



## **Kansas City and Memphis Railway and Bridge Company Records (R0090)**

**Collection Number:** R0090

**Collection Title:** Kansas City and Memphis Railway and Bridge Company Records

**Dates:** 1888-1894

**Creator:** Kansas City and Memphis Railway and Bridge Company

**Abstract:** The Kansas City and Memphis Railway and Bridge Company Records contain a microfilm copy of financial records. Organized in 1887 to bridge the Mississippi River at Memphis, Tennessee, this company was controlled by the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad system.

**Collection Size:** (1 roll 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](mailto: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 Kansas City and Memphis Railway and Bridge 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:

The Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company was chartered in 1887, to construct a bridge and railroad tracks over the Mississippi River from Marion, Arkansas, to Memphis, Tennessee. The three-mile line was controlled, and its mortgage guaranteed, by the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company. The opening of the bridge on May 13, 1892, made the Fort Scott system a through line from Memphis to Kansas City, and allowed it to compete seriously with the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company in southwestern Missouri and northern Arkansas. The "Frisco" bought the Fort Scott system in 1901, and with it the Kansas City and Memphis Railway and Bridge Company.

### Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

### Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a microfilm copy of financial records. Organized in 1887, to bridge the Mississippi River at Memphis, Tennessee, this company was controlled by the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad system. Although mortgage, interest, and other accounts are included in the first volume, it is primarily a construction expense ledger. Various construction costs are listed, and are broken into separate accounts for the east and west sides of the river. Five of the piers that underpinned the bridge also were assigned individual accounts. The volume is indexed.

The second volume is an operating ledger that lists regular maintenance expense and revenues from freight and passenger car mileage charges. The volume is chronologically ordered and is not indexed.

### Container List:

Box 001	v. 1	Ledger, 1888-1894
	v. 2	Ledger, 1890-1894

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