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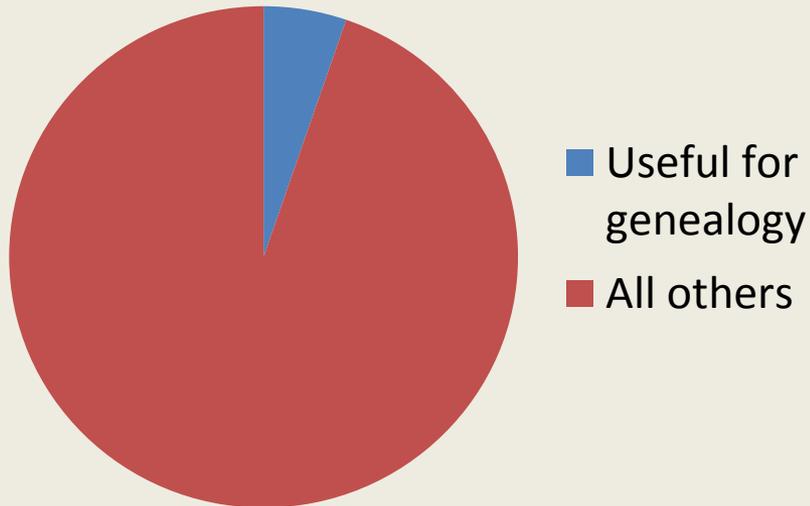
How it began: the courtship

- Ancestry.com staff contacted CSRM Library
 - March 2008
- CSRM staff selected materials to digitize
 - Created list of “digitization priorities”
- MOU signed
 - Dec 2008
- Ancestry hired staff to digitize
 - April 2009

Genealogy at CSRM Library

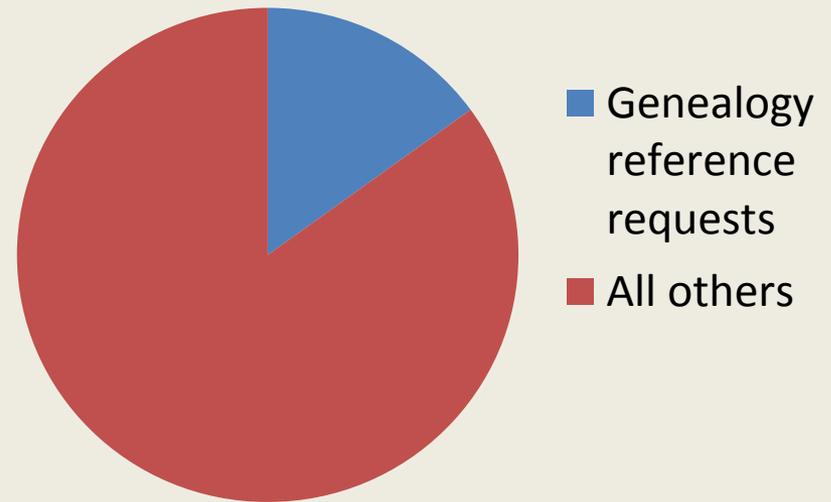
What we have:

CSRM Collections



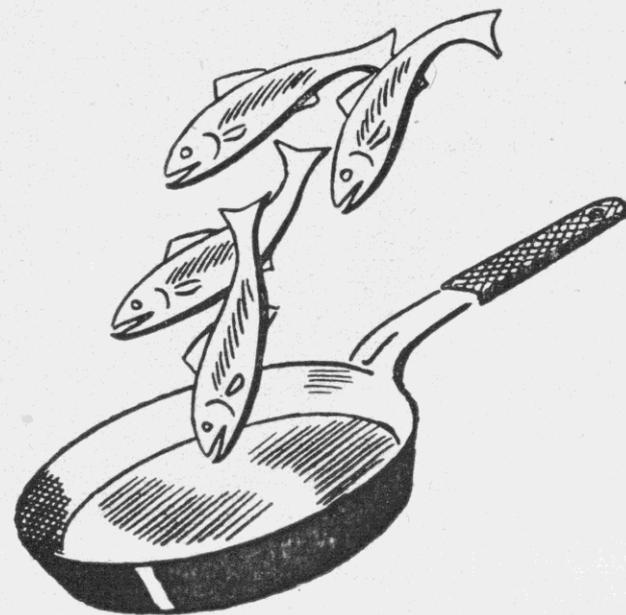
What people ask for:

Reference by type



Digitization Priorities for the ancestry.com project

- Does it support our mission?
- Is it original manuscript material?
- If published, will we violate copyright or duplicate efforts?
- What is the condition of the original?
- Are we likely to publish it online elsewhere?



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The image shows a screenshot of the California State Parks Museum Collections website, displayed in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.museumcollections.parks.ca.gov/code/museum.asp?collection=6519&collectionname=Pick%20Me!%20Fruit%20Crate%20Art%20%26%20He%20Cal>. The website header features the CA.GOV logo and the text "California State Parks DISCOVER THE MANY STATES OF CALIFORNIA." Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Parks Home", "Museum Collections Home", "Archaeology And Museums Home", "Collections", "Search", "Help", and "FAQs".

The main content area displays a search result for "All Objects: Pick Me! Fruit Crate Art & the California Dream", showing results 33 to 40 of 45. The results are presented in a grid of eight fruit crate labels, each with a unique ID and a description:

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- 387-1-2329 Fruit crate label 1920s
- 387-32-6 Fruit crate label 1920s
- 387-32-10 Fruit crate label 1930s
- 387-32-11 Fruit crate label 1930s
- 387-32-14 Fruit crate label 1930s

The labels include "Webster Apples", "Stadelman's", "Exeter California Oranges", "California Apples", "King Pelican California Vegetables", "Kings Cadets Asparagus", and "Butte California Apples". The website also features a "Museum Collection Highlights" section with a featured item "Treasures from a Pioneer Family" and a "Quick Search" bar.

Online pre-MOU vs. post-MOU

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http://www.sacramentohistory.org/search.php?imageid=609

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Date	1865
Description	1 item ; 23 x 13-3/4 in.
Subject(s)	Central Pacific Railroad Company (159) , Railroad employees (61) Forms (Documents) (17)
Summary	Payroll No. 102 dated March 1865 for Chinese workers employed during the construction of the transcontinental railroad. The Library has approximately 300 payrolls for the period 1864 to 1866. The payrolls list the construction division for which the individuals worked, rates of pay and total pay received.
Owning Institution	California State Railroad Museum Library
Copyright	© CSRM Library
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You may refine your search results or perform a new search by returning to the search page.

How we digitized: the great ledger shuffle

- To digitize on-site or off-site?
- Originals housed in multiple locations
- A tale of two bindings

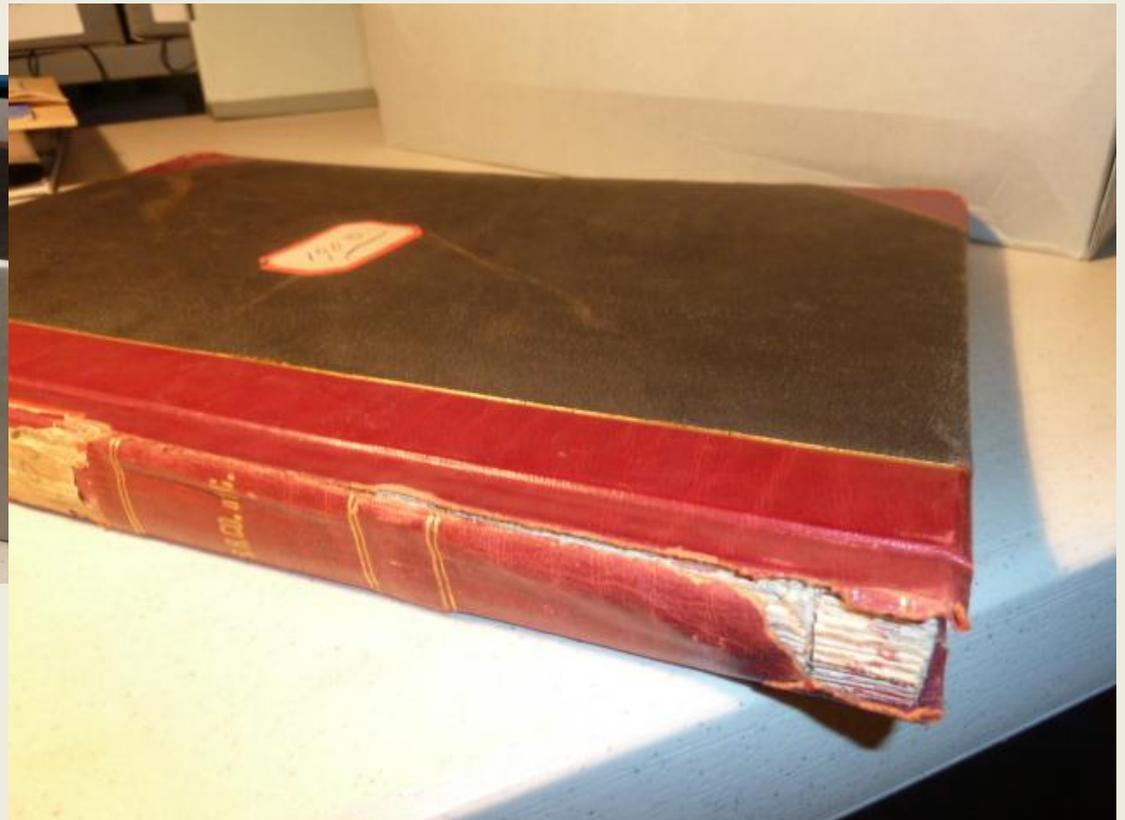


Ancestry's digitizing workstation

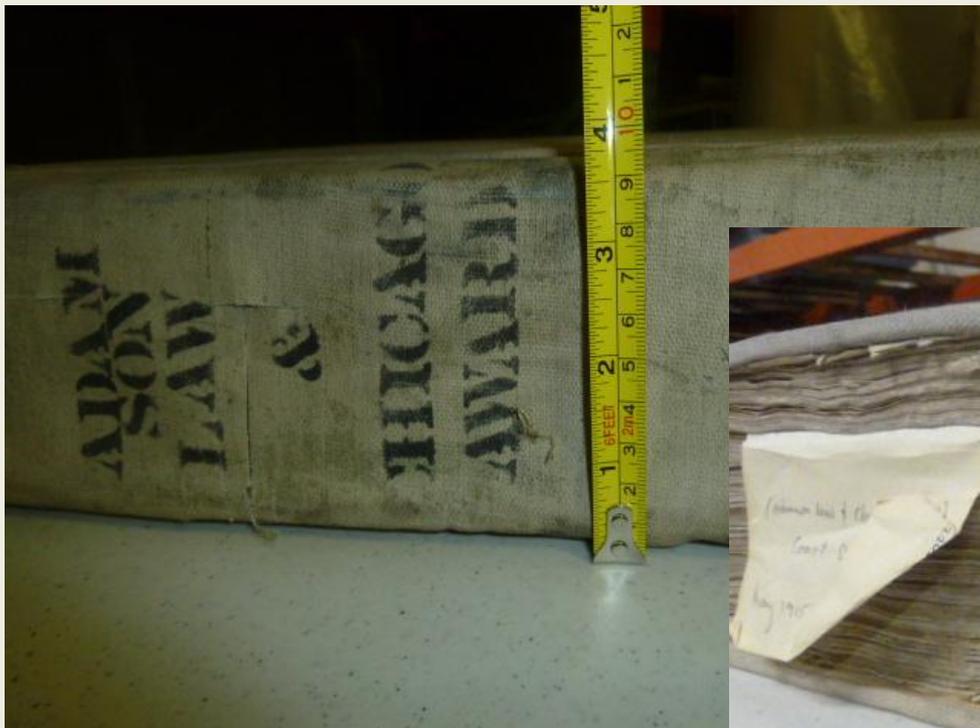
Jeannie's home away from home

Sierra Railroad payroll ledgers

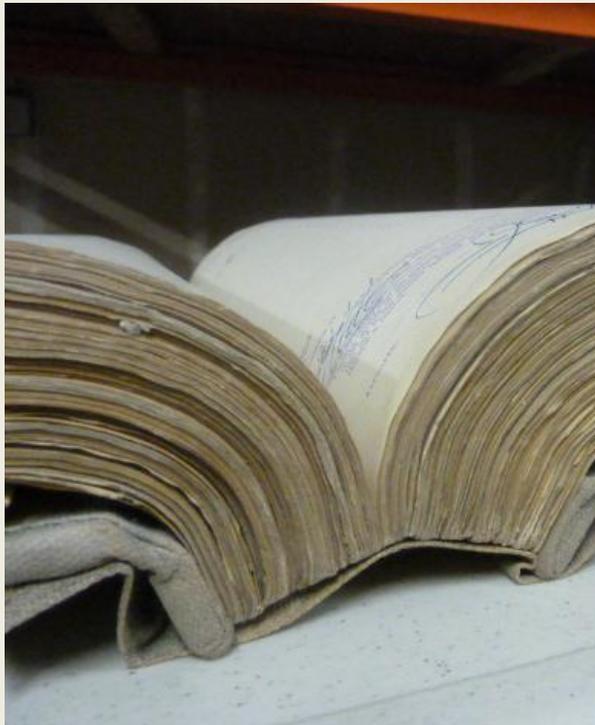
the “good” ledgers



Southern Pacific payroll ledgers



Process: unbinding



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	"			<i>June</i>		492	1021
<i>W. Digley</i>	"			<i>May</i>		560	
	"			<i>June</i>		362	922
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	"			<i>June</i>		441	901
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	"			<i>May</i>		377	800
<i>W. Bush</i>	"			<i>June</i>		200	
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Central Pacific Payroll	31695 0009181	Box 17	4/3/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	146		SPRINKLER 0009181 - too large - #132 torn in mid-name, could not repair	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Central Pacific Payroll	31695 0009182	Box 18	4/3/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average/Below	182		Missing back of #201 - shot at the end of the box. Multiple pages had to be sent in this box and qualify as "tags". #143 had a letter attached to the front of the Payroll Ledger, not removable. I shot the letter, then the tagger with the letter (fell out of the way).	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Central Pacific Payroll	31695 0009183	Box 19	4/3/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	159		#1 38, 39 & 40 are all the front of sheet, overlapped. #60 had a handwritten note (in blue) attached to the front. Shot with note and with note folded back. #114 had a blue handwritten note as well - same process but couldn't find the note completely so I shot the entire portion of the page. Sheet #54 was very damaged and brittle - could not get all the 64 numbered sections to fit.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Central Pacific Payroll	31695 0009184	Box 20	4/3/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	118		Sheet #18 & 19 are front & back of one loose page with no identifying dates or location. Back of back had no identifying dates/location - don't scan.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Central Pacific Payroll	31695 0009185	Box 21	4/3/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	128		Sheet #18 & 19 are front & back of one loose page with no identifying dates or location. Back of back had no identifying dates/location - don't scan.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Central Pacific Payroll	31695 0009186	Box 22	4/7/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Below Average	134		Sheet #18 & 19 are front & back of one loose page with no identifying dates or location. Back of back had no identifying dates/location - don't scan.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
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Virginia & Truckee Payroll	31695 0009188	Box 11	4/7/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Above Average	66		Multiple sheets had blank backs - did not scan.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Virginia & Truckee Payroll	31695 0009189	Box 12	4/7/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	147		Folder named "N&P Personnel" was empty and not scanned.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Southern Pacific Back List	31695 0009190	Complete Book	4/7/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	181		Some blank sheets scanned intentionally for book format.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Southern Pacific Seniority List - San Joaquin	31695 0009191	Complete Book	4/7/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	194		Some blank sheets scanned intentionally for book format.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Central Pacific Payroll	31695 0009192	1892-1893 - One Box only	4/9/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	33		Find 8 images were loose, not in an identifying folder. Very brittle, lots of creases in some sheets.	4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Western Division Payroll 195939	31695 0009193	MO 10 Deries 17	4/9/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	203			4/14/2009	5/1/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009194	Box 243 - 1898-1900	4/9/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	290			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009195	Box 243 - 1901	4/9/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	275			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
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Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009198	Box 244 - 1904	4/10/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	313			5/14/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009199	Box 244 - 1905/06	4/10/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	314			5/14/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009200	Box 244 - 1906/07	4/10/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	303			5/14/2009	5/14/2009
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Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009209	Box 247 - 1916/17	5/7/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	303			5/14/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009210	Box 247 - 1917/18	4/16/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	318		Page 119 had a reorder coupon inserted between left and right sides across into the binding.	5/14/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009211	Box 247 - Loose Sheets	4/16/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	12		4 Loose sheets that were placed in the 1917/18 book.	5/14/2009	5/14/2009
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Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009213	Box 242 - 1920/21	4/17/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	317			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009214	Box 248 - 1921/22	4/16/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	287		Pages 139-140 blank, don't scan	5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009215	Box 248 - 1922	4/16/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Below Average	239		Water damage - some blank sheets stuck together. Sheets 62-140-151 blank, not scanned.	5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009216	Box 249 - 1923/23	4/16/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	294			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
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Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009218	Box 249 - 1924/25	4/17/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	309			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009219	Box 262 - 1926/26	4/17/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	283			5/14/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009220	Box 262 - 1926	4/17/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	285		Binding is very tight, hard to get book to lay flat. Also many pages are wadded and brittle. "Water damage?"	5/14/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009221	Box 262 - 1926/27	4/17/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	279			5/14/2009	5/14/2009
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Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009223	Box 261 - 1928/29	4/21/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	310			5/14/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009224	Box 261 - 1929	4/21/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	283			5/14/2009	5/14/2009
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Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009227	Box 260 - 1931/32	4/22/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	301			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009228	Box 260 - 1932/33	4/22/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	310			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31694 0009229	Box 260 - 1934/36	4/22/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	310			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Sierra Railroad Payroll	31695 0009230	Box 260 - 1936/37	4/22/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	299			5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Northwestern Pacific	31695 0009231	Dec. 1916	4/22/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	171		50 General Notes for N&P Payroll Ledgers.	5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Northwestern Pacific	31695 0009232	Jan. 1916	4/22/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	180		44 Library did not want individual's	5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Northwestern Pacific	31694 0009233	Feb. 1916	4/22/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	169		34 scan individual sheets or page	5/1/2009	5/14/2009
Northwestern Pacific	31694 0009234	March 1916	4/22/2009	Jeanne McLeod	Average	161		21 attachments if they did not lay flat.	5/1/2009	5/14/2009

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This is Miss Julia Evans,
Librarian with
Southern Pacific
for many years.



MISS JULIA EVANS
In charge of Library and Woman's
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San Francisco.

California, Railroad Employment Records, 1862-1937

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Railroad Description
Southern Pacific - General Offices

Year
1916

Month
November
December

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About California, Railroad Employment Records, 1862-1937

CSRM Library record description

Gives a general overview of the records digitized from CSRM Library.

Evans - California, Railroad Employment Records...

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All California, Railroad Employment Records, 1862-1937 results for Julia Evans

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This is a collection of employment records from railroad companies operating in California between 1862 and 1937. It includes payrolls, seniority lists, and blacklists for employees, many...
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View Record	Name	Railroad Description	Record Date	View Images
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Search for First Name "Julia" Last Name "Evans"

14 results, 1916-1919

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Source Description

This is a collection of employment records from railroad companies operating in California between 1862 and 1937. It includes payrolls, seniority lists, and blacklists for employees, many of whom were Asian. The index is searchable by name, date and railroad and the records contain name, pay date, roll date, and often list occupation as well. [Learn more...](#)

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	Railroad Description	Record Date
Donecken	Southern Pacific - Miscellaneous	31 Mar 1917
Doriel	Southern Pacific - Miscellaneous	31 Mar 1917
Emery	Southern Pacific - Miscellaneous	31 Mar 1917
Evans	Southern Pacific - Miscellaneous	31 Mar 1917

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Nifty features!

Zoomed in on Julia Evans.

What we didn't expect: the bad times

- Staffing changes
 - 2 camera operators from ancestry.com
 - 2 separate project numbers to track
- Time commitment
 - Total duration of project start to finish
- Staff/volunteer commitment
 - More helping hands, please.

What went well: the good times

- Shipping files on hard drive via FedEx
- Crowdsourcing!
- We learned good lessons for the next round...



Would we do it again?

- Researcher response has been great
- Access is vastly improved
- Preservation of originals also improved

The end.



Thank you.

Questions?

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