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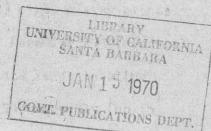
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Subject to the limitations of time and ready availability of material, an attempt has been made in the accompanying pages to compile and coordinate data concerning the land grants for canals and railroads made by the Federal government and, in the case of the railroads, also by State governments.

Considerable difficulty was encountered in ascertaining the amounts of grants to particular railroads. The original grantees lost their identity in transfer, sale, merger or abandonment and became parts of other railroads. Names of the original individual companies, predecessors to the systems as they existed in 1945, were sometimes hard to identify as some sources referred to a certain railroad by one name and others by a different name. So far as possible under the circumstances surrounding this study, the amounts granted to the companies who originally received the land and constructed the lines are given.

Less difficulty was experienced in collecting the data on the canals.
Federal grants of land for aid in construction of canals have been given.

The data for Federal and State land grants to railroads do not include grants for rights-of-way, land for terminal and other facilities, vacating streets and easements or rights-of-way of streets given railroads. An Act of 1875 authorized grants of land to railroads for rights-of-way of 200 feet in width through public lands with the right to use earth, stone, timber and other material from adjacent public lands, not to exceed 20 acres for each station and each 10 miles of railroad. By 1883 right-of-way grants had been received by 150 railroad companies. As of December 1930, Federal lands amounting to 627,668 acres, and up to 1927 State lands totaling 47,003 acres, had been granted for rights-of-way. Subsequently (up to

December 31, 1941) an estimated 15,548 acres were granted by the Federal government and 331 acres by States, making an estimated total Federal grant of 643,216 acres and 47,334 acres in State grants. Local governments and individuals, associations and other groups also made land grants in aid or railroad building. Local governments granted an estimated 2,429 acres and individuals, etc. 315,774 acres. (Board of Investigation and Research, 1944.) Other land grants which were conveyed to the railroads for nominal fees and classed as "apparent aids" totaled 521,753 acres. (May have been reduced as much as 50% by payments made by the railroads for some of the land.)

An additional aid to the railroads in connection with the land grants accrued from exemption of the property from taxes for varying periods (6 or 7 to 46 years, some in perpetuity) after completion of the railroad. Some of the exemptions have since been withdrawn by the States which originally granted them. Surveys of the land at Federal expense were also aids to the railroad construction companies, as well as to many other pioneer concerns which benefitted from these land surveys.

No effort is made here to delineate public aids to the railroads which were not connected with land grants and land gifts, such as bonds, loans, grants of money, banking privileges, etc.

The total amounts of land granted and patented will not agree under the different classifications due to difficulties encountered in identifying successor roads and systems and reconciling the amounts reported as accruing to these roads from predecessor roads. Adjustments made after lands were patented changed totals from one period to another in some instances and not in others. Where it is possible to identify the grants and grantees,

data in the latest reports available have been used. In other instances earlier data had to be utilized.

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FEDERAL LAND GRANTS FOR CANALS

Date of Grant	Name of Canal	Grantee State	Number of Acres Granted	State Total
March 2, 1827	Illinois and Lake Michigan	Illinois	324,282.74	324,283
March 2, 1827) March 3, 1845)	Wabash and Erie	Indiana	1,480,408.87	1,480,409
May 24, 1828	Wabash and Erie	Ohio	265,814.45	74.13
May 24, 1828	Miami and Dayton	Ohio	438,301.32	
May 24, 1828	Canals Generally	Ohio	500,000.00	1,204,114
June 18,1838	Milwaukee and Rock River	Wisconsin	138,995.99	- 100
April 10, 1866		Wisconsin	200,000.00	338,627
Aug. 26, 1852	St. Mary's Ship Canal	Michigan	750,000,00	Contract
March 18, 1865) July 3, 1866)		Michigan	400,000.00	lia e
July 3, 1866	Lake Superior and Lac La Belle	Michigan	100,000.00	1,251,236
			4,597,804.37	4,598,669

SOURCE: Orfield, Matthias N. Federal Land Grants to States, University of Minnesota, March 1915 (Studies in Social Science, No. 2). Report of Director of U. S. Bureau of Land Management, Statistical Appendix, 1954.

NOTES: A grant of 290,915 in 1833 to Illinois for the Illinois River to Lake Michigan canal was not used and the State was later given permission to use it for railroads.

The U. S. Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Information Bulletin No. 5 (1940) differs from the above, acreage reported as "certified", as follows:

For the Wabash and Erie - Indiana - 1,480,418.77 acres certified.

For General Canals in Ohio - 499,997.12 acres certified.

The Wisconsin Green Bay and Lake Michigan is shown as Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan, 199,630.98 acres certified.

St. Mary's Ship Canal - Michigan - 750,153.03 acres certified, and 400,081.15 acres for Portage Lake and Lake Superior. Lac La Belle canal in Michigan is shown as 100,011.67 acres certified.

Differences occur in another study, Government Promotion of American Canals and Railroads, 1800-1890, by Carter Goodrich, Columbia University Press, New York, 1960. The principal difference is in the Wisconsin grants, showing 125,431 acres for the Milwaukee and Rock River and 200,000 acres for the Breakwater and Harbor Ship Canal, the latter not included by name in the other reports though it may be the same as the Green Bay and Lake Michigan or the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan, both mentioned and apparently the same canal.

FEDERAL LAND GRANTS AND LAND CERTIFIED OR PATENTED TO RAILROADS

(Including Predecessor Roads) 1/

Railroads	Land Grant (acres)	Certified or Patented (acres)
Atlantic Coast Line	2,720,974.77	1,923,436.52
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	17,077,294.78	15,077,787.27 2/
Canadian Pacific	1,957,704.56	1,277,680.43
Canadian National	37,467.44	37.467.44
Chesapeake & Ohio	590,811.79	513,169.49 3/
Chicago and North Western	10,781,140.14	8,347,753.71
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	4,186,596.77	3,377,964.26
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul		3,311,702,20
& Pacific -	5,890,349.89	2,462,547.86 4/
Chicago, Rock Island &		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Pacific 5/	2,066,926.96	833,127.66
Great Northern	3,851,691.25	3,274,224.17
Illinois Central	5,596,966.16	4,165,111.68 6/
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	976,593.22	976,593.22 7/
Missouri Pacific	7,809,521.52 8/	3,826,032.23
New York Central	970,924.37	744,255.90
Northern Pacific	44,020,707.10	39,938,914.23
Pennsylvania	947,699.92	852,521.10
Saint Louis-San Francisco	1,789,874.51	1,548,031.81
Seaboard Air Line	1,946,244.15	1,365,474.13
Southern Pacific	27,620,765.81	22,285,022.45 9/
Southern Railway	2,494,892.83	2,318,689.80
Union Pacific 10/	20,508,626.82	19,396,728.71
Total	163,843,774.76	134,542,534.07

^{1/} Systems are as given in Public Aids to Transportation, the Federal Coordinator of Railroads, in 1938 and Board of Investigation and Research in 1944-45. Predecessor roads as shown in various sources, including LOR records. Acres certified or patented are shown as adjusted amounts by LOR. Railroad records show (1945) 4,018,231 acres patented for Atlantic Coast Line.

2/ Including Osage lands - 186,936.72 acres.

3/ Excludes 131,481.71 acres certified to Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad which was later returned.

^{4/} Grants for La Crosse & Milwaukee and Madison & Portage were conveyed to Wisconsin Farm Mortgage Land Company. Direct grant to the company is listed in LOR as 243,289 acres. Later LOR reported 163,159.65 acres to the railroads from this mortgage company grant. LOR resume (1962) totals 2,311,126.76 acres for C. M. St P & Pac. as adjusted.

5/ Includes 35,685.49 in the Des Moines River improvement grant.
6/ Adjusted total shown by LOR (1962). R. Records show 4,842,788 acres patented as of 12/31/27 and Federal Coordinator lists 4,848,169 acres patented or certified as of 6/30/1933. Board of Investigation reported 4,630,453 acres as of 1944 (net to the railroad).

7/ Includes 270,970.78 acres in the Osage lands.

8/ Total, including the original grant to the Texas and Pacific - 16,969,744 acres. Grant to the Texas and Pacific originally 13,000,000 acres, which was later forfeited. Land grants of New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg, and New Orleans Pacific became part of the Texas and Pacific.

Part of the Pacific Railroad grant later went to the Missouri Pacific

system and part to the St. Louis-San Francisco railroad.

Total lands certified or patented are shown as nearly as possible to reflect adjustments shown in available Land Office reports.

2/ Patented lands not lawfully disposed of were returned to the U. S. by the State of Louisiana in 1888. Railroad records show 719,193 acres received by the New Orleans, Opelousas & Great Western R. R. Co.

10/ Denver Pacific and Kansas Pacific (which became part of the Union Pacific) combined land grants direct to corporations reported by Sanborn (1899) as 14,287,517 acres. Total for these two roads which is included as U. P. is 7,869,242.87 acres, based on later reports. Total patented or certified as shown in LOR pamphlet (1962).

FEDERAL LAND GRANTS TO STATES FOR RAILROADS 1/

	Acreage	Patented or
State and Grantee Railroad	In Grant 2/	Certified 3/
ALABAMA		
Mobile and Ohio River R.R. Co.	419,528.44	419,523.44 4/
Alabama & Florida RR Co.		399,022.84
	439,972.58	397,122.04
Coosa & Tennessee RR Co. (Tenn. &	00 005 03	01.515.03
Coosa)	88,935.81	84,545.01
Selma, Rome & Dalton (Ala. & Tenn.		
River)	507,313.07	458,671.27
Mobile & Girard RR Co.		
(later part of Central of Ga.)	505,000.00 5/	302,181.16 <u>6</u> /
Alabama & Chattanooga RR Co.		
(Coosa & Chattanooga)	662,349.00	463,253.35
Wills Valley RR Co. (NE and SW Ala.)	168,572.03	240,106.45
South and North Alabama (Tenn.		,
& Ala. Cent.)	595.874.38	522,218,75
a nine sense,	3,387,545.31	2,889,527.27
	3,301,343.31	2,007,)21.21
ADV ANG 4 C		
ARKANSAS		
St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern		
RR Co. (Cairo & Fulton)	1,946,112.00	1,356,298.00
Little Rock & Fort Smith Ry. Co.	1,057,024.00	1,052,082.51
Memphis & Little Rock RR Co.	838,400.00	188.380.49
	3,841,536.00	2,596,750.90
FLORIDA		
Florida & Alabama RR Co.	165,688.00	166,691.08
Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central		
RR Co. 7/	37,583.29	29,384.18
Pensacola and Georgia RR Co. 7/	1,275,212.00	1,279,236.70
Pensacola and Atlantic RR Co. 8/	1,430,504.00	750,958.84
(Florida Central & Peninsular;	2,430,304.00	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Florida RR.; Atlantic, Gulf & W.	1,	
India Transit)		
india ilansio)	2,909,987.29	2,226,540.80
ILLINOIS	2,909,907.29	2,220, 740.00
Illinois Central (inc. Mobile &		
	2 500 700 00	2 505 322 00
Chicago)	2,709,100.00	2,595,133.00
TOUA		
IOWA	(07 00/ 00	200 000 11
Burlington & Missouri River RR Co.	681,306.80	389,990.11
(later Chicago, Burlington & Quincy)	<u> </u>	
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co		641,747.17
(inc. earlier Mississippi & Missouri		
RR Co.)		
(total grant to Ry. 1,228,526.96)		

State and Grantee Railroad	Acreage In Grant 2/	Patented or Certified 3/
IOWA (cont.)		
Cedar Rapids and Missouri River RR Co. (inc. Iowa Central Air Lines RR Co.)	1,156,988.00	1,057,164.13
Dubuque & Sioux City RR Co. Iowa Falls & Sioux City (Dubuque	552,000.00	556,406.74
& Pacific)	683,500.00	683,057.34
Grand Rapids & Indiana RR Co.	222,967.01	222,967.01
*Des Moines Valley Railroad	569,001.61	
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul RR		569,001.61
Co. 2/ (successor to McGregor & Missouri River Ry. Co.)	372,000.00	396,392.70
Sioux City and St. Paul	400,000,00	407,910,21
	5,283,070.42	4,927,637.02
KANSAS		4,,,,,,,,,,,,
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe RR Co. Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston	2,995,200.00	2,944,788.14
RR Co.	658,857.76	73,893.93 10/
Missouri, Kansas & Texas RR Co.		
(Union Pacific RR Co. Southern Branch	976,593.22	705,622.44 10/
Microuri River Fort Coatt & C.30		
Missouri River, Fort Scott & Gulf	21,341.77	21,341.77
St. Joseph & Denver City (later St. Joseph & Grand Island)	470,956.00 <u>11</u> /	486,808.87
	5,122,948.75	4,232,455.15
LOUISIANA	/ /	
Vicksburg, Shreveport & Texas RR. Co. (including 353,212 acres - North Louisiana and Texas RR) (Later	702,137.68	462,645.82
Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific RR Co.)		
New Orleans, Opelousas & Great Western	719,193.79	719,193.79 12/
New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksburg	903,218.00	
RR Co. (New Orleans & Pacific)	7079210.00	13/
(as officers of facility)	2,324,549.47	1 121 220 61
	-92~49247641	1,181,839.61
MICHIGAN		
Port Huron & Lake Michigan RR Co.	20 150	a= ./-
Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw - Amboy	37,467.44	37,467.44
Lancing & Tropper Boy DD C	750,000.00	744,255.90
Lansing & Traverse Bay RR Co		
(Northern Central Michigan RR Co.)		

^{*} Act of July 12, 1862 (12 Stat. 543) permitted the State to apply part of the river improvement grant of 1846 (9 Stat. 77) to railroad construction. State records show 546,537.44 patented as of 1889.

State and Grantee Railroad	Acreage In Grant 2/	Patented or Certified 3/
Jacob and Granoco narrivad		
MICHIGAN (cont.)	P. C.	
Flint & Pere Marquette RR Co.	590,811.79	513,169.49 14/
Ontonagon & Brule River RR Co. (Ontonagan & State Line)	36,000.00	34,227.08
Marquette Houghton & Ontonagon RR Co. (Marquette & Ontonagon)	516,515.00 <u>15</u> /	310,023.67
Bay De Noquet & Marquette RR Co.	128,000.00	128,301.05
Grand Rapids and Indiana RR Co. 16/	855,000.00	852,521.10
Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co. (Successor to Peninsular Railroad & Chicago, St. Paul & Fon du Lac	847,903.69	845,817.84
RR Co.)	·	
	3,761,696.92	3,465,783.57
MINNESOTA		
St. Paul & Pacific RR - First	1 2/8 /50 00 77/	7 252 160 00 70/
Division (later St. Paul,	1,248,450.00 17/	1,253,468.88 18/
Minneapolis & Manitoba)		
St. Vincent extension of St. Paul	1,500,000.00 17/	1,752,172.18 18/
& Pacific (later St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha)	2,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1, () 2, (1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2,
Western Railroad (former Brainerd Branch, St. Paul & Pacific - succeeded by St. Paul & Northern	815,000.00 17/	675,768.15 <u>18</u> /
Pacific RR Co.)		
Minnesota Central Railroad Co.	599,065.72	179,734.29
Winona & St. Peter Railroad Co.	1,680,143.09	1,681,026.40 19/
St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad Co.	1,205,000.00	1,126,618.55
Lake Superior & Mississippi RR Co.	870,376.71	861,132.96
(St. Paul & Duluth RR Co		
Taylor's Falls & Lake Superior) Southern Minnesota Railroad Co.	01 0/1 20 -	
Southern Minnesota Railway Extension (91,241.32	546,745.44
(later Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul) Hastings & Dakota Railroad Co.	1,602,931.41	377,986.86
	10,841,272.66	8,454,653.71
	,042,012,00	0,474,077.71
MISSISSIPPI		
Mobile & Ohio River RR Co.	737,130.29	737.130.29 4/
Vicksburg & Meridian RR Co.	409,499.81	199.101.51
Gulf & Ship Island RR Co.	200,000.00	139,113.22
the state of the s	1,346,630.00	1,075,345.02
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State and Grantee Railroad	Acreage In Grant 2/	Patented or Certified 3/
MISSOURI		
Southwest Branch, Pacific Railroad Hannibal & St. Joseph RR Co. St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern RR Co. of Missouri (inc. Cairo & Fulton RR Co. of Missouri)	1,161,205.00 778,550.04 574,400.00	1,161,284.51 611,323.35 65,360.31
	2,514,155.04	1,837,968.17
WISCONSIN		
Wisconsin Railroad Farm Mortgage Land Co. (Inc. La Crosse & Milwaukee)	240,649.03 20/	243,288.77 21/
Madison & Portage RR Co.	120,765.88 20/	915.38
Omaha RR Co. (successor to West Wisconsin Ry. Co.)	922,834.10	814,831.04
Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha RR Co. (successor to St. Croix & Lake Superior RR Co. [843,000 acres])	1,228,208.90	1,228,208.90 22/
Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis - Branch to Bayfield	565,000.00	471,721.14
Chicago & Northwestern RR Co. (successor to Chicago, St. Paul & Fon du Lac RR Co.)	561,937.93	555,140.15
Wisconsin Central RR Co. (inc. Portage, Winnebago & Superior RR)	1,277,188.56	839,355.71
	4,916,584.40	4,153,461.09

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Notes: 1/ Where possible the amount of land granted to the original companies has been given; however, with the available material and the limitations of time, this has not always been possible. Various reports by the General Land Office or the Office of Land

Management of the Department of Interior do not agree on the acreages and several of the other sources vary, sometimes because of later compilation, and in some cases different companies and changed routes. The latest grant totals are used where they are identifiable, and where the amount in specific states is available.

2/ The acreage given is that of the original companies so far as it was possible to ascertain the amounts. In some cases the acreage is recorded in sources as one name "successor to" or "formerly" and the total amount is the grant transferred from the original companies and

that given to the successor companies in addition.

3/ These acreages are, for the most part, taken from a report of the General Land Office, Department of the Interior, and Reports of the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The latest available data are used in each case, and where possible the companies and successor companies are shown.

4/ In the adjustment of this grant the road was treated as a unit without reference to State lines. More land has been certified to Alabama and less to Mississippi than they would appear to be entitled to in proportion to the length of the railroad in the respective states.

5/ This grant was later adjusted (in 1893) to 302,181.16 for this railroad.

6/ Grant adjusted in 1893 and the balance of previously certified lands returned to entry under the Act of September 29, 1890. 7/ Later the grant is listed as 1,315,496.22 acres for the two roads combined without indicating the amount of each. (These railroads later consolidated to form the Florida Central & Western RR Co.)

8/ The original grants in Florida covered a large number of companies which combined and re-combined so that the land granted in Florida is shown as to the successor companies. The Florida Central and Peninsula R.R. Co. grant apparently included that of the Florida Railroad Co., the Atlantic Gulf & West India Transit, and the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Co.

The railroads of Florida were later resolved into two systems. the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line. The former system included the

Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central R.R. Co. - Florida Railroad Co. Pensacola & Georgia R.R. Co. - Atlantic, Gulf & West India Transit Co.

Florida Central & Peninsular R. R. Co. - Peninsular R.R. Co. Tropical Florida R.R. Co. - Florida Ry. & Navigation Co. Fernandina & Jacksonville R.R. Co. - Tavares. Orlando & Atlantic R.R. Co.

and the other included the

Pensacola & Florida R.R. Co. - Pensacola & Atlantic R.R. Co. Pensacola & Louisville R.R. Co. - Pensacola R. R. Co. Mobile & Montgomery R.R. Co. - Mobile & Montgomery Ry. Co. as of 1940. The systems now include railroads in other states, in

addition to the above.

9/ Total grant is shown (1939) as 1,284,492.15 for Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, successor to McGregor & Missouri River R.R. Co. Predecessor roads also included McGregor Western, McGregor and Sioux City, for which no record of an individual grant was found.

10/ Excludes 270,970.78 acres deducted in consequence of the decision concerning Osage Indian lands for the M. K. & T. and 186,936.72 acres

for the Leavenwroth, Lawrence & Galveston.

11/ Total grant to St. Joseph & Denver City appears as 1,238,087.80 acres in a later report of the Land Office but no information is given as to how much of the total was in Kansas.

12/ Reconveyed to the United States by Louisiana as forfeited in

1888.

13/ New Orleans Baton Rouge and Vicksburg railroad received 980,587 acres assigned to New Orleans Pacific plus 109,137 acres (nct patented). Total grant as reported in 1899 (Sanborn) amounted to 1,089,724 acres. Later records of the General Land Office do not show acreage patented or certified to the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg.

14/ 131,481.71 acres originally certified was reconveyed by the State government; grant forfeited in part by the Act of March 2. 1899.

15/ The 1856 grant to Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon was estimated originally at 552,516.00 acres. Amount patented to 1900 - 437,411.30

acres, later adjusted.

16/ Part of the Grand Rapids and Indiana grant was in Iowa - 222,967.01 acres. Total grant was shown as 947,699.92 acres with 952,960.12 acres patented to 1882 - 629,993.11 acres, Grand Rapids & Indiana and 322,967.01 acres, Grand Rapids to Fort Wayne.

17/ Grants made in 1857, 1865 and 1871, resulting in the construction of the St. Paul Minneapolis & Manitoba (formerly 1st division and Vincent extension of the St. Paul & Pacific) and the St. Paul & Northern Pacific (formerly Western Railroad) were declared a single grant. The Act of 1892 permitted the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba (now Great Northern, main and branch) to elect indemnity lands in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Washington. Original combined grants (as of 1882) amounted to 3,563,450 acres. As of 1899 the St. Vincent extension had sold 2.052.282 acres and was holding 794.364 acres of land under grants; the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba (St. Paul & Pacific) had patented 1,253,468 acres and was due 195,366 acres or a total of 1,448,834 acres granted; the Western Railroad had patented 666,865 acres. As of 1900 the St. Paul & Pacific First Division had patented 1,253,468.88 acres, the St. Vincent Extension 1,752,172.18 acres, and the Western 675,768.15 acres - a combined total patented of 3,681,409.21 acres, as reported by the Interior Department, General Land Office.

18/ Lands patented under the combined grant (as of 1962) totaled 3,274,224.17 acres, after adjustments, as reported by the Bureau of

Land Management, Department of Interior.

19/ Reported by the Bureau of Land Management (1962). Total patented, as reported by the General Land Office in 1940, amounted to 1,749,209.16 acres.

20/ Grants to be used to aid construction of the La Crosse & Milwaukee and the Madison & Portage railroads were conveyed to the Wisconsin Railroad Farm Mortgage Land Company for the benefit of farmers who had given negotiable notes secured by mortgages to the La Crosse and Milwaukee for railroad stock. The Madison and Portage was declared not a land-grant railroad. Before adjustment the Madison and Portage had patented 1,115.38 acres of the grant. The Bureau of Land Management reported in 1962 that a total of 163,159.65 acres was granted to the Land Company for railroads.

21/ Bureau of Land Management (1962) reports 163,159.65 acres granted to the Wisconsin Railroad Farm Mortgage Land Company for railroads.

22/ Reported by the Bureau of Land Management (1962), after adjustment, as 816,487.76 acres granted to the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha (St. Croix & Lake Superior, Northern Wisconsin, Chicago &

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Northern Pacific Air Line).

FEDERAL LAND GRANTS MADE DIRECT TO CORPORATIONS (RAILROAD)

System	Original Railroads 1/	Acres Granted 2/
Union Pacific		
Uni	on Pacific Railroad Co.	11,464,475.63
Den	ver Pacific Ry. and Telegraph Co.	821,484.15
	sas Pacific Ry. Co.	6,176,383.76
	Joseph & Denver City RR Co. (St.	
Jo	seph & Grand Island)	470,956.00
	Total system	18,933,299.59*
Central Pacif	ic	
Cen	tral Pacific R.R. Co.	7,502,736.57
	tern Pacific R.R. Co. (1862)	462,130.18
	ifornia and Oregon	3,237,347,16
	Total system	11,202,213.91
Southern Paci.	fic	
	thern Pacific Railroad Co.	5,260,000.00
	nch Line of Southern Pacific Railroad	2,500,000.00
	gon and California R.R. Co.	2,500,000.00
0re	gon Central R.R. Co.	1,000,000.00 3/
	Total system	11,260,000.00 4/
Atchison, Top	eka and Santa Fe	
	antic and Pacific R.R. Co. (Western	13,423,237.02
	vision) (Santa Fe Pacific)	
St. Louis-San	Frencisco	
	antic and Pacific (Missouri Division)	630,793.91
NOT.	anote and factife (Missouri Division)	030,793.91
Missouri Paci:	fic	
	tral Branch Union Pacific (assignee	265,000.00
	Hannibal and St. Joseph RR)	
	as and Pacific R.R. Co. (New Orleans	13,000,000.00 6/
and	Pacific)	30.0/5.000.00
	Total system	13,265,000.00
Northern Pacis	[HAND HAND HAND HAND HAND HAND HAND HAND	
Nor	thern Pacific Railroad Company	42,000,000.00
Chicago and No	orthwestern	
	ex City and Pacific R.R. Co.	45,000.00
	ngton and Quincy	0 117 (00 00 01
. Duri	Lington and Missouri River R.R. Company	2,441,600.00 7/

^{*} Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of Interior states total grant to U. P. by Act of Congress amounted to 18,979,659.28 acres. Report of Commissioner shows 19,156,458.50 total patented or certified to U. P. to 6/30/1932. Bulletin of Dept. of Interior (1939) shows total to U. P. of 19,731,058.32 acres to U. P. Sanborn (1899) shows Kansas Pac. & Denver Pac. Rys sold 14,287,517 acres (to 1899) under the land grants.

1/ So far as possible with the available time and material, the grants have been listed in the names of the original grantees. In many cases grants of successors to older companies could not be separated as to the amounts where two or more companies were involved. Where there were grants or revestitures of grants after 1880 a later record has been used than for the majority of the grants, which often is a figure including adjustments of original grants and the status at the time of the report. Some of the systems have at one time been parts of others or some have been combined, such as the Atlantic and Pacific which later became part of two systems.

2/ Where possible to identify the acreage with the individual railroads in the system we have given that figure. In other instances it was not possible to identify the railroads and later reports have been used, which incorporate adjustments and changes in the original grants

leaving the acreage as of the date of the report.

3/ Estimated original grants as shown by Donaldson - 1,000,000 acres

Patented to 1899 - 2,287,131 acres (Sanborn).

4/ Board of Investigation & Research (1945) shows total Federal grants to the U. P. of 21,648,681 acres which probably includes grants made through the states as well as directly by the Federal

government to the railroads which make up the system.

5/ The original total grant to Atlantic and Pacific as given by several authorities amounted to 22,672,000 acres. Some of this may be included in other systems which we have not been able to identify because of changes in names and transfers to other companies before the system was evolved as such. Data is difficult to reconcile as sources available here do not use the same basis for stating amounts. some are acres patented, others acreage received, and at different periods the figures have been revised to reflect adjustments and changes in the original grants. Where possible we have tried to trace grants to original companies predecessors to the present companies.

6/ Donaldson shows the original land grant in three grants of 1,000,000, 2,000,000 and 10,000,000 acres to the Texas and Pacific.

7/ Sanborn (1899) shows grant total of 2,673,345 acres.

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STATE LAND GRANTS TO RAILROADS - BY RAILROAD SYSTEMS

Name of Railroad	I*		II*
Atlantic Coast Line	7,428,299		7,428,299
(excluding L&N -	Maria o a la companya de la companya		
5,186,661)			ARG
Atchison, Topeka &			
Santa Fe	3,856,640	(3,663,360)	3,856,640
Bangor and Aroostook	73,532		
Canadian Pacific	1,409,464	(1,409,073)	1,409,464
Chicago and Northwestern	498,125	(488,296)	498,125
Chicago, Burlington &			
Quincy	286,663	(276,847)	286,663
Chicago Great Western	275,000	(278,990)	paller Reserved to the other.
Chicago, Milwaukee, St.			
Paul & Pacific	499,115		499,115
Chicago, Rock Island &		•	
Pacific	421,138		
Duluth, Missabe & Northern			
Florida East Coast	651,095	(611,448)	CALLS OF THE STREET
Galveston, Houston &			Se fix
Henderson (1860)	610,560		
Great Northern	425,664		425,578
Louisiana, Arkansas & Texa			
Ry.	1,164,160	(1,184,000)	
Maine Central	638,190		
Minneapolis & St. Louis	81,443		
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	2,795,520	(2,852,480)	2,785,290
Missouri Pacific	622,850		12,989,256
(excl Tex	& Pac. 5.98	8.319) (inc	1. Tex & Pac. 5,988,319)
Northern Pacific	1,052,085	(1,065,453)	1,052,085
Seaboard Air Line	969,299	(1,023,156)	969,299
Southern Pacific (Tex.)	12,974,939	(12,977,920)	10,865,930
(Ore.)	3,200	(3,200)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Texas and Pacific	5,988,319		
Texas-Mexico Ry. Co.	1,412,480	(1,601,280)	
Total	51,133,620	(48,474,423)	48,883,372

^{*} Column I - As shown in Vol. II of Federal Coordinator of Transportation (1940) Items in () are as shown by the railroad company records. Column II- As shown by Board of Investigation and Research, 1944.

Source: Public Aids to Transportation, Vol. II. U. S. Office of Federal Coordinator of Transportation, Section of Research, Washington, 1940, U. S. Govt. Print. Off. 1940. Board of Investigation and Research. House Document No. 159, 79th Congress, 1st session. 1944. U. S. GPO.

STATE LAND GRANTS TO RAILROADS - BY STATES

I*		II*
622.850		C44/8.1
9,048,693	(6,821,265)	8,397,598
502,581		
711,722		
1,695,510	(1,695,007)	1,409,464
ASKA		498,125
2,858,584	(2,875,942)	2,076,778
498,742	(479,209)	286,663
3,200		REVOLUE AND THE STATE OF THE ST
35,191,738	(35,309,919)	2,785,920
	1941	
S		12,989,256
		10,865,930
NOT		
		5,816,998
51,133,620	(48,474,423)	48,883,372
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^{*} Column I - As shown in Vol. II of Federal Coordinator of Transportation (1940) Items in () are as shown by the railroad company records.

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CONGRESSIONAL GRANTS OF LAND FOR RAILROADS

(By Years from 1850 to 1880)

Year		Number of Acres Granted
1850	- V	3,751,711
1852	Act W	2,280,635
1853	a decemped due to a	1,856,711
1856	ne record probablis I sk Leonolis i	12,083,295
1857	er soon file feed to be	4,126,638
1862	in the second of the second	15,345,166
1863	ericania (m. 1966). Alian area (m. 1966). Alian area (m. 1966).	4,430,000
1864	e de la combinación de la comb	50,787,579
1865	*	128,000
1866		64,902,000
1867	1. 15 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	100,000
1869		1,100,000
1870		2,741,600
1871		24,152,515
	Total	187,785,850

Source: Ringwalt, J. L. Development of Transportation Systems in the United States. Philadelphia, Railway World Office, 1888. p. 227.

Note: Includes all grants of Federal lands for railroads up to 1880, the last of these grants having been made in 1871 except for some minor grants made in later years.

TABLE 12 .- ACTS OF CONGRESS GRANTING LANDS IN AID OF RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION :

			utes at		Orunte	Present system and company	Alter
Original act	Amendment	Vol-	Paga	State *	Railroad (original company)	System Company	gran on e side trac with dieta
ept. 30, 1440	Mar. 3, 1849 Aug. 2, 1852 Feb. 18, 1869	9 9 10 11	466 772 27 264	Illinois:	Illinois Central B. R. Co	Illinois Central R. R. Co	, ,
				Alabama:	Mobile & Ohio B. R. Co	Mobile & Obio R. R. Co	1
ne 10, 1029	June 4, 1862	12	423	Missouris	Hannibal & St. Joseph R. R. Co	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy B. R. Co	
b. 0, 1855		10	158	(Missouri:	Pacific R. R. Co. (southwest branch)	St. Louis-San Francisco: St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co	
	July 23, 1866 Mer. 3, 1869 Apr. 10, 1869 Mer. 8, 1870	10 14 16 16 16	838 849 46 76	Arkanese:	Caire & Fulton R. R. Co. of Missouri	Missouri Pacifie: Missouri Pacifie B. R. Co	
	May 6, 1870	16	876		Cairo & Fuiton R. R. Co. of Arkansas Little Rock & Fort Smith Ry. Co. St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R. R. Co. of Arkansas.		
y 15, 1686		11		(Iowa:	Memphis & Little Rook R. R. Co	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific: Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R. Co	
	June 2, 1884 July 1, 1864 Mar. 3, 1865	13 13 13 14	98 335 526		Burlington & Missouri River R. R. Co	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. B. Co	
	Feb. 10, 1886 June 15, 1878 June 15, 1878	14 17 20	349 421 183		Mississippi & Missouri R. R. Co	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific: Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co. Chicago & North Western: Chicago & North Wastern Ry. Co.	
					Dubuque & Pacific R. R. Co	Minois Central: Dubuque & Sicar City R. B. Co Chicago, Milwaukes, St. Paul & Pacific: Chicago, Milwaukes, St. Paul & Pacific B. B. Co.	
7 17, 1966		11	3		Plorida, Atlantic & Gulf Central R. R. Co. Plorida R. R. Co. Pensacola & Georgia R. R. Co. Atlantic, Gulf & West India Transit Co. Piorida Central & Peninsular R. R. Co. Piorida R. R. Co. Tropical Florida R. R. Co. Florida R. R. Co. Florida R. R. Co. Fernandina & Jacksonville R. R. Co. Fernandina & Jacksonville R. R. Co. Tavares, Orlando & Atlantic R. R. Co. Alabama & Florida R. R. Co. Pensacola & Louisville R. R. Co. Pensacola & Louisville R. R. Co. Pensacola & Louisville R. R. Co. Mobile & Montgomery R. R. Co. Mobile & Montgomery R. R. Co.	Seaboard Air Line: Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co	
8, 1866		11	17	(Alabama:	Alabama & Plorida R. R. Co		
	Mar. 2, 1857 Apr. 10, 1869 Mar. 3, 1871 May 23, 1872 Sept. 29, 1890 Mar. 3, 1903 Mar. 4, 1907	11 16 16 17 26 32 34	200 48 590 159 498 1222 1408		Tennessee & Coosa R. R. Co. North East & South West Alabama R. R. Co. Wills Valley R. R. Co. Alabama & Chattanooga R. R. Co. Alabama & Tennessee River R. R. Co. Selma, Rome & Dalton R. R. Co. Tennessee & Alabama Central R. R. Co. South & North Alabama R. R. Co. Mobile & Girard R. R. Co.	Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry Southern: Alabama Great Southern B. B. Co Southern: Southern Ry. Co Atlantic Const Line: Louisville & Nashville B. R. Co Dilnois Central:	
1, 1854	July 5, 1862 June 7, 1864 June 18, 1864	11 12 13 13	21 620 119 137	Michigan:	Bay de Noquet & Marquette R. R. Co Marquette & Outonagon Ry. Co Marquette, Houghton & Outonagon R. R.	Central of Georgia Ry. Co	
	Feb. 17, 1865	13	609 669		Co. Ontonagon & State Line R. R. Co Ontonagon & Brule River R. R. Co	Ohlongo, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific: Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific R. R. Co.	
	Mar. 2, 1805 do	13 13 14 14 14 15 16 17	820 830 78 425 282 885 648		Peninsular R. R. Co. Chicago, 8t. Paul & Fond du Lac R. R. Co. Chicago & North Western Ry. Co. (of 1830). Aunboy, Lansing & Traverse Bay R. R. Co. Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw R. R. Co. Northern Central Michigan R. R. Co. Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry. Co. (nos. 2 and 3).	R. R. Co. Chicago & North Western: Chicago & North Western Ry. Co	
	May 28, 1872 May 5, 1879 Mar. 2, 1889 Sept. 29, 1800	17 20 26 26	160 490 1608 466			Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry. Co	

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TABLE 12 .- ACTS OF CONGRESS GRANTING LANDS IN AID OF RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION-Continued

			ntes at regs		Grantee	Present system and company	Alteroa section grante
Original set	Amendment	Vol-	Page	Btate	Railroad (original company)	System Company	on each
June 2, 1806	Apr. 25, 1862 May & 1864 Mar. 3, 1865 May 20, 1868 July 13, 1868 Mar. 4, 1860 Mar. 3, 1878	11 12 23 18 18 16 15	20 815 66 829 262 257 301, 807 634	(Wisconsin:	West Wisconsin Ry. Co North Wisconsin Ry. Co 8t. Croix & Lake Superior R. R. Co Chicago & Northern Pacific Air Line Ry Chicago, 8t. Paul & Fond dn Lao R. R. Co La Crosse & Milwaukee R. R. Co Madison & Portage R. R. Co	Chicago & North Western: Chicago, Bt. Paul, Minneapolis & Omabs Ry. Co	244
De	Joly 14, 1870	11 16	18 277	Louisians:	Wisconsin Railroad Farm Mortgage Land Co.* Vicksburg, Shreveport & Texas R. R. Co New Orleans, Opelousas & Great Western	R. R. Co. Illinois Central: Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Ry. Co Southern Pacific:	
Avg. 11, 1668	Sept. 29, 1890	17 26	30 49f	Mississippi	R. R. Co. Southern R. R. Co. Vicksburg & Meridian R. R. Co. Cuil & Ship Island R. R. Co.	Illinois Central:	
Mar. 1, 1857	July 12 1862 May 12 1864 Mar. 3 1845 July 13 1866 Mar. 8 1871	11 12 13 13 14	193 624 72 826 97	Minnesota:	St. Paul & Pacific R. R. Co	Gulf & Ship Island R. R. Co	
	Jan. 10. 1873 Mar. 3. 1873 June 22, 1874 Sept. 29, 1890 Aug. 5, 1892	17 17 18 26 27	409 631 203 496 890	Start II	Minneapol's & Cedar Valley R. R. Co	Chicago & North Western Ry. Co	
7mly 1, 1862	July 2, 1864 Mar. 3, 1865 May 7, 1866 May 21, 1866 July 3, 1863 July 26, 1868 Mar. 3, 1869	12 13 13 14 14 14 14 15	489 356 504 255 356 79 367 324		Union Pacific R. R. Co Denver Pacific Ry. & Telegraph Co Kansas Pacific Ry. Co Central Branch Union Pacific R. R. Co. (Assignee of Hannibal & St. Joseph B. R. Co. of Missouri).		
Mar. 3, 1863	Apr. 10, 1849 May 6, 1870 June 20, 1874 May 7, 1878 June 24, 1912	15 16 16 18 20 37	848 66 121 111 56 138 772 839	(Kansas;	Central Pacific R. R. Co. Western Pacific R. R. Co. (1862) Bioux City & Pacific B. R. Co.	Southern Pacific: Central Pacific Ry. Co	1
May & 1864	July 1, 1864 July 26, 1866 Apr. 19, 1871 July 24, 1876 July 13, 1866	14 17 19 13 14	289 5 101	Minnesota:	Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston R. R. Co Co. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co Union Pacific R. R. Co., Southern Branch. Lake Superior & Mississippi R. R. Co Taylor's Falls & Lake Superior R. R. Co	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co	,
Do	June 21, 1866 Apr. 9, 1874 Mar. 2, 1875 Sept. 29, 1890	13 14 18 18 20	560 28 511 495	Wisconsin:	Portage, Winnebago & Superior R. R. Co	Canadian Pacific: Wisconsin Central Ry. Co	
May 13, 1864	Sept. 29, 1890	13 26	72 496		McGregor Western Ry. Co	Chicago & North Western: Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Ry. Co. Chicago, Milwoukee, St. Paul & Pacific: Chicago, Milwoukee, St. Paul & Pacific R. R. Co.	١,
uly 2, 1864	Mar. 3, 1865 July 26, 1876 Apr. 10, 1879 May 6, 1870	13 13 24 18 16	356 504 367 56 118		Chicago, Milwaukes & St. Paul Ry. Co Burlington & Missouri Biver R. R. Co	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy: Chicago, Eurilagton & Quincy R. R. Co	2
aly 2,1864	July 1, 1888 Mar. 1, 1869 Apr. 10, 1899 May 31, 1870 July 15, 1870 July 10, 1882 Sept. 29, 1800 Oct. 1, 1800 July 1, 1898 Mar. 2, 1891 Apr. 28, 1904 Mar. 3, 1905	20 20 20	305 255 346 57 278 291, 305 167 496 547, 620 903 950 850 1,016		Northern Pacific R. R. Co	Northern Pacific: Northern Pacific Ry. Co	;;
ay 4,1806	May 17, 1905 July 18, 1945 Sept. 20, 1850	24 14 26	87 97 496	Minneota:	Frenchern Minneaute F. E. Co	Obloago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific: Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific B. S. Co.	

APPENDIX

TARLE 12.—ACTS OF CONGRESS GRANTING LANDS IN AID OF RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION -Continued

Original act		Amandment	Statutes at large		Graptes		. Present system and company	
			Vol- ume	Pagn	State Railroad (Ruliroad (original company)		granted on each aide of track within distance of—
July	23, 1866		14	210	Kansas: St. Joseph & Denver City R. R. Co			
July	25, 1866	June 25, 1868	14 15	239 80		California & Oregon R. R. Co		10
		Apr. 10, 1869 Apr. 30, 1908 Aug. 20, 1912	16 35 57	871 820		Oregou Central R. R. Co	Central Pacific Ry, Co	*
July	27, 1860	July 25, 1868 June 28, 1370 Apr. 20, 1871 July 6, 1885	14 15 10 17 24	292 187 882 19 123		Atlantic & Pacific R. R. Co. (Missouri and Central divisions).	8t. Louis-San Francisco: 8t. Louis-San Francisco Ry, Co	(;40 (;20
		Mar. 3, 1897 June 27, 1662 Apr. 28, 1904	26 29 22 83	496 622 405 556		Atiantic & Pacific R. B. Co. (Western divi- sion). Santa Fe Pacific R. R. Co.	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co	(14
		Apr. 23,1801				Southern Pacific R. R. Co	Southern Pacific R. R. Co	1 40
May	4, 1870	Jan. 31, 1885	16 23	296	{	Oregon & California R. R. Co	Southern Pacific Co	20
Mar.	8, 1871	Feb. 8, 1887 Apr. 14, 1896	16 24 29	873 391 91		Southern Pacific R. R. Co. Texas Pacific R. R. Co. New Orleans Pacific Ry. Co. New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksburg R. R. Co.	Southern Pacific R. R. Co	440 120

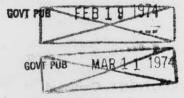
Except as noted, forfeited grants, under which no acreage was patented, are not included. Orouping of companies by systems does not necessarily signify that the systems herein, benefited by the aids.

See pp. 101-102.

Where no State is shown in this column, the grant was direct to the railroad.

Orant tothis railroad forfeited by act of Feb. 22, 1885 (23 Stat. 337).

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