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Quanah, Seymour, Dublin, and Rockport Railroad Records. Inclusive 1836 (copy)-1922, undated, Bulk 1910-1916, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Belton Local Advisory Committee Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Company
Extent (quantity/size)	4 document boxes, 1 oversized box, 1 rolled up map
Language	English
Abstract	The Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Records consist of correspondence, legal documents, financial documents, field notes and maps produced by the railroad company and associated small companies in South Texas.

Subjects

Dublin (Tex.) – History. / Quanah (Tex.) – History. / Railroads – Texas – Belton. / Railroads – Texas – History. / Rockport (Tex.) – History. / Seymour (Tex.)

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Scope and Content

The Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Records were acquired in a single purchase from Dayton Kelley in April of 1977. The purchase included correspondence, contracts, reports, newspaper clippings, petitions, ledgers, and field notes comprising two and a half linear feet. The purchase was made to provide research material for future students and researchers. The collection includes copies of documents from 1835 and ends in 1922. The Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad series is the largest in the collection. Financial records along with legal documents, contracts and court case records provide a view into the logistical and administration operations of the company.

Administrative/Biographical History

The Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad, also known as the "Middlebuster" railroad, was the brainchild of L.E. Walker and several other prominent figures in towns along a proposed route from Quanah, Texas, to Rockport, Texas. The railroad company was chartered in 1910 and immediately set about making the railroad a reality. The total length of the line was intended to cover approximately five hundred miles through the central part of Texas. A gap in existing railroad lines was the catalyst in the formation of the Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Company. The city of Belton, Texas, created a local advising committee that gathered money to begin construction in the area. At a certain point discussions were made to move the headquarters of the railroad company from Austin to Belton, however no actions were ever undertaken. The advising committee was responsible for gathering money on behalf of the railroad company, and to hold meetings concerning the construction progress. The town of Salado also attempted to bring the railroad through their town to bring in new business and residents. Salado also saw the beginning of construction in the form of grading and a crossing over the Lampasas River north of the town. Engineers and surveyors had completed mapping out the route and securing right-of-way permits when construction began in the middle 1910's. Unfortunately, little more than grading and clearing of the landscape happened before funding from major European investors was cut due to the coming of World War I. After the loss of international capital the railroad company was renamed the "Central Railway of Texas" in an attempt to gain more capital and support from the central region of Texas. This attempt proved unsuccessful and the company was dissolved in 1916.

Related Resources

Related citations

U.S. Department of the Interior. National Park Service. National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet. Washington, D.C., 1990.

Railway Age Gazette. Vol. 52. Samuel O. Dunn Ed. New York: Simmons-Boardman Publishing Company, Jan. 1912.

Archival Arrangement

The Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Records were loosely organized prior to this finding aid. Materials were placed in folders in a preliminary attempt to organize the collection. Existing folder titles were kept when possible. Currently, the Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Records are arranged in three series: I. Belton, II. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad and III. Central and Southern Railroad Townsites. Within each series the materials are divided into financial documents, correspondences, legal documents, and literary productions.

Series 1: Belton. 1836 (copies)-1918, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The Belton series contains financial documents, legal documents, and literary documents as well as

correspondences and announcements created by the Local Advisory Committee, as well as additional clubs and organizations in Belton, Texas. The attempts of the Advisory Committee to raise support and funding for the railroad proved fruitful as the right-of-way was established and construction began near the city of Belton. This series is in average to good condition.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Belton Local Advising Committee- Reports and Financial Papers, 1910- 1911 May
 Box 1. Folder 2. Belton Local Advisory Committee- Reports and Financial Papers, 1911 June-July
 Box 1. Folder 3. Belton Local Advisory Committee- Reports and Financial Papers, 1911 September- 1912 January
 Box 1. Folder 4. Belton Local Advisory Committee- Reports and Financial Papers, 1912 February- April
 Box 1. Folder 5. Belton Local Advisory Committee- Reports and Financial Papers, 1912 May
 Box 1. Folder 6. Belton Local Advisory Committee- Reports and Financial Papers, 1912 May
 Box 1. Folder 7. Belton Local Advisory Committee- Reports and Financial Papers, 1912
 Box 1. Folder 8. Belton Local Advisory Committee- Reports and Financial Papers, 1912 December
 Box 1. Folder 9. Local Advisory Committee- Cash Record, 1909-1913
 Box 1. Folder 10. Belton Local Advisory Committee and Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railway Company- Subscription Record, 1912
 Box 1. Folder 11. Belton Townsite Company- Stock Certificate Book, 1912
 Box 1. Folder 12. Belton Local Advising Committee- Deeds and Land Grants (1 of 2), 1835-1897 (copies)
 Box 1. Folder 13. Belton Local Advising Committee- Deeds and Land Grants (2 of 2), 1877-1901 (copies)
 Box 2. Folder 1. Belton Local Advising Committee- Deeds and Land Grants (1 of 2), 1882-1893 (copies)
 Box 2. Folder 2. Belton Local Advising Committee- Deeds and Land Grants (2 of 2), 1896-1904 (copies)
 Box 2. Folder 3. Belton Local Advising Committee- Deeds and Land Grants, 1883-1907 (copies)
 Box 2. Folder 4. Belton Local Advising Committee- Deeds and Land Grants, 1911
 Box 2. Folder 5. Belton Local Advising Committee- Deeds and Land Grants, 1912
 Box 2. Folder 6. Belton Local Advising Committee- Deeds and Land Grants, undated
 Box 2. Folder 7. Belton Townsite Company (1912-1918), 1912 February- April
 Box 2. Folder 8. Belton Townsite Company (1912-1918), 1912 April- 1914 June
 Box 2. Folder 9. Belton Townsite Company (1912-1918), 1914 June-1918
 Box 2. Folder 10. Belton Commercial Club- Proposal, Roll, Brochure, 1910

Series 2: Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad. 1909-1916, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad series contains correspondences, legal documents, financial documents, minutes, notes and maps of the proposed railroad. In 1914 the Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Company changed their name to the Central Railway of Texas in order to gather more support from the region. The series is in average condition.

Item List

Box 2. Folder 11. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Company- Subscriptions, 1911
 Box 2. Folder 12. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Company- Subscriptions, 1912 February
 Box 2. Folder 13. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Company- Subscriptions, 1912 May- October
 Box 2. Folder 14. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Company- Subscriptions, undated
 Box 2. Folder 15. Central Railway of Texas (1914-1916), 1914 June-1916 July
 Box 2. Folder 16. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Correspondence (1910-1914), March 1912
 Box 2. Folder 17. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad- Checks, Financial Records, 1911 May- 1915 May
 Box 2. Folder 18. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad- Checks, Financial Records, 1915 June- 1916 May, undated
 Box 2. Folder 19. Engineer's Reports (1911-1913), 1911 June- 1912 January
 Box 2. Folder 20. Engineer's Reports (1911-1913), 1912 February- 1913 January
 Box 2. Folder 21. Engineer's Reports (1911-1913), 1913 February- October
 Box 2. Folder 22. Central Railway of Texas, 1913 June- 1916 March
 Box 3. Folder 1. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Correspondences (1910-1914), 1910 July- 1911 October
 Box 3. Folder 2. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Correspondences (1910-1914), 1911 June- 1912 May
 Box 3. Folder 3. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Correspondences (1910-1914), 1912 June-1913 April
 Box 3. Folder 4. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Correspondences (1910-1914), 1913 May- 1914 July
 Box 3. Folder 5. Notes, Memoranda, undated
 Box 3. Folder 6. Notes, Memoranda, undated
 Box 3. Folder 7. Notes, Memoranda, undated
 Box 3. Folder 8. Company Charter and By-laws, 1910
 Box 3. Folder 9. Central Railway of Texas (1914-1916), 1914 March-1916 February
 Box 3. Folder 10. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Correspondences (1910-1914), 1910-1912
 Box 3. Folder 11. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Correspondences (1910-1914), 1912-1914
 Box 3. Folder 12. Court Cases, 1911-1912
 Box 3. Folder 13. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad (General), 1910 April- 1911 October
 Box 3. Folder 14. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad (General), 1912 May, undated
 Box 3. Folder 15. Field Notes, 1911 May-1913 July
 Box 3. Folder 16. Field Notes, undated
 Box 3. Folder 17. Equipment, 1911-1912
 Box 3. Folder 18. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad (General), 1909, undated
 Box 3. Folder 19. Newspaper Clippings, 1911-1912, undated
 Box 3. Folder 20. Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport Railroad Correspondence (1910-1914), 1913 October
 Box OVZ. Folder 1. Map of Texas: Population by County, 1910
 Box Item 1. Folder Map of Proposed Rail line, undated

Series 3: Central and Southern Railroad Townsites. 1909-1922, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The Central and Southern Railroad Townsites series contains legal documents, financial documents,

correspondence, and literary productions from townsite companies formed along the proposed route in an attempt to gather support and funds so the railroad would not by pass the towns. The collection is in average condition.

Item List

- Box 4. Folder 1. Salado Townsite Company, 1913
- Box 4. Folder 2. Leon Valley Investment Company- Account Book, 1911-1912
- Box 4. Folder 3. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and Correspondence, 1911 March- May
- Box 4. Folder 4. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and Correspondence, 1911 May- August
- Box 4. Folder 5. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and Correspondence, 1911 August 8- September
- Box 4. Folder 6. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and Correspondence, 1911 September- October
- Box 4. Folder 7. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and Correspondence, 1911 November- December
- Box 4. Folder 8. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and Correspondence, 1911 January-1922
- Box 4. Folder 9. Leon Valley Investment Company- Checks, 1910 October- 1911 June
- Box 4. Folder 10. Leon Valley Investment Company- Checks, 1911 July
- Box 4. Folder 11. Leon Valley Investment Company- Checks, 1911 April- December
- Box 4. Folder 12. Leon Valley Investment Company- Checks, 1911
- Box 4. Folder 13. Leon Valley Investment Company- Checks, 1912 July- 1913 December
- Box 4. Folder 14. Leon Valley Investment Company- Checks, 1912 August- 1913 December
- Box 4. Folder 15. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and Correspondence, 1911 March- December
- Box 4. Folder 16. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and Correspondence, 1912 February- September
- Box 4. Folder 17. Leon Valley Investment Company- Charter, By-laws, Purpose, 1910 April- 1911 September
- Box 4. Folder 18. Leon Valley Investment Company- Charter, By-laws, Purpose, 1912
- Box 4. Folder 19. Leon Valley Investment Company- Business Papers and By-laws, 1913
- Box 4. Folder 20. Leon Valley Investment Company- Minutes, 1911 March
- Box 4. Folder 21. Jarrell Townsite Company, 1909, undated