



Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad Company Records (R0096)

Collection Number: R0096

Collection Title: Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad Company Records

Dates: 1918-1925

Creator: Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad Company

Abstract: The Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad Company Records contain a microfilm copy of a monthly record of revenues and expenses for the Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad. The nine-mile long branch ran from a junction with the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway at Depew, Oklahoma, to Shamrock, Oklahoma.

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 Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad Company Records can be found in the following collections:

St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Records (R0362)

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Historical Note:

The Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad was built in 1915-1916 to tap the Cushing oil field, one of the largest pools in Oklahoma. Upon discovery of oil, attempts were made to induce the then St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to build a branch from its main line at Depew to Shamrock, a distance of almost nine miles. The Frisco, however, was in the process of reorganization under foreclosure, and could not finance the line. Local investors, led by A.J. Frates, Sr., incorporated the Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad and build the needed tracks. The reorganized Frisco then purchased the line in 1917.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a microfilm copy of a monthly record of revenues and expenses for the Sapulpa and Oil Field Railroad. The ledger contains monthly recapitulations of income and expenditures. The entries begin with those for January 1918, five months after the Frisco's takeover. The relationship of the two roads is evident in entries for track and equipment rental, freight interchanges, and joint maintenance of facilities at Depew. Among the accounts are those for collection of the war tax on freight and passengers, commissions on mail service, and revenues from the Wells Fargo Express service.

Container List:

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