

## **Information Sheet**

**R**      **Minneapolis, Little Rock and Gulf Railway Company.**  
**849**      **Map, 1902.**  
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This is a "Map of Part of Dent County, Mo. showing route adopted by the Minneapolis, Little Rock and Gulf Railway Co., 27 August 1902." Lewis S. Reed was president of the company; Wellington B. Johnson was chief engineer.

The Minneapolis, Little Rock and Gulf Railway was one of a number of competing schemes about 1900 to construct a north-south rail line through the Ozarks. Many of the proposals had Gulf Coast ports as the ultimate destination. At the same time the Minneapolis, Little Rock & Gulf drew up the papers for its line through Dent County, the Rock Island railroad had surveyors in the field mapping a proposed line from Belle, Missouri, through Rolla and West Plains, to Newport, Arkansas. Neither of the proposals ever reached the point of construction.

The route map through Dent County shows the line passing north-south through the western edge of Dent County, through the villages of Lecoma, Anutt, and Lecoma. Present-day State Road O follows the same line.

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