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Kansas City Live Stock Exchange Records

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Minutes of the Exchange including the membership meetings, the meetings of the Board of Directors and various committees and special groups; an incomplete set of the published constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the Exchange; and, a series of Annual Live Stock Reports of activity at the Kansas City Stock Yards.

HISTORY:

Livestock trade in the Kansas City area dates to the 1840s and the Santa Fe Trade when mules, oxen and horses grazed on the prairies near the future town site. Early drives brought Texas longhorn steers to be traded along the banks of the Kaw, near its junction with the Missouri. However, the major impetus to the trade occurred in the late 1860s with the coming of the railroad to Kansas City and a growing demand for meat in the East. The cattle drives from Texas and the Southwest brought cattle into Kansas to meet the rail lines. Kansas City's stock yards, established in 1870, was a principal handling station. The Stock Yards Company, founded in 1871 to oversee the activities of the Yards, controlled 13 1/2 acres near the state line in the West Bottoms and constructed the first livestock exchange building—a small wooden shelter where dealers would gather to do business.

Though some believed there was a need, it was not until 1886, that a governing board was established to regulate the trade of the livestock dealers and to protect the interests of the producers and shippers into the market. This body, the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, was a voluntary organization which, through ironclad rules, kept out of the trade persons who were not financially responsible or were not honest dealers.

The growth in the livestock industry continued, the stock yards expanded in size, new trading buildings were constructed, and the Exchange has maintained its important position as regulator of the Kansas City trade.

PROVENANCE:

The Kansas City Live Stock Exchange loaned these records to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection so they could be microfilmed and made available for research. They were received as accession 0303kc on September 3, 1985.

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DESCRIPTION:

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INVENTORY:

MINUTES OF THE EXCHANGE

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| Volume 1 | Minutes, January 25, 1886 - November 22, 1886
Manuscript record of the membership meetings and the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exchange. The minutes were revised and/or rephrased and included in typescript in Volume 3. |
| Volume 2 | Minutes, March 16, 1886 - August 26, 1892
Manuscript record of the meetings of the Joint Executive |

Committee of the Exchange, a committee of the Board of Directors. The minutes are not included in the later series of minutes.

- Volume 3 Minutes, January 25, 1886 - June 5, 1899
Volume 3 through Volume 6 represent the official record of the Exchange. They include minutes of the membership meetings and of the Board of Directors. The record has been corrected by annotations, strike-outs and erasures.
- Volume 4 Minutes, July 10, 1899 - September 22, 1921
- Volume 5 Minutes, September 29, 1921 - June 19, 1933
- Volume 6 Minutes, June 19, 1933 - June 9, 1958
- Volume 7 Minutes, Kansas City Live Stock Exchange Employee Association, ca. June 1926 - December 1931 The record the meetings of the Employee Association, an auxiliary organization responsible for the group insurance and retirement program of the Exchange.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE EXCHANGE

Primarily published copies of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the Exchange. Revisions of these documents are recorded by insertions and/or annotations to the booklets.

- Volume 8 Constitution, Rules and By-laws, July 1903
- Volume 9 Rules and By-laws, August 1, 1913
- Volume 10 Rules and By-laws, July 15, 1917
- Volume 11 Rules and By-laws, June 1919
- Volume 12 Rules and By-laws, September 1923
- Volume 13 Rules and Regulations, December 1, 1924
- Volume 14 Rules and Regulations, 1924, Revised June 15, 1928
- Volume 15 Rules and Regulations, January 1, 1933 (Typescript)
This typescript copy appears identical to the published copy in Volume 16.
- Volume 16 Rules and Regulations, January 1, 1933
- Volume 17 Rules and Regulations, January 1, 1938

ANNUAL LIVE STOCK REPORTS, KANSAS CITY STOCK YARDS

Published annual reports of receipts and shipments of live stock at the Kansas City Stock Yards with summaries of receipts, shipments and valuation of all kinds of

live stock from 1871 or 1881 to the date of the report. The Kansas City Stock Yard Company presumably issued these reports.

Volume 18 Report, December 31, 1908

Volume 19 Report, December 31, 1909

Volume 20 Report, December 31, 1912

Volume 21 Report, December 31, 1919

Volume 22 Report, December 31, 1920

This volume begins its summaries with 1881 rather than 1871.