



## **St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Employee Records (SP0057)**

**Collection Number:** SP0057

**Collection Title:** St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Employee Records

**Dates:** 1930-1977

**Creator:** St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company

**Abstract:** The St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Employee Records contain Seniority Rosters and Employee Line-Ups from 1930 to 1977. The records include the names and seniority rank of the St. Louis-San Francisco "Frisco" railroad employees throughout Missouri, as well as Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic foot  
(2 of folders)

**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-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [springfield@shsmo.org](mailto:springfield@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by James Ray on March 6, 2020 (Accession No. SPA0079).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Employee Records can be found in the following collections:

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

[St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Promotional Booklets](#) (R0816)

[St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Maps](#) (R1486)

[St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Collection](#) (R1491)

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**Historical Note:**

The modern history of the “Frisco” can be dated from the organization of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company in 1876. This road fell into receivership in 1893, emerging in 1896 as the new St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company. This firm likewise failed, in 1913, being reorganized in 1916, as the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company. This corporate identification was retained, despite further financial difficulties, until it was absorbed by the Burlington Northern in 1980.

Headquartered in St. Louis, the “Frisco” served a wide area and eventually operated in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas. The “X-shaped” system maintained a primary junction at Springfield, Missouri. At its peak, in the 1930s, the road operated on over 5,000 miles of track.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into two folders.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Folder one consists of St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Employee Line-Up records from 1930 to 1977. The records are from the Office of the Superintendent, located in Springfield, Missouri, and include employee names and their affiliated shops (e.g., Diesel, Wheel, Locomotive, etc.).

Folder two consists of Seniority Rosters from the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company from 1941 to 1968. The rosters contain employee names and seniority rank for the Mechanical and Locomotive departments throughout Missouri. The Missouri towns that are recorded include Chaffee, Cape Girardeau, Hayti, Springfield, St. Louis, and Thayer. Seniority Rosters from other states include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

**Container List:**

Box 001	f. 1	Employee Line-Up Records, 1930-1977
	f. 2	Seniority Rosters, 1941-1968

**Index:**

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Cape Girardeau (Mo.)	2
Cape Girardeau County (Mo.)	2
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Hayti (Mo.)	2

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Oregon County (Mo.)	2
Pemiscot County (Mo.)	2
Railroad employees	1-2
Railroads--Alabama	2
Railroads--Arkansas	2
Railroads--Florida	2
Railroads--Mississippi	2
Railroads--Missouri	1-2
Railroads--Tennessee	2
Scott County (Mo.)	2
Springfield (Mo.)	1-2
St. Louis (Mo.)	2
St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company	1-2
Thayer (Mo.)	2