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## **Murray Hudson railroad collection**

**Title:** Murray Hudson railroad collection

**Collection No:** MSS.243

**Extent:** 5 cubic feet

**Inclusive Dates:** 1885-1900

**Abstract:** The collection comprises plats, maps and a photograph related to the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad line that bridged the Mississippi River at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1892.

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**Access:** Open to all researchers.

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## Scope and contents

The collection comprises two books of plat and landholder information for the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad lines from Springfield, MO, to Memphis, Tennessee, and Memphis to Birmingham, AL. The railroad was incorporated in 1888 and included several lines but it was important to Memphis because it constructed the Memphis Bridge (later known as the Frisco Bridge) across the Mississippi River, completed in 1892, the first south of St. Louis. It later became part of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway. The collection also includes several loose plats referring to Memphis and West Arkansas, and a photograph of the Memphis Bridge.

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## Subject terms

Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company.

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## Inventory

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OS 1 Plat: Part of Memphis, Tenn., undated. Shows route of K.C.F.S. & M. Railroad eastwards from west of Main Street near Eighth Street to north boundary of Elmwood Cemetery and joining the M & C. Railroad near Raleigh Avenue (Bellevue Boulevard).

Note dated March 2, 1900, on where K.C.F.S. & M. track begins and the position of 2 towers.

Plat: K.C. & M. Railway and Bridge Company: Map of Right of Way West Approach, 1891. Shows route of railroad through West Memphis to the Mississippi River, including where it crosses other railroads.

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Plat: Map of K.C. & M. Railway and Bridge Company, Right of Way. East Approach, 1892. Shows route of railroad line as it enters Memphis south of Virginia Avenue from Delaware Avenue (Front Street) east to Kentucky Avenue.

Plat: Part of Memphis, Tenn., undated. Shows Memphis from Union Street in the north to south of the Great Bridge and the route of the railroad through Memphis to Kentucky Avenue. Also shows route of railroad ferry and K.C. S. & M Railroad

yard on Mississippi River further south and other railroad lines.

Plat: West-Memphis, Ark., undated. Shows route of railroad lines in West Memphis near the bank of the Mississippi River where the railroad ferry terminal is located.

- OS 2 Mounted photograph: Great Bridge, Memphis, Tenn., circa 1892. View looking west of the Frisco Bridge with several men standing on it.

Map and timetable, Louisville and Nashville Railroad, January 1888. Shows United States railroads as far west as the Rocky Mountains.

Map and timetable, Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad and Connections, 1889. Shows United States railroads as far west as the Rocky Mountains and as far east as the Mid-Atlantic coast.

- OSD Book No. 1. Land Titles, Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad Company, Memphis to Birmingham, circa 1890. Contains plats and landholder information of planned route between Memphis, Tennessee, and Birmingham, Alabama.

- OSD Book No. 1. Kansas City, Springfield and Memphis Railroad Company, Right of Way and Land Titles, 1885. Contains plats and landowner information of planned route between Springfield, Missouri and West Memphis, Arkansas.