

Information Sheet

R **Central Plank Road Company.**
991 **Promissory note, 1855.**
 One folder.

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This is a cancelled six-month promissory note due on 1 September 1855 and issued by the Central Plank Road Company of Saint Louis County, Missouri. The note was signed by Treasurer Charles L. Hunt and endorsed by George R. Harrington.

The Central Plank Road Company of Missouri was chartered in 1851 to build a plank road from the end of Olive Street in St. Louis to the Missouri River. Although the road was built, the company appears to have become insolvent by 1858.

This promissory note reads as follows:

“THE CENTRAL PLANK ROAD Will pay to bearer, at the Banking House of Lucas & Simonds, St. Louis, Fifteen Dollars, on the first day of ~~March~~ September, 1855, being ~~one year's~~ six months interest to date, on Bond No. 5 Chas L Hunt Treasurer”

On the reverse is written:

“Rec'd pay't G. R. Harrington”

The principals are not further identified, but G. R. Harrington could be George R. Harrington, who served as Under-Secretary of the Treasury in the Lincoln administration, while Charles L. Hunt might be the man of the same name who became a noted copperhead in St. Louis during the Civil War, being arrested in 1864 for his activities as a leader of the Order of American Knights, an organization notorious for its Confederate sympathies. There is a collection of George R. Harrington's papers at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis.

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Harrington, G. R.
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