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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

The Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway of Arkansas built a freight yard and depot in North Little Rock, in what was called Argenta in 1869. By 1874, the railway was under new management, and with an influx of German immigrants to Arkansas, the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway was able to lay track across the state. The immigrants settled on land grants that had been awarded to the railway company and to towns that were located along the railway tracks. W.D. Slack, Land Commissioner of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway, courted the German immigrant community. He made deals with the monks of St. Meinrad Abby in St. Meinrad, Indiana, and with the Sisters of Immaculate Conception Convent of Ferdinand, Indiana, to place monasteries in Logan County, Arkansas, in order to attract German and Irish Catholics to the area. This centennial diary endorses the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway of Arkansas, who exhibited specimens of timber, coal, iron, and other minerals at the Arkansas Building. This promotional pamphlet was issued by W.D. Slack, Land Commissioner of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway, in order to attract railway works.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains one pamphlet which has six blank pages for someone to record their observations and seven pages of testimonials about Arkansas land and natural resources. This centennial dairy endorses the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway of Arkansas, who had an exhibit at the Arkansas building with specimens of timber, coal, iron, and other minerals. This promotional pamphlet was issued by W.D. Slack, Land Commissioner of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway.

Administrative Information

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