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Summary Information

**Repository:** M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives  
**Title:** Great Western Railway Records  
**ID:** mss075  
**Date [inclusive]:** Undated  
**Physical Description:** 6 Vol.  
**Physical Location:** The materials are located onsite in the department.  
**Language of the Material:** English.  
**Mixed Materials [Collection]:** X  
**Abstract:** This collection contains records of locomotive engines built between 1861 and 1921 and used by the Great Western Railway.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Great Western Railway Records, Undated. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Great Western Railway Records).

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Historical Sketch

The Great Western Railway (GWR), which was founded in 1833, linked London with the southwest and west of England, the West Midlands, and most of Wales. The first train on the railway ran in 1838 and the trains were known to run on broader gauges than other railway services. The GWR updated its lines in the early 20th century and added restaurant cars and steam heaters. In 1914, during the first World War, the government took control of the railroad, but after the war, unlike some railroads, it was allowed to maintain its independence. After the second World War, the GWR became the Western Region of British Railways on January 1, 1948. In 2015, the name of the railroad reverted back to the Great Western Railway in honor of its founders.
Scope and Contents

Owned or compiled in part by William Kenning, Lodge Hill, Sussex, Great Britain, this collection contains registers with records of locomotive engines built between 1861-1921 and used by the railway company.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

Collection level finding aid created by Sheri Sarnoff 2020

Processing Information

Processed by unprocessed.

Access

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Acquisition Information

The collection was purchased from dealer Francis Edwards Ltd. of London in 1969.

Controlled Access Headings

- Kenning, William L.
- Financial Records
- Great western railway Company