



## George B. Harris Papers (K0213)

**Collection Number:** K0213

**Collection Title:** George B. Harris Papers

**Dates:** circa 1901

**Creator:** Harris, George B., 1848-1918

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

**Collection Size:** 0.2 cubic foot  
(3 folder, 3 volumes)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Historical Note:**

George B. Harris was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1848. In 1864, Harris moved to Hannibal, Missouri, and began his career in railroads as an office boy with the Hannibal and St. Joseph and the Atchison and Nebraska Railroads. From 1882-1883, Harris worked as a purchasing agent for Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He then became an assistant to the general manager, with Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad until 1885. Later, Harris worked for the Chicago, Burlington and Northern Railroad holding several titles, and finally was appointed president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad by James J. Hill, a position Harris held until 1911, when he became chairman of the board. Harris died in Chicago, Illinois, in 1918.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged by material type into three folders.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of three volumes that appear to have been compiled around 1901. The first volume has been indexed and is labeled "Statistics." This volume includes tables and notes on assets and liabilities, classification of locomotives, dining car earnings, and mileage of track by states and road.

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 volume has its own index.

**Container List:**

v. 1	Statistics, circa 1901
v. 2-3	Contracts, circa 1901

**Index:**

Index Term	Folder
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation	v. 1-3
Railroads	v. 1-3