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**R1288 Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company.**

**Record book, 1876-1877.**

**One volume.**

**OVERSIZE**

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### **PROVENANCE**

This Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company register of deeds was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Steven Muckala on 21 August 2012; accession SHSMO-RA1565.

### **HISTORY**

John C. Fremont and associates formed the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company (A&P) in 1866. The company received a Congressional charter and land grants the same year. The Atlantic & Pacific consisted of two disconnected sections of railroad that the company hoped to parlay into a transcontinental route. The eastern portion of the road (Missouri Division) consisted of the former Southwest Branch of the Pacific Railroad of Missouri, authorized in 1852. Completed from Franklin (now Pacific) to Rolla in 1860 but bankrupted by the Civil War, the parent road defaulted on construction bonds and the State of Missouri seized the worn-out property in 1866. The group headed by Fremont bought the South West Branch from the state a few months later and reorganized it as the Southwest Pacific Railroad Company, completing the line from Rolla to the townsite of Arlington. When Fremont's group defaulted on its bonds in 1867, the state seized the line again and sold it to investors headed by Clinton B. Fisk who reorganized it as the South Pacific Railroad Company. Ownership of the A&P, and the land grants it controlled, was also transferred to the Fisk group. The South Pacific completed grading the roadbed to the Missouri state line before selling its property to the A&P in October 1870. Financial difficulties continued to plague the Missouri Division during A&P and the company entered into receivership in 1875. It was reorganized by investors as the St. Louis and San Francisco ("Frisco") Railway Company in 1876. Some of the remaining sections of the A&P endured until 1897, after which time the Frisco and Santa Fe lines acquired what was left. The A&P's Missouri Division is now part of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

The transfers during the period in 1876-1877 involved over 13,000 acres of land, most of which derived from land grants dating to the charter of the South West Branch of the Pacific Railroad. Each record shows the name of the purchaser, the size of the property, purchase price, and certificates acknowledging the transaction. Most of the real estate transferred was in forty and eighty-acre parcels sold to local purchasers, but there were also much larger tracts (including 1,360, 855, and 620-acre parcels in Greene and Newton counties) transferred to residents of Michigan, Massachusetts and Maine. Among other transactions, the A&P sold lots in the towns of Brookline, Conway, Dixon, Granby, Leasburg, Marshfield, Neosho, Niangua, Richland, Ritchey, Rolla, and Verona.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This Atlantic and Pacific Railroad volume is a register of warranty and quitclaim deeds by the for lands sold by the company in Barry, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Phelps, Pulaski, Stone, and Webster counties in Missouri.

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## **INVENTORY**

The volume records certificates of warranty and quit claim deeds issued by the Atlantic and Pacific beginning with certificate number 2633 (1 June 1876) and continuing through number 2932 (24 January 1877). The volume is a single example from a larger series of records that apparently are no longer extant. Entries begin on page 1501 and continue through page 1799.

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