



Missouri Pacific Railroad Company Collection (R0156)

Collection Number: R0156

Collection Title: Missouri Pacific Railroad Company Collection

Dates: circa 1920

Creator: Missouri Pacific Railroad Company

Abstract: The Missouri Pacific Railroad Company Collection contains a photocopy of an illustrated promotional booklet, "The Arcadia Country." The booklet describes the Arcadia Valley in Iron County, Missouri. Also included are photocopies of views of the railway depot at Arcadia, Missouri and a Missouri Pacific route map.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(1 folder)

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 collection was loaned for photocopying to the University of Missouri by the Iron County Historical Society on November 30, 1982 (Accession No. RA0149).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company Collection can be found in the following collections:

Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, White River Division Collection (R1209)

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Historical Note:

The Arcadia Valley is located about ninety miles south of Saint Louis. Approximately six miles long and two miles wide, mountains of the St. Francis range surround the valley. In the valley are the small communities of Pilot Knob, Ironton, and Arcadia. The area was settled early in the nineteenth century, and it soon became well known for its mineral wealth. However, transportation of mineral products from the valley was difficult, and in 1853, the St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad was chartered to haul ore to Saint Louis from mines at Iron Mountain and Pilot Knob. The latter was the railroad's terminus from 1857, through the Civil War. In 1871, the railway company reorganized as the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, and the line was extended to Little Rock, Arkansas, and, ultimately, Texarkana, Texas. The Missouri Pacific Railway gained control of the road by stock purchase in 1884, although it remained a separate corporate entity. The "Iron Mountain line" was not absorbed by the parent company until 1917.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a photocopy of an illustrated promotional booklet, "The Arcadia Country." The booklet describes the Arcadia Valley in Iron County, Missouri. The Arcadia Valley was a popular locale for vacationers from Saint Louis, and several prominent city businessmen built summer homes in Arcadia. "The Arcadia Country," a publication of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, was clearly directed at residents of St. Louis.

Also included are photocopies of views of the railway depot at Arcadia, Missouri and a Missouri Pacific route map. The booklet contains information on the history and commerce of the valley, and recreational opportunities are highlighted. Rate schedules and the names of authorized railroad agents are included in order to facilitate the readers' journeys to the area. The booklet is undated, but it apparently dates from after the corporate reorganization in 1917.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 "The Arcadia County," booklet, map, circa 1920

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Arcadia (Mo.)	1	Yes
Advertising--Railroads	1	
Iron County (Mo.)	1	Yes
Ironton (Mo.)	1	
Missouri Pacific Railroad Company	1	

Index Term	Folder	Image
Pilot Knob (Mo.)	1	
Railroads--Missouri	1	
Saint Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company	1	