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## **RAILROAD AND WAREHOUSE COMMISSION**

### **An Inventory of Its Chief Engineer's Case Files**

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Agency:** Railroad and Warehouse Commission of the State of Minnesota.
- Series Title:** Chief engineer's case files,
- Dates:** 1901-1924.
- Abstract:** Files on matters relating to railroad safety and operations, such as train wrecks, dangerous crossings, deteriorating and inadequate bridges, and valuations.
- Quantity:** 1.8 cu. ft. (2 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

Consists primarily of chief engineer D. F. Jurgensen's case files (1901-1924) on railroad-related matters, such as train wrecks, complaints about dangerous crossings, deteriorating and inadequate bridges, valuations of railroad properties, and other matters relating to railroad safety and operations.

The files include correspondence, legal documents, and various supporting materials. Many of the case files contain blueprint maps and technical drawings, submitted as exhibits relating to the particular case. The series also includes various informational and statistical reports prepared by or sent to the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, as well as the Engineering Department's annual reports for 1914, 1915, and 1918. Most files include a photocopy of the original identifying cover sheet.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### **Topics:**

Railroads—Crossings—Minnesota.  
Railroads—Safety measures—Minnesota.  
Railroad bridges—Minnesota.  
Railroad accidents—Minnesota.

### **Persons:**

Jurgensen, D. F.

### **Types of Documents:**

Maps.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### **Preferred Citation:**

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
104.I.13.6F	1	<b>Miscellaneous Statistical Reports, 1919-1924:</b> Minnesota and North Dakota Comparative Statistical Reports, 1919-1922. Miscellaneous Support Data for General Exhibits: Railroad Cases, 1923-1924. Blueprint copies of statistics on various railroads' construction and operating costs. Northern Pacific Operating Expense Investigation, 1920. Summary of investigation results; 6 pages. Population Density vs. Wheat Shipping Rates, undated and 1922. Population Density Statistics, undated and 1922. Statistics and graphs of population densities along railroads' lines. Watertown Case: Statistical Reports, 1922. ICC Docket 14018 – population and revenue freight statistics (handwritten). Miscellaneous Data, undated. Outline map of appraised lines in Minnesota and South Dakota, and 2 pages of statistical notes.
104.I.13.6F	1	<b>Chief Engineer's Case Files, 1901-1918 (bulk 1914-1918).</b> D-61. Railroad Track Scale, 1914. D-62. St. Louis Park: Highway Undercrossings, 1914. D-63. Red Wing to Wabasha: Broken Angle Bars, 1914. D-64. Caroline: Siding Removal, 1914. D-65. Mendota: Passenger Train Wreck, 1914. D-66. Northfield to Waterville: Track Inspection, 1914. D-67. Duluth: Foot Bridge over Duluth and Iron Range, 1914. D-68. Minneapolis: Headlight Test, 1914. D-69. Cannon Falls: Depot, 1914. D-70. Great Northern: Stockyard Loading Chutes, 1914.

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104.I.13.6F	1	D-71A. Minneapolis & Rainy River Railway, Fox Lake Branch: Sink Hole, 1914. D-72. Winona: Interstate Packing Company Petition, 1914. D-73. St. Paul: Carroll Avenue Crossing, 1914. D-74. Knife River: Head Clearing at Bridge, 1914. D-75. Lake Elmo: Crossing Bell, 1914. D-76. St. Paul: Zahner Chemical Company Service Track, 1914. D-77. Standard Loading Platform, 1914. D-78. Fairmont: Sewer System, 1914. D-79. Margie: Track and Loading Facilities, 1914. D-80. Inver Grove: Crossing Protection, 1914. D-81. Richmond: Spur Track to Mill, 1914. D-82. Inver Grove: Change in Proposed Highway, 1914. D-83. Bill re: Gross Earnings Tax, 1917. D-84. Grand Meadow: Encroachment by Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Track, 1914. D-86. Moose Lake: Soo Bridge over Northern Pacific Railway, 1914. D-87. Waterville: Train Collision, 1914. D-88. Duluth, Missabe and Northern Railway: Correspondence, 1914. D-89. Annual Report: Engineering Dept. to Commission, 1914. D-90. Comus: Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Passenger Train Wreck, 1914. D-91. Bachman: Accident on "Dan Patch" Railway, 1914. D-92. Emmons: Passenger Train Wreck, 1915. D-93. Aurora: Duluth & Iron Range Clearance Exemption, 1915. D-94. Minneapolis: Hennepin Avenue Viaduct Collision, 1915. D-95. Minneapolis: Northern Pacific Bridge No. 9, 1915. D-96. Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Locomotive Blow-Off Boxes, 1915. D-98. Dakota County: Dangerous Crossings, 1915. D-99. Minneapolis: Complaint against Electric Short Line, 1915. D-100. Savage: Drawbridge, 1915. D-119. Annual Report: Engineering Dept. to Commission, 1915. D-120. St. Paul: Great Northern Spur Track, 1915. D-121. Peterson: Depot Platform, 1915.

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104.I.13.6F	1	D-122. Minneapolis: Great Northern Switching Service, 1916. D-123. Minneapolis: Soo Spur Construction, 1916. D-126. Bellechester Line: Track and Service, 1916. D-127. Hugo: Alleged Dangerous Crossing, 1916. D-128. Lucius: Side Track, Freight House, 1916. D-129. Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester & Dubuque Electric Traction Company: Abandonment of Tracks, 1917. D-134. Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada, 1909-1910. D-136. Austin: Defective Switch Stand, 1914. D-137. Great Northern Railway: Ore Line Physical Properties, 1907, 1914. D-138. Approximate Physical Value of Railroads, 1913. D-141. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Right-of-Way Lands (Minneapolis), 1906. D-142. Capital Stock: All Railroads (1861-1907). D-143. Winona: Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Right-of-Way Lands, 1907. D-144. Chicago Great Western: Gravel Pits and Stone Quarries, 1907. D-145. Chicago & Northwestern: Right-of-Way and Station Ground Acreage, 1907. D-146. Valuation Matters, 1914-1916. D-147. Sewage Disposal, 1914. D-179. Albany: Dangerous Grade Crossings, 1916. D-181. Cook Railway Signal Company: Crossing Gate, undated and 1912-1915. D-182. Biwabik: Automatic Block Signals, 1912-1913. D-185. Track Connections: All Roads, undated and 1914. D-186. St. Paul: Statistical Records, 1913. D-187. Randall Switch Operating Device, 1913. D-188. Blakeley: Crossing Alarm Bells, 1913. D-189. Duluth: Grade Crossing, 1913-1914. D-191. Minneapolis: Clearance Exemption, 1916. D-192. Value of Railroads, 1916. D-193. New Lines, Additional Tracks, Rehabilitated Lines, etc., 1910-1915. D-194. Northern Pacific Construction History, 1916-1917.

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104.I.13.6F	1	D-196. St. Cloud: Proposed Spur, 1917. D-197. Cologne: Alleged Dangerous Grade Crossings, 1917. D-198. Anoka: Clearance Exemption, 1917. D-199. Winona: Chicago Great Western Bridge No. 6-3/4, 1917. D-200. St. Louis Park: Bridge over Great Northern Tracks, 1917. D-210. Lake City: Passenger Facilities, 1917. D-211. Minneapolis: Electric Short Line Terminal, 1917. D-212. Morton to Marietta: Track Inspection, 1917. D-214. Minneapolis: Electric Short Line Railway, 1917. D-215. Two Harbors: Duluth & Iron Range Clearance Condition, 1917. D-217. Staples: Dower Lake Station, 1918. D-218. Worthington: Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha Bridge No. 679, 1918. D-219. Duluth and Northern Minnesota: Permit to Stop Trains, 1918.
104.I.13.7B	2	D-220. Minneapolis: Crossing of Nicollet and Great Northern, 1918. D-221. Midland Junction: Proposed Spur Track, 1918. D-222. Sleepy Eye: Spur Track, 1918. D-223. Engineer's Report re: Valuation Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg, and Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific Railways, 1916. D-224. Cannon Falls: Switching Connections, 1918. D-226. Minneapolis: Platform Clearance, 1918. D-227. Benson: Clearance Law Violation, 1918. D-228. Annual Report: Engineering Dept. to Commission, 1918. F-1. Austin: Chicago Great Western, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Crossing, 1901, 1911-1918.
104.I.13.7B	2	St. Paul Land Assessment Maps, 1-17, 19-22, 1907. 21 folders. (Not actually maps, but rather notes taken in connection with maps, the location of which is unknown.)  Land Grants to Railways Reports, Volumes 1-3, undated. 3 folders. (Rough handwritten notes on locations and acreages of land granted to various railroads in each county or portion of a county.)

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104.I.13.7B	2	<p>Miscellaneous Finance Dockets: Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Finance Dockets, 1920-1924. (various docket numbers)</p> <p>Minnesota Western Railway Finance Dockets, 1924. Dockets 4043, 4163, and 5134.</p> <p><b>Miscellaneous Reports:</b> [Chicago, Rock Island, &amp; St. Paul] Railway Assessments, 1908. Cryptic handwritten notes.</p> <p>Duluth, St. Cloud, Glencoe &amp; Mankato Railway: Right-of-Way Purchases, 1908. Notes on land purchases (location, acreage, date, price) in Freeborn, Waseca, and Blue Earth counties.</p> <p>Final Mileage Statements, undated. Of main lines, branch lines, and joint ownership tracks for each railroad.</p> <p>Minnesota Railroad Appraisal of June 30, 1907: Appendix C. Acres, price per acre, and total value, by county, of lands recently acquired by the Illinois Central Railroad, the Chicago, Milwaukee &amp; St. Paul Railway, and the Minneapolis, St. Paul &amp; Sault Ste. Marie Railway; with maps showing location of the railway lines involved.</p> <p>Miscellaneous Deeds re: St. Paul Union Depot, Feb. 11, 1909. Cryptic notes on acreages and/or values; compiled "in connection with getting at the original cost of the St. Paul Union Depot Co's lands."</p>