
Cal 53: Elmira to Rumsey  
Cal 54: Davis to Tehama Junction  
Cal 54a: Willows to Fruto  
Cal 54b: Wyo to Hamilton  
Cal 55: Woodland to Marysville  
Cal 56: Marysville to Oroville  
Cal 56a: Oroville to Nelson (proposed line)

Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Washington 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a

Card box 2  
Sunset Railway Cal 1, 2  
Tooele Valley Railway Utah 1 (no notes retained)

Union Pacific Railroad  
Colorado 4, 5  
Nebraska 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17  
Utah 1, 1a, 1b, 2  
Wyoming 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 5a, 5

Union Pacific Railroad / Colorado & Southern Railway Joint Property  
Wyoming 1, 3  
Colorado Railroad Wyoming 1, 2  
Colorado & Southern Railway Wyoming 2, 3

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Western Pacific Railway  
Cal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
Nev 1, 2, 3, 4  
Utah: Entire line and springs  
Water front company

Yosemite Valley Railroad Cal 1: Merced to El Portel

Subseries 2: Western Pacific business records  
Box 2 Folder 1 Blank form, "Building classification and computation record," 1927-1928  
Box 2 Folder 2 Blank form, "Valuation department sales record," 1931

Correspondence  
Box 2 Folders 3-6 1929-1931  
Box 2 Folder 7 Desert Springs in Nevada and Utah, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 8 Valuation sections and zones, 1930

Correspondence about Valuation Sections  
Box 2 Folder 9 Cal 2: City of Oakland, California, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 10 Cal 3: Oakland to Stockton, California, 1932  
Box 2 Folder 11 Cal 7: Sacramento to Oroville, California, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 12 Cal 8: Oroville to Portola, California, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 13 Cal 9: Portola to California - Nevada state line, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 14 Cal 10: Loyalton Branch and Gilling Spur, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 15 Cal 11: Reno Branch, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 16 Cal 13: Bidwell Spur, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 17 Cal 14: Calpine Branch, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 18 Nev 1, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 19 Nev 2, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 20 Nev 3, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 21 Nev 4, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 22 Nev 5: Reno Branch, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 23 Utah 1, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 24 Utah 2,3, 1931

Water supply  
Box 2 Folder 25 California, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 26 Nevada, 1931  
Box 2 Folder 27 Utah, 1931

Box 2 Folder 28 Handwritten drawings from Stafford appraisal, Oakland to Hayward, undated

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Series 2. PERSONAL PAPERS

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Box 3 Folder 3 Electric bill for Oakland residence, 1928  
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