



Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Records (R0086)

Collection Number: R0086

Collection Title: Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Records

Dates: 1870-1880

Creator: Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company

Abstract: The Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Records contains a microfilm copy of the records for the company. The records include indexed accounts of operating expense and revenue.

Collection Size: (2 rolls of microfilm)

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 microfilming to the University of Missouri by the Museum of the Ozarks, Inc. on July 29, 1981 (Accession No. RA0075).

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

Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Collection (R0095)
St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Records (R0362)
Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company Record Book (R1288)
C.C. Roberts Railroad Collection (C4212)

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Historical Note:

An act of Congress chartered the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad in 1866. It was to run westward from Springfield, Missouri, through Indian Territory, then to San Francisco along the 35th parallel. John C. Frémont headed the company, which was composed of investors from the eastern United States. The company also acquired the bankrupt South West Branch of the Pacific Railroad at Franklin (now Pacific), Missouri and had reached Rolla by 1860, but the Civil War bankrupted the road. The state of Missouri seized the line in 1865, renamed it the Southwest Pacific Railroad, and operated it until the sale to Frémont.

While Frémont led the company, rails were placed on previously constructed roadbed to the confluence of the Gasconade River and Little Piney Creek at Arlington, twelve miles west of Rolla. There was no additional construction before the company defaulted on its first installment on the purchase price in 1868, whereupon the state again seized the road. Another group of investors purchased the line and formed the South Pacific Railroad Company. The rails reached Springfield in 1870, where they joined those of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad. Although they remained separate corporate entities until 1873, the Atlantic and Pacific and the South Pacific railroads were owned by the same group and were operated as a single line. Construction through Indian Territory came to a halt in late 1870. The company struggled until 1875 when it defaulted on its mortgage payments. Its directors purchased the company at a foreclosure sale in 1876. The new organization bore the name St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company, although the road had no terminus at either city. The company is now part of the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe System.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one series:

Records

Scope and Content Note:

Records

The series contains ledgers of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company. The records bear evidence of the tangled financial history of the line. All of the volumes include accounts of mortgage and bond payments in the names of the predecessor roads, and volume two contains the entries for the purchase of the Southwest Pacific Railroad and merger with the South Pacific. The ledgers also contain routine accounts for freight and passenger interchanges, construction costs, land leases, royalties, and salaries. Volume 1-3 are indexed. This series is arranged chronologically.

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