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INTRODUCTION

Records, reports, and correspondence of companies which had main offices in Edinburgh, Scotland. Their purpose was to obtain land in southwest Missouri to sell or lease. Originals in Colorado State Archives.

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were purchased from the Colorado State Archives by the University of Missouri on 1 September 1949 (Accession No. 3054).

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COMPANY SKETCHES

The Missouri Land and Live Stock Company, also referred to as the Scotch Land Company, was incorporated in Edinburgh, March 21, 1882. Its purpose was to acquire lands in Southwest Missouri and sell or lease these lands. The head office in America was in Neosho, Missouri. Thomas Lawson was the first manager in Neosho and was followed by Andrew Pollok in February 1887 and John M. Purdy the following September. The company had a large stock farm about five miles east of Neosho. The company was liquidated in June 1908.

The Missouri Land Company of Scotland, also referred to as the Scotch Land Company, was organized in 1881 with purposes similar to the Missouri Land and Live Stock Company. Most of its activities were limited to Barry County. Many of the shareholders were common to both companies. The Sidways of Chicago were large stockholders and were influential in its operation. The company was liquidated in August 1920.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following two series: Missouri Land and Live Stock Company Papers, 1882-1911 and Missouri Land Company of Scotland Papers, 1881-1924.

The Missouri Land and Live Stock Company Papers, 1882-1911 series includes various business papers, records, and correspondence of the company and its live stock farm. Also included are annual reports, 1883-1907, and final liquidation reports which run to 1911.

The Missouri Land Company of Scotland Papers, 1881-1924 series consists of
business papers; suits against the company, some by the Sidways; lists of stockholders; and other records. Also included are final liquidation reports which run to 1924.
FOLDER LIST

Missouri Land and Live Stock Company Papers, 1882-1911 Series

Reel 1  Sale of lands to Agricultural College of Missouri, 1883-1884; mandates authorizing payment of dividends to stock holders; deeds; correspondence.

Reel 2  Abstracts; purchase money mortgages; description of lands; contracts; annual reports, 1883-1907; liquidation reports 1908-1911; deeds.

Reel 3, Part 1  Photo of Company’s office building in Neosho, Missouri; copy of certificate of incorporation and other papers concerning origin of company; records of lands purchased and description of lands; correspondence; papers regarding liquidated company, 1908-11; bank book of liquidated company in account with Royal Bank of Scotland; Stock transfers.

Missouri Land Company of Scotland Papers, 1881-1924 Series

Reel 3, Part 2  Deeds; notes to titles; letter to shareholders from office of L.B. Sidney, September 27, 1906; abstract of minutes, 1893-1906; correspondence.

Reel 4  Correspondence; list of shareholders; meeting notices; minutes of meetings, 1902-1913; annual reports to shareholders and directors, 1905-1919; petitions for reduction of stock; liquidation of company, 1920-1924. Dundee American Real Property Company. Minutes of meetings, 1895.

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