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The Kansas City and Memphis Railway and Bridge Company was chartered in 1887 to construct a bridge and railroad tracks over the Mississippi River from Marion, Arkansas, to Memphis, Tennessee. The three-mile line was controlled, and its mortgage guaranteed, by the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad Company. The opening of the bridge on 13 May 1892 made the Fort Scott system a through line from Memphis to Kansas City, and allowed it to compete seriously with the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company in southwestern Missouri and northern Arkansas. The “Frisco” bought the Fort Scott system in 1901, and, with it, the Kansas City and Memphis Railway and Bridge Company.

Although mortgage, interest, and other accounts are included in the first volume, it is primarily a construction expense ledger. Various construction costs are listed, and are broken into separate accounts for the east and west sides of the river. Five of the piers that underpinned the bridge also were assigned individual accounts. The volume is indexed.

The second volume is an operating ledger that lists regular maintenance expenses and revenues from freight and passenger car mileage charges. The volume is chronologically ordered and is not indexed.

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Volume 1: Ledger, 1888-1894 (400 pages, indexed.).

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