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Summary

This collection of contracts, patent assignments, other legal documents, and correspondence of Edison and others, deals with the development of the telegraph and the expansion of the telegraph network. There are 31 cataloged legal documents concerning his telegraphic patents, his company (Pope, Edison & Company), and its purchase by The Gold and Stock Telegraph

Company in 1870. Other contracts concern the early work of Samuel F.B. Morse and other inventors, and later telegraph companies.

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Arrangement

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