Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield Railway Company.
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These volumes are a cash book (1892-1899) and a journal (1916-1918) of the Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield Railway Company, an independent line with close ties to the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis system. The “Clinton” line came under control of the St. Louis and San Francisco (“Frisco”) Railroad Company in 1898.

The Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield Railway Company was created in 1885 by the consolidation of a railroad company of the same name and the Pleasant Hill and De Soto Railroad Company. Although it was formed as an independent line, the stockholders of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad Company owned one half of the capital stock. The line was extended from Raymore Junction to Ash Grove, Missouri, in 1886, where it reached an interchange with the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf.

The Fort Scott system and the Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield were determined competitors of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company in Missouri and Arkansas. The Frisco was reorganized in 1896, after which it undertook a vigorous program of absorbing competing and connecting companies along its line. The Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield Railway came under control of the St. Louis and San Francisco in 1898. This gave the Frisco access to Kansas City on its own tracks. The Frisco assumed formal ownership of the line in 1928.


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