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INTRODUCTION
Burlington Northern Railway Company Seniority Rosters consist of lists of employees ranked by their seniority within the company.

DONOR INFORMATION
The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the Springfield-Greene County Library District on 27 September 1988 (Accession No. 422).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH
The Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN) was formed in 1970 as a merger of five older railways. The Aurora Branch Line, founded in 1849, was the oldest railway incorporated into the company. BN continued to grow in the following decades. In 1995, BN merged with the Santa Fe Pacific Corporation to create BNSF Railway which is still in existence today.

BN did not come to Springfield until 1980. Before 1980, Springfield served as the headquarters and major hub for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company. The “Frisco” was founded in 1876. BN continued railroad operations in Springfield when it bought the company in April 1980.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The BN Seniority Rosters consist of employee data from both the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company and BN. All rosters predating 1980 were compiled by St. Louis-San Francisco Railway. The rosters are organized by department. Employees are listed by seniority within the company. Employee name, rank, salary, position, and date of hire can be found on many of the rosters.

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