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SC 2310

ANDERSON, LEBANON AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD RECORDS, 1878–1886

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder (19 items)

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Work on the Anderson, Lebanon St. Louis Railroad (also called the Chicago Southeastern) began in 1875, although planning had commenced four years earlier. Colonel T.N. Stilwell was the railroad's first president. Progress on the railroad's construction was slowed by the refusal of many Madison County residents to pay the tax supporting its construction. Other problems experienced by the railroad included the inability to raise funds and several other unnamed obstacles. There were several changes in ownership before the tracks reached Brazil, Indiana in 1893, its apparent termination point. An effort was made to extend the track to Muncie in 1894, but this failed because of a lack of funds. The railroad probably ceased operating around the turn of the century.

Source: Forkner Dyson, *Historical Sketches and Reminiscences of Madison County Indiana*, 1897, pp. 85-86.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records consist of 19 items regarding the financial status and general operation of the Anderson, Lebanon St. Louis Railroad from 1878-1886. Included are correspondence and statements regarding right of way, corporate and individual claims, and passes with other railroads. James A. Larnerd was superintendent of the railroad during the period when most of the items in the collection were written.

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