Missouri Land and Live Stock Company and Missouri Land Company of Scotland Papers (C0825)

Collection Number: C0825

Collection Title: Missouri Land and Live Stock Company and Missouri Land Company of Scotland Papers

Dates: 1881-1924

Creators: Missouri Land and Live Stock Company
           Missouri Land Company of Scotland

Abstract: Records, reports, and correspondence of companies which had main offices in Edinburgh, Scotland. Their purpose was to obtain land in southwest Missouri to sell or lease.

Collection Size: 4 rolls of microfilm

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Existence and Location of Originals: The original records are located at the Colorado State Archives.

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**Historical Note:**

The Missouri Land and Live Stock Company, also referred to as the Scotch Land Company, was incorporated in Edinburgh, March 21, 1882. Its purpose was to acquire lands in Southwest Missouri and sell or lease these lands. The head office in America was in Neosho, Missouri. Thomas Lawson was the first manager in Neosho and was followed by Andrew Pollok in February 1887 and John M. Purdy the following September. The company had a large stock farm about five miles east of Neosho. The company was liquidated in June 1908.

The Missouri Land Company of Scotland, also referred to as the Scotch Land Company, was organized in 1881 with purposes similar to the Missouri Land and Live Stock Company. Most of its activities were limited to Barry County. Many of the shareholders were common to both companies. The Sidways of Chicago were large stockholders and were influential in its operation. The company was liquidated in August 1920.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Missouri Land and Live Stock Company Papers
Missouri Land Company of Scotland Papers

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Missouri Land and Live Stock Company Papers**

This series includes various business papers, records, and correspondence of the company and its livestock farm. Also included are annual reports, 1883-1907, and final liquidation reports which run to 1911.

**Missouri Land Company of Scotland Papers**

This series consists of business papers; suits against the company, some by the Sidways; lists of stockholders; and other records. Also included are final liquidation reports which run to 1924.

**Container List:**

**Missouri Land and Live Stock Company Papers**

Roll 1  Sale of lands to Agricultural College of Missouri, 1883-1884; mandates authorizing payment of dividends to stockholders; deeds; correspondence.

Roll 2  Abstracts; purchase money mortgages; description of lands; contracts; annual reports, 1883-1907; liquidation reports 1908-1911; deeds.

Roll 3, Part 1  Photo of Company’s office building in Neosho, Missouri; copy of certificate of incorporation and other papers concerning origin of company; records of lands purchased and description of lands; correspondence; papers regarding liquidated
company, 1908-11; bank book of liquidated company in account with Royal Bank of Scotland; Stock transfers.

**Missouri Land Company of Scotland Papers**

Roll 3, Part 2  Deeds; notes to titles; letter to shareholders from office of L.B. Sidney, September 27, 1906; abstract of minutes, 1893-1906; correspondence.

Roll 4  Correspondence; list of shareholders; meeting notices; minutes of meetings, 1902-1913; annual reports to shareholders and directors, 1905-1919; petitions for reduction of stock; liquidation of company, 1920-1924. Dundee American Real Property Company. Minutes of meetings, 1895.

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