Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Collection (R0095)

Collection Number: R0095

Collection Title: Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Collection

Dates: 1870

Creator: Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company

Abstract: The Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Collection contains photocopies of a quitclaim deed by which the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company sold forty acres of land in Dallas County, Missouri to William Miller. The deed was executed on December 29, 1870 and was filed for record on January 12, 1904.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

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-Rolla. If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were loaned for photocopying to the University of Missouri by Ella Miller on September 4, 1981 (Accession No. RA0087).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Collection can be found in the following collections:

Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Records (R0086)
St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Records (R0362)
Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Records (R1288)


Historical Note:

John C. Fremont and associates formed the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company (A&P) in 1866. The company received a Congressional charter and land grants the same year. The Atlantic and Pacific consisted of two disconnected sections of railroad. The eastern portion of the road consisted of the former Southwest Branch of the Pacific Railroad of Missouri, authorized in 1852. Completed from Franklin (now Pacific) to Rolla in 1860, but bankrupted by the Civil War, the parent road defaulted on construction bonds and the state of Missouri seized the worn-out property in 1866. The group headed by Fremont bought the South West Branch from the state a few months later and reorganized it as the Southwest Pacific Railroad Company, completing the line from Rolla to the town site of Arlington. When Fremont’s group defaulted on its bonds in 1867, the state seized the line again and sold it to investors headed by Clinton B. Fisk who reorganized it as the South Pacific Railroad Company. Ownership of the A&P, and the land grants it controlled, was also transferred to the Fisk group. The South Pacific completed grading the roadbed to the Missouri state line before selling its property to the A&P in October 1870. Financial difficulties continued to plague the Missouri Division during A&P and the company entered into receivership in 1875. It began land transfers during the period in 1876-1877 and involved over 13,000 acres of land, most of which derived from land grants dating to the charter of the South West Branch of the Pacific Railroad. It was reorganized by investors as the St. Louis and San Francisco (“Frisco”) Railway Company in 1876. Some of the remaining sections of the A&P endured until 1897, after which time the Frisco and Santa Fe lines acquired what was left. The A&P’s Missouri Division is now part of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains photocopies of a quitclaim deed by which the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company sold forty acres of land in Dallas County, Missouri to William Miller. The deed was executed on December 29, 1870 and was filed for record on January 12, 1904. The parcel was sold for $100. The railroad company reserved a 100-foot wide right-of-way for any future construction. Representatives of the South Pacific Railroad Company also signed the document. A recorder’s certificate accompanies the deed.

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