RAILROAD AND WAREHOUSE COMMISSION
An Inventory of Its Chief Engineer’s Case Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Railroad and Warehouse Commission of the State of Minnesota.
Series Title: Chief engineer's case files,
Dates: 1901-1924.
Abstract: Files on matters relating to railroad safety and operations, such as train wrecks, dangerous crossings, deteriorating and inadequate bridges, and valuations.
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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Consists primarily of chief engineer D. F. Jurgensen's case files (1901-1924) on railroad-related matters, such as train wrecks, complaints about dangerous crossings, deteriorating and inadequate bridges, valuations of railroad properties, and other matters relating to railroad safety and operations.

The files include correspondence, legal documents, and various supporting materials. Many of the case files contain blueprint maps and technical drawings, submitted as exhibits relating to the particular case. The series also includes various informational and statistical reports prepared by or sent to the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, as well as the Engineering Department's annual reports for 1914, 1915, and 1918. Most files include a photocopy of the original identifying cover sheet.
INDEX TERMS

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Railroads—Crossings—Minnesota.
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Jurgensen, D. F.

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**Miscellaneous Finance Dockets:**
- Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Finance Dockets, 1920-1924.
  (various docket numbers)
- Minnesota Western Railway Finance Dockets, 1924.
  Dockets 4043, 4163, and 5134.

**Miscellaneous Reports:**
  Cryptic handwritten notes.
- Duluth, St. Cloud, Glencoe & Mankato Railway: Right-of-Way Purchases, 1908.
  Notes on land purchases (location, acreage, date, price) in Freeborn, Waseca, and Blue Earth counties.
- Final Mileage Statements, undated.
  Of main lines, branch lines, and joint ownership tracks for each railroad.
- Minnesota Railroad Appraisal of June 30, 1907: Appendix C.
  Acres, price per acre, and total value, by county, of lands recently acquired by the Illinois Central Railroad, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway; with maps showing location of the railway lines involved.
  Cryptic notes on acreages and/or values; compiled "in connection with getting at the original cost of the St. Paul Union Depot Co's lands."