

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Saint Francis Levee District of Missouri.**  
**76**            **Records, 1893-1980.**  
                  **Eight volumes and one folder.**

### **MICROFILM**

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These are ledgers, minute books, and financial records of the Saint Francis Levee District. The District was organized in 1893, and re-organized in 1913. It includes parts of Dunklin, New Madrid, and Pemiscot counties in Missouri.

Legislation by the State of Missouri in the 1890s allowed for the creation of special levee districts that would cut across county boundaries along navigable streams. The levee districts were to cooperate with the county courts, other districts, and state and federal agencies to ensure protection of life and property along the rivers. Operating revenues were to be raised by assessments on landowners whose property fell within the limits of a district. Assessments were based on acreage, and were collected by county courts to be turned over to the levee districts. Landowner input was also based on acreage. Each landowner held one vote for every acre of ground included within district boundaries.

Citizens of Dunklin, New Madrid, and Pemiscot counties organized the Saint Francis Levee District of Missouri in 1893. The District includes lands adjacent to, and including, the confluence of the St. Francis and the Mississippi Rivers.

The records of the Saint Francis Levee District contain financial records, expense ledgers, and minutes of the meetings of the board of supervisors and landowners. The minutes contain the details of re-organization in 1913, and mention the relationships of the district with the county courts, the Mississippi River Commission, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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### Shelf List

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- Vol. 1    Proceedings of the Board of Directors of the St. Francis Levee District of Missouri, 1893-1903.
- Vol. 2    Detailed Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the St. Francis Levee District of Missouri, 1893-1906. (Published in pamphlet form at Caruthersville, Mo., 1906.)
- Vol. 3    Ledger, 1893-1910.
- Vol. 4    Ledger, 1906-1914.
- Vol. 5    Register of Warrants, 1896-1906.
- Vol. 6    Register of Warrants, 1913-1947.

- Vol. 7 Minute Book of Landowners' Meetings, 1913-1931.
- Vol. 8 Annual Report of Officers of the Board of Supervisor, St. Francis Levee District of Missouri, year Ending August 31, 1980.
- F. 1 Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1948-1961.
- Distribution Map of the Volume of the Mississippi River and Tributaries, September 1948
  - Two page printed poem, "This is His Life, Sterling Price Reynolds, 100th Birthday Anniversary, November 9, 1961." (Reynolds was Chief Engineer of the St. Francis Levee District of Missouri.)

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