



Summary Information

Title: Irv Engelbrecht Railroad Lease Papers

Collection Number: 2010:009

Creator: Irv Engelbrecht

Collection Dates: 1913-1970

Extent: 2 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

The Irv Engelbrecht Railroad Lease Papers consists of general lease agreements, standard industrial track agreements, standard industrial ground leases, transfer contracts, and related maps and correspondence. The leases are between the Southern Pacific owned St. Louis Southwestern Railway, Texas and New Orleans Railroad, or the Houston, East and West Texas Railway and various Lufkin businesses for use of property along the right of way. The collection provides a record of many Lufkin businesses no longer in existence along with their location.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Irv Engelbrecht worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company from November 1968 to January 1993, serving as the last freight agent in Lufkin, Texas. He then worked for the Angelina and Neches River Railroad from February 1993 to December 2008 as the Manager of Freight Services.

The first railroad to reach Lufkin was the Houston, East and West Texas Railway in 1882, which connected Houston and Shreveport, Louisiana. In October 1899 the Southern Pacific Company became the majority shareholders of the HE&WT, and also owned the Texas and New Orleans Railroad which they acquired earlier. The HE&WT railroad continued to be operated by its own name until March 1,

1927, when it was leased to another SP affiliate, the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company. In 1934 both roads merged with the T&NO. Southern Pacific Company was purchased by the Union Pacific Railroad Company in 1996, which continues to operate the historic HE&WT line through East Texas.

Two St. Louis Southwestern Railway (or Cotton Belt) lines ran through Lufkin, one from Tyler to Lufkin and the second from Lufkin to White City in San Augustine County. The second line was originally operated by the Texas and Louisiana Railroad from 1900 to 1903 when it was acquired by the Cotton Belt. Southern Pacific acquired control of the Cotton Belt on April 14, 1932 but continued to operate it as a separate company. The right of way from White City to Prestridge was abandoned in 1933, effectively ceasing the line from Lufkin to White City. The Cotton Belt abandoned the Tyler-Lufkin line in 1987 and was consolidated into Southern Pacific in 1992, which was then acquired by Union Pacific in 1996.

Collection Scope and Content:

This collection consists primarily of general lease agreements, standard industrial track agreements, standard industrial ground leases, and transfer contracts between the Southern Pacific owned St. Louis Southwestern Railway, Texas and New Orleans Railroad, or the Houston, East and West Texas Railway and various Lufkin businesses. The lease papers can also include related correspondence and maps showing the location of property to be leased. The railroad leased property and track usage to businesses primarily for warehouse, loading and unloading purposes, shipping, and parking lots. Other agreements between the railroad and the city of Lufkin concern pipelines or power lines over the right of way. The collection provides a good record of former businesses operating in downtown Lufkin as well as their location. Some records relate to businesses in Rusk, Jacksonville, and Nacogdoches as well. Also included are seven St. Louis Southwestern cash books, showing freight bill information for businesses the railroad was shipping or delivering goods for. The business names listed under the Collection Inventory is not exhaustive.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged and described at the collection level.

Subject Terms

Topics

- Business enterprises -- Lufkin -- Texas
- Leases
- Railroads -- Lufkin -- Texas

Corporate Names

- Houston, East and West Texas Railway Company
- St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company
- Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company

Locations

- Jacksonville (Tex.)
- Lufkin (Tex.)
- Nacogdoches (Tex.)
- Rusk (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: Portions restricted per 42 U. S. C. 408(a)(8).

Acquisition Information: This collection was donated by Irv Engelbrecht on February 23, 2010.

Custodial History: Irv Engelbrecht was the last agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Lufkin, Texas. He collected these materials to see that they were preserved before donating them to The History Center.

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

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| Folder 1 | Lease Papers, 1913-1926
Scope and Content: Phillip R. Ryan Lumber Company, Behannon Brothers, Armour and Company, Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company, Lufkin Ice Company, Stroud-Leach Grain Co., Texas Public Utilities Company |
| Folder 2 | Lease Papers, 1927-1929
Scope and Content: Jacksonville Produce Company, Angelina Building Company, East Texas Roofing and Supply, Lufkin Telephone Exchange, Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company, Texas Fence Company |
| Folder 3 | Lease Papers, 1930-1937
Scope and Content: Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company, G. W. Davis and Sons, Interstate Company, Smith Transfer Company, Brookshire Brothers, Standard Fence Company, Moore Grocery Company, Campbell Furniture, Lufkin Cartage Company, Illinois Wire and Manufacturing Company, Gaylord Construction Company |
| Folder 4 | Lease Papers, 1938-1942
Scope and Content: Gaylord Construction Company, Henderson-Medford Motor Company, East Texas Syrup Corporation, Commercial Creosoting Company, Temple Lumber Company, Sewall and Company, M&M Produce Company |
| Folder 5 | Lease Papers, 1942-1945 |

Scope and Content: Angelina County Lumber Company, Henderson-Medford Motor Company, Commercial Creosoting Company, Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company, D. W. Thompson and Associates, Walker Wholesale Grocery Company

- Folder 6 Lease Papers, 1946-1947
Scope and Content: Walker Wholesale Grocery Company, Tom Holmes and Son, Standard Fence Company, Koppers Company, Eastex Syrup Corporation, Cushing Lumber Company, Lufkin Pecan Shelling Company, Texas Power and Light, Potosi Tie and Lumber Company
- Folder 7 Lease Papers, 1947-1949
Scope and Content: Woldert Company, Koppers Company, Angelina Grocery Company, Texas Power and Light, Ralph New Motor Company, Brookshire Brothers, Potosi Tie and Lumber Company, Lufkin Pecan Shelling Company, Moore Grocery Company, Lufkin Farm Supply Company, Jones and Scroggins Food Market, Mason Construction Company
- Folder 8 Lease Papers, 1949-1950
Scope and Content: Texas South-Eastern Railroad, Sproles-Red Ball Lines Inc., Pearson Furniture Company, The Texas Company, Moore Grocery Company, William Cameron and Company, Kimbell-Lufkin Company, Perry Brothers, Lufkin Creosoting Company, Texas Power and Light
- Folder 9 Lease Papers, 1951-1952
Scope and Content: Hutson Furniture and Electric Company, Gulf Oil Corporation, Angelina and Neches River Railroad, Angelina Hardwood Sales Company, Texas Foundries, Henderson-Medford Motor Company
- Folder 10 Lease Papers, 1953-1954
Scope and Content: Arkansas Fuel Oil Company, Ray's Manufacturing Company, Angelina Hardwood Sales Company, Clark Tie Company, Lestern Watson Pile Driving Company, Lufkin Wholesale Grocery Company, Temple Associates, Brookshire Brothers
- Folder 11 Lease Papers, 1954-1955
Scope and Content: Texas Power and Light, C-stone Eastex Company, Angelina County Lumber Company, Lufkin Wholesale Grocery Company, Henderson-Medford Motor Company, Woods Feed Supply, United Gas Corporation
- Folder 12 Lease Papers, 1955-1957
Scope and Content: Modern Furniture and Appliance, Texas Foundries, Lufkin Farm Supply Company, Woods Feed and Supply, Perry Brothers, Henderson-Medford Motor Company, Ralph New Motor Company, Lufkin Transfer and Storage Company
- Folder 13 Lease Papers, 1958-1961
Scope and Content: Lufkin Creosoting Company, Angelina Hardwood Sales, Perry Brothers, Angelina County Lumber Company, Angelina Grocery Company, United Gas Corporation, Norris Fence Company, Lufkin Telephone Exchange, Gary Equipment Company

Box 2

- Folder 1 Lease Papers, 1962-1963
Scope and Content: New Zion Baptist Church, Lufkin Telephone Exchange, Texas South-Eastern Railroad, Lufkin Transfer Company, Norris Fence Company, Lufkin Farm Supply
- Folder 2 Lease Papers, 1964-1965
Scope and Content: Angelina Poultry Company, Bennett-Clark Company Inc., Lufkin Farm Supply Company, Village Furniture Company, Texas Power and Light, Brookshire Brothers, Lufkin Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Vinson's Café, United Gas Corporation, Norris Fence Company, Texas Foundries
- Folder 3 Lease Papers, 1965-1966
Scope and Content: Clark Tie Company, J. L. Hassell Enterprises, Pearson Furniture, Angelina County Lumber Company, International Minerals and Chemical Corporation, Angelina and Neches River Railroad
- Folder 4 Lease Papers, 1966-1967
Scope and Content: Southwestern Electric Service Company, Holliday Furniture Company, Georgia Pacific, Lufkin Creosoting Company, Cold Springs Water Supply Corporation, Southland Feeders Supply, Angelina Lumber Yard, First Baptist Church, Temple-Coward, Brookshire Brothers
- Folder 5 Lease Papers, 1968-1969
Scope and Content: Lufkin Creosoting Company, William George Produce Company, Texas Power and Light, Norris Fence Company, Pearson Furniture, S and S Pulpwood, Southland Feeders Supply Company, Angelina Lumber Yard, William Cameron and Company, Ralph New Motor Company
- Folder 6 Lease Papers, 1969-1970
Scope and Content: S and S Pulpwood, Holliday Furniture Company, Village Furniture Company, Pearson Furniture, Norris Fence Company, Perry Brothers, General Telephone Company of the Southwest, Pit Construction Company, Ralph New Motor Company
- Folder 7 Southwestern Transportation Co. Report of Railroad Freight Forwarded in Truck, 1945-1949
- Volume 1 St. Louis Southwestern Cash Book, April-October 1953
- Volume 2 St. Louis Southwestern Cash Book, November 1953 – May 1954
- Volume 3 St. Louis Southwestern Cash Book, June 1954 – December 1954
- Volume 4 St. Louis Southwestern Cash Book, December 1954 – July 1955
- Volume 5 St. Louis Southwestern Cash Book, July 1955 – December 1955
- Volume 6 St. Louis Southwestern Cash Book, January 1956 – July 1956
- Volume 7 St. Louis Southwestern Cash Book, July 1956 – January 1957