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Records: 1855-1878 -

Cubic ft.: 2 -

No. of Items: 6 oversize maps & diagrams, -
and 11 reels of 35mm microfilm

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection consists of compiled records arranged in two series: 1) Records relating to military wagon roads, 1855-1878; and 2) Records of the Lands and Railroads Division relating to the Union Pacific Railroad.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE MILITARY WAGON ROADS, 1855-1878

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| Roll #1
NARS (1955)
MC95 | Letters Received, 1857-1861 -
relating to Fort Kearny, South Pass -
and Honey Lake Wagon Road. - |
| Roll #2
NARS (1955)
MC95 | Reports, 1857-1861 -
relating to Fort Kearny, South Pass -
and Honey Lake Wagon Road. - |
| Roll #3
NARS (1955)
MC95 | Letters Received (fiscal), 1857-1864 -
relating to the Eastern and Central -
Divisions of the Fort Kearny, South -
Pass, and Honey Lake Wagon Road. |
| Roll #4
NARS (1955)
MC95 | Journals and field books, 1857-1859 -
relating to the Eastern and Central -
Divisions of the Fort Kearny, South -
Pass, and Honey Lake Wagon Road. |
| Roll #5
NARS (1955)
MC95 | Records, 1857-1860 -
relating to the Western Division of -
the Fort Kearny, South Pass, and Honey -
Lake Wagon Road. |

SERIES ONE MILITARY WAGON ROADS (cont)

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| Roll #6
NARS (1955)
MC95 | Letters Received, 1857-1860
relating to the Platte River-Running
Water River Nebraska Wagon Road. |
| Roll #7
NARS (1955)
MC95 | Letters Received, 1865-1867
relating to the Niobrara to Virginia
City Wagon Road. |
| Roll #8
NARS (1955)
MC95 | Letters Received, 1865-1878
relating to the Big Sioux to Big Cheyenne
River Wagon Road and the Sioux City to
Fort Randall Wagon Road. |
| Roll #9
NARS (1988)
Diaz neg.
#22,674 | Field notes (including level book) of a
survey of the territorial road from Omaha
to Ft. Kearny, 1857, by Cap. J. H.
Dickerson, U.S. Topographical Engs.
from Nat'l Archives collection RG77 |

NOTE: Filmed by Nat'l Archives. Master
negative stored in SMH vault. NSHS has
the rights to copy.

OVERSIZE MATERIAL:

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| Item #1 | Map, 1858
Wagon Road from Platte River via Omaha
Reserve and Dakota City to Running Water
River, Geo. L. Sites, Supt. |
| Item #2 | Diagram - Standard Design for Bridge, n.d. |
| Item #3 | Map
Fort Riley to Fort Kearny showing distances
from Fort Riley, also includes draft copy. |

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- Item #4 Map, 1865-1866
Niobrara and Virginia City Wagon Road explored and located, 1865-1866 by Lt. Col. James A. Sawyers (extension of the Platte River and Running Water Maps) also includes draft copy.
- Item #5 Map
Survey for territorial road from a point on the Missouri River opposite Council Bluffs to New Fort Kearny, also includes draft map and profile showing more towns than final copy. see also Roll #9
- B.01 f.1 Reports, Lt. John H. Dickerson, July 20 and Aug. 13, 1856, relating to survey of territorial from Omaha to Ft. Kearney (see also Roll #9)
- Item #6 Route of Lt. G. K. Warren, Topographical Surveyor, who left Fort Pierce, Aug. 7, 1855, with an assistant and six men and arrived at Fort Kearny, August 22. Distance measured with an odometer. Course taken by compass. Route has generally plenty of water and fuel and grass. It is not practicable for loaded wagons, but good for pack trains or droves of cattle.

SERIES TWO LANDS AND RAILROAD DIVISION, 1863-1866

NOTE: The Archives holds the negatives for the following two reels

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| Roll #1 | Union Pacific Railroad (RR Packages 238-243) - |
| NARS (1981) | Package 238 (1863) - |
| #20,417 - | |
| Frame # | Subject |
| 58 | List of officers & directors, 10/31/1863 |
| 103-142 | correspondence discussing gauge. @ 142
Lincoln sets gauge at 5 feet. |

SERIES TWO RAILROAD AND LANDS DIVISION (cont)

Roll #1 (cont) -

Package 239 (frame #144) -

Frame #	Subject
220-229	Estimates of cost, 1st 100 miles 1864, by Peter A. Dey
257	Map, 1st 100 miles, 10/25/1864, forwarded by Charles Tuttle
263	Right-of-way, even numbered sections, 1864
267-268	Report on UPRR, J. W. Williams, 11/10/1864
279-281	Survey & location progress, 11/29/1864, reported by John A. Dix
284	J. J. Cisco,, 12/30/1864, re stock in RR

Package 240 (frame #295)

297-301	Report on location of road near eastern terminus, J. L. Williams, 5/27/1865
302-307	Request that Lt. Col. Simpson be sent to Omaha by T. C. Durant, 6/5/1865
308-314	Correspondence, J. L. Williams, 5/27/1865 to John Henry & T. C. Durant
315-323	Change in location of road reported by John A. Dix, 5/12/1865
324-327	Board Minute extracts
328-338	James Harlan, 6/9/1865 re Lt. Simpson
340-349	Letters re change in route from Omaha
350	Ordering Lt. Col. Simpson for duty, 5/1865
362	Map, location of road west from end of 1st 100 miles to Salt Lake City, sent by B. F. Bunker, 6/25/1865
369-425	Examination of road by Harbaugh & Simpson
428-431	Estimates, West Papillion & Mud Creek, by J. E. House, 1/25/1865
442-447	Williams to Dey re contracts, 5/20/1865

Package 241 July-December 1865 (frame #523)

534-549	Corres., Enos Lowe & Gilbert Monell
550-564	Report to Secy Harlan by Springer Harbaugh

SERIES TWO RAILROAD AND LAND DIVISION (cont)

Roll #1 (cont) -

Package 241, July-Dec. 1865 (cont) -

Frame # Subject -

581-594	Letters regarding report by Simpson and Silas Seymour
604-613	Report by Springer Harbaugh
614-628	Corres. re changes in line
630-633	Cost of grading, bridging, and super- structure, 1st 12 sections, by D. H. Ainsworth, 7/10/1865
634-643	Report of Government Directors, 7/8/1865
Package #241 (cont), July-Dec. 1865	
654-664	Ainsworth estimate for Aug. 1865

Package #242, 1865 (frame #673)

676	Harbaugh report (clippings), 8/7/1865
691	Grade calculations by Simpson, 8/12/1865
708-713	Construction details, J. L. Williams, Aug.
726	Cover letter, Springer Harbaugh report
742-754	Harbaugh Report
755-765	Estimates of different routes by Silas Seymour, August 25, 1865
785	Opposition to change in route by B&M RR
793	Estimates for grading and bridging, Omaha to Station 366 by Ainsworth, 8/14/1865
797-833	Change in route, Seymour to Simpson, 8/29/65
834	Supplementary report, harbaugh, 8/26/1865
845	UP policy regarding changing route between Platte Valley and Missouri River, 8/28/65
897	Estimate corrections by Seymour, 9/18/65
931	Alvin Saunders, 9/8/1865, sending memorial and corres. about relocating line.
947-987	Durant replies to communication against changing route, 9/7/1865

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Roll #1 (cont)

Package #243 & Oversize (1865) -

Frame #	Subject -
1014-1023	Progress of construction, J. A. Dix, 11/1865
1024	Report summary only, J. A. Dix, 11/4/1865
1041-1048	Proposed changes in line west from Omaha, by T. C. Durant, 11/23/1865
1067	Dix reporting on 40 miles finished, 12/1865
1083	Dix reporting 30 miles of telegraph poles set December 22, 1865 -
1328-1340	Simpson's maps -

Roll #2

Package 244, December 1865 - March 1866 -

NARS (1981) -
#20,418 -

Frame #	Subject
12	Burnetizing report by Luther Bent, 1/6/1866
16	Drawings - rails, chairs & spikes, 1/7/1866
35-44	Commissioners to examine 1st 40 miles Durant replies to points of inquiry, 1/10/66
55	Annual Report, by Simpson, 1865 (abstracts)
127-140	Standard of Construction of Pacific Railway Commissioners report, Feb. 1866
192	Proposition for new rail by John A. Conn, 2/22/66
197	100th Meridian point to be fixed for junction of several branches of Pacific Railway, John A. Dix, February 23, 1866
207	Commissioners, Directors & Engineer's report approved by James Harlan, 2/24/1866
219	First Mortgage Bonds, James Speed, Atty General declines to comment on amount UP is legally authorized to issue.
225-239	J. L. Williams report on UP with profile, 2/28/66
250	Railroad Curve Resistances from <u>Railroad Advocate</u>

SERIES TWO RAILROAD AND LAND DIVISION (cont)

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Roll #2 (cont)

Package #246, July-September 1866 (frame #518) -
Frame # Subject -

526-533	Dix reply to Sen. Howar's query, 7/3/1866
534	125 miles finished & inspected, Simpson, 7/3/66
538	Table of grades on 4th & 6th sections and amounts of rolling stock, G. M. Dodge, 7/4/1866
541	Durant to Harlan, 7/7/1866 regarding possible veto of Pacific Railway bill by president
550-559	Land conditions in district region, General Land Office, Omaha, 7/11/1866
560-567	Fort Kearny Military Reservation and 2nd 100 miles Diagram sent by J. M. Edward, GLO, 7/12/66
572-580	SR125 allowing UP route through Fort Kearny, copy sent by J. M. Howard, 7/19/1866
601-607	Cromelian
610	3rd 100 miles inspected, J. H. Simpson, 7/31/66
616	5th section of 35 miles, statistics and calcula- tions sent by G. M. Dodge, 8/1/1866
626-639	Tracy & Olmstead to Morgan & Ames, 8/20/66 sending UP mortgage
644-653	1st 40 miles - Silas Seymour, 8/25/1866 sending drawings (not included) & tables
654	6th section of 45 miles, statistics by Dodge August 28, 1866
663-667	Preliminary report on road by Springer Harbaugh August 30, 1866
668	3rd 100 miles, 5th mile, data by Dodge, 8/31/66
682	50 pound rail use, Edward Miller, 9/10/1866
696-706	Report of Govt Directors, 9/14/1866, forwarded by T. J. Carter, 9/21/1866
707-711	Surveys (experimental) - South Fork of Platte to Berthoud Pass, J. L. Williams, 9/21/1866
720-724	7th section, information by F. M. Case, Div. Eng. September 26, 1866

END OF INVENTORY

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