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INTRODUCTION
The collection contains three notebooks compiled by or for George B. Harris, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, and provide railroad statistics and information about railroad contracts.

DONOR INFORMATION
The collection was part of a transfer from the General Library of the University of Missouri-Kansas City on 10/24/1980 (KA0054). The letters are believed to have been collected by Robert M. Snyder, Jr. and sold to the University in the mid-1940s.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
George B. Harris was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1848. Moving to Hannibal, Missouri, in 1864, he began his long career with railroads as an office boy with the Hannibal and St. Joseph and the Atchison and Nebraska Railroads. Harris was later employed as a purchasing agent for Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad (1882-1883); as an assistant to the general manager, with Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad (1883-1885); and served as the assistant to the general manager, vice president and president of the Chicago, Burlington and Northern Railroad (1885-1901). Concurrently, he was the second vice president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad until 1901 when James J. Hill appointed him president of that line – a position he held until 1911 when he became chairman of the board. He died in Chicago, Illinois, in 1918.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The collection consists of three volumes that appear to have been compiled around 1901. The first volume is labeled "Statistics" and includes tables and notes on assets and liabilities, classification of locomotives, dining car earnings, mileage of track by states and road, etc. The volume is indexed. An unsigned note in the front of this book suggests that "...no doubt these books were prepared in anticipation of the many and varied questions that it was Mr. [James H.] Hill's habit to ask."

The other two volumes are labeled "Contracts" and provide a synopsis of contractual agreements pertaining to various railroad lines. The earliest contract is dated 1869 and the latest is 1901. Each book has its own index.
PREFERRED CITATION
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LOCATION NOTE
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