



South-West Railroad Records (R0516)

Collection Number: R0516

Collection Title: South-West Railroad Records

Dates: circa 1914-1916

Creator: Rombauer, Robert J., 1830-1925

Abstract: The South-West Railroad Records are notes, maps, and draft of a pamphlet concerning construction of a railroad from Saint Louis, Missouri, to Lewisville in Lafayette County, Arkansas.

Collection Size: 0.01 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.

Restrictions on Use: Materials in this collection are in the public domain.

Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *South-West Railroad Records* (R0516); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

Donor Information: The records were transferred to the University of Missouri by the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection-Kansas City on August 17, 1992 (Accession No. RA0544).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the South-West Railroad Records can be found in the following collections:

Missouri, Inland and Southern Railway Company Map Collection (R0850)
Southern and Central Missouri Collection (R1442)

Processed by: Processed by John Bradbury, January 25, 1995. Revised by Niki Cox, March 8, 2023.

Historical Note:

The South-West Railroad was projected to run from St. Louis mid-way between the Frisco and Iron Mountain lines to the headwaters of the Current River, then to crossings of the White River near Batesville and the Arkansas River near Dardanelle, Arkansas, and concluding at Lewisville in Lafayette County. From Lewisville, the line was to connect with the railroad network linking Shreveport, Louisiana, and Houston and Galveston, Texas. The line was planned just after railroad construction had peaked in the United States, and there is no indication that the South-West Railroad ever reached more than the initial planning stage.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in the original order.

Scope and Content Note:

This series contains notes, maps, and draft of a pamphlet concerning construction of a proposed line for South-West Railroad from St. Louis, Missouri, to Lewisville in Lafayette County, Arkansas. Included are notes on grades, mileage, prominent individuals, and Congressional lands available along the proposed line. There are also notes on the Ozark Railroad, proposed from Liberty, Arkansas, on the White River, to St. Louis. The ultimate destination may have been Acapulco, Mexico, as indicated by a sketch map in the collection.

Robert J. Rombauer of St. Louis drafted the text of the pamphlet describing the South-West Railroad in 1916. The handwriting on all but one of the other documents indicates he authored those as well. Other proposed lines for the same region included the Ozark Short Line, projected from Rolla to Willow Springs in Howell County, Missouri. The Ozark Short Line, construction of which was begun but never finished, is noted in a memorandum as a possible competitor with the South-West Railroad. The item titled "Proposed South-West R.R. Section & Township Record & Notes" is indexed by county.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 South-West Railroad records, circa 1914-1916

Index:

Index Terms	Folder
Arkansas--History	1
Baxter County (Ark.)	1
Dent County (Mo.)	1
Fulton County (Ark.)	1
Hempstead County (Ark.)	1
High Ridge (Mo.)	1
Howell County (Mo.)	1
Iron County (Mo.)	1

Index Terms	Folder
Jefferson County (Mo.)	1
Lafayette County (Ark.)	1
Marion County (Ark.)	1
Montgomery County (Ark)	1
Ozark Railroad	1
Pike County (Ark.)	1
Pope County (Ark.)	1
Railroads--Arkansas	1
Railroads--Missouri	1
Rombauer, Robert J., 1830-1925	1
Saint Louis (Mo.)	1
Saint Louis County (Mo.)	1
Searcy County (Ark.)	1
Shannon County (Mo.)	1
South-West Railroad	1
Washington County (Mo.)	1
Yell County (Ark.)	1

Appendix:

Folder	Item Description	Date
1	"Proposed South-West R.R. Section & Township Record & Notes"	circa 1914
1	"Addresses for Circulars to be sent and Notes on Land & Men along the Line, by Counties"	circa 1914
1	"Original of Pamphlet, 'A South-West Railroad from St. Louis,'" by Robert J. Rombauer	May 23, 1916
1	"Computation of Area of Real Estate Owned [in St. Louis]"	no date
1	Map, "S. W. R. R. The most difficult part North & West of High Ridge"	no date
1	Map, "S. W. R. R. Constructed Rail-Roads from Lewisville, Ark. to Accapulco [sic] Mexico"	no date