



Memphis, Kansas, and Colorado Railway Company Records (R0089)

Collection Number: R0089

Collection Title: Memphis, Kansas, and Colorado Railway Company Records

Dates: 1880-1888

Creator: Memphis, Kansas, and Colorado Railway Company

Abstract: The Memphis, Kansas, and Colorado Railway Company Records contain a microfilm copy of construction and operating journals. The Memphis, Kansas, and Colorado Railways was a narrow gauge branch line of the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Gulf Railroad.

Collection Size: (1 roll of microfilm)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Memphis, Kansas, and Colorado Railway Company Records can be found in the following collections:

Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company Records (R0088)

Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company Collection (R1071)

Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company Records (R1425)

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Historical Note:

Organized as a Kansas operation in 1877, the Memphis, Kansas, and Colorado Railway's fifty-mile line was completed from Weir City, Kansas, to Cherryvale, Kansas, by 1881. A change to standard gauge was made in 1882. The parent company and its branches were consolidated as the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Springfield Railroad Company in 1888.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a microfilm copy of construction and operating journals. The Memphis, Kansas, and Colorado Railway was a narrow gauge branch line of the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Gulf Railroad. Volume one contains the construction records of the line from July 1880 through July 1881. Included are the figures for the line extension from Parson, Kansas, to a junction with the Kansas City, Lawrence and Southern Railroad. The second volume also contains construction records, as well as accounts of bond, mortgage, and interest payments, and operating expenses. Included are the costs of the change of gauge in 1882. The last entry in this volume records the details of consolidation in 1888.

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