

Guide to the Northern Pacific Railway Company Maps and Drawings

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SUMMARY: 105 manuscript maps and technical drawings documenting surveying for and construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad. The maps illustrate railroad development in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, as well as construction in several Indian reservations.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Henry G. Taliaferro on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 1996 and the Winlock William Miller, Jr. Memorial Fund, 2000.

Conditions Governing Access

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Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing in 2014, including rehousing and in some instances minimal organization. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below, identified by a unique call number and titled according to month and year of acquisition.

The finding aid for this collection is compiled from individual preliminary lists for each acquisition that were created at or around the time of receipt by the library. The preliminary lists were migrated to comply with current archival descriptive standards and merged into a single file in 2007-2008. As part of the migration, modifications were made to the formatting of individual lists; however, the content of the lists was neither modified nor verified.

As a rule, descriptive information found in the Collection Contents section is drawn in large part from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Map titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the files in all cases.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

The dealer listing with detailed description for each map is available in box 1.

Biographical / Historical

The Northern Pacific Railway Company, founded in 1864 and headquartered in Minnesota, constructed a railroad in the Western United States.

Scope and Contents

105 manuscript maps and technical drawings documenting surveying for and construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad. The maps illustrate railroad development in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, as well as construction in several Indian reservations.

Accompanied by a vendor list with detailed description of maps 1-44 and 100-105 (in box 1).

Arrangement

Organized into two groupings: June 1997 Acquisition and March 2000 Acquisition.

Collection Contents

Uncat WA MS 227: June 1997 Acquisition, 1870–1966

0.67 linear feet (2 boxes) + 1 roll

99 manuscript maps and technical drawings.

The title of each map includes the number supplied by the dealer. A list of the maps, with detailed descriptions by the dealer, is available in box 1.

Former call number: Uncat WA MS 227

b.1	(NORTHERN PACIFIC R.R.) Johnson, Edwin F. Map showing the location of the Northern Pacific Railroad from its initial point on Lake Superior in Wisconsin to the Columbia River in Washington Territory. To accompany the certificate of the President and Engineer in Chief of this date July 26, 1870. New York City. Signed by J. Gregory Smith, President, and Edwin F. Johnson, Chief Engineer of the Northern Pacific R.R. Colored inks on oil cloth, 15 x 79". Notation in red ink in upper margin: "Received at the General Land Office, with Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, dated August 13, 1870." (Map 1)	1870
b.1	(DAKOTA) Anderson, Adna. [Untitled map of a part of the Dakota Badlands.] Colored inks on oil cloth, 21-1/2 x 38-1/4". (Map 2)	1880
b.1	(DAKOTA) Patterson, J. C., Surveyor. Elgin, Cass. Co., Dak. Pen and ink on oil cloth, 26 1/2 x 32". (Map 3)	1880
b.1	(DAKOTA) [Anon.] Plan of Bartlett Ramsay Co., Dakota. Scale 20'=1". Blueprint, 21-1/2 x 36". (Map 4)	1883 January
b.1	(DAKOTA) Groudel, John. Petersburg, Nelson Co., Dak. Scale 200 feet = 1 inch. Pen and ink on oil cloth, 23-1/2 x 40". (Map 5)	1884
b.1	(DAKOTA) [Anon.] Casselton, Cass Co., n.d., Scale 1" = 200'. Ink and colored pencil on oil cloth, 24 x 28-3/4". (Map 6)	1887
b.1	(DAKOTA) [Anon.] Larimore. Grand Forks County. Dakota [n.p.] Black and white lithograph printed on oil cloth, 19-3/4 x 29-3/4". (Map 7)	undated
b.1	(DAKOTA) Hogeland, A. L. Located Line of the Dakota & Great Northern Railway Co. York to Dunseith. 1st Section Colored inks on oil cloth, 16 x 68". (Map 8)	1904
b.1	(DAKOTA) Hogeland, A. L. Located Line of the Dakota & Great Northern Railway Co., York to Dunseith. 2nd Section. Colored inks on oil cloth, 16 x 68". (Map 9)	1904
b.1	(IDAHO) Kendrick, J. W., Surveyor. Map Showing Definite Location of the Spokane & Palouse Ry. (Lewiston Extension). From Julietta to Lewiston Idaho Territory. Distance 24-1/10 Miles. Drawn by J. M. Gibboney. Assistant Engineer's Office, Tacoma, Washington. Scale 1 in.=2000 ft. Colored inks on oil cloth, 15-1/4 x 62-1/2". (Map 10)	1890
b.1	(IDAHO & WASHINGTON) [Anon.] [Untitled map of northwestern Idaho and northeastern Washington]. Ink on oil cloth, 27-3/4 x 36-1/4". (Map 11)	undated
b.1	(MINNESOTA) [Anon.] Part of Anoka and Vicinity. Colored inks and pencil on oil cloth, 25-1/4 x 39". (Map 12)	undated

b. 1	(MINNESOTA) Morris, Charles. Map showing the location of the Brainerd Branch of the St. Paul and Pacific R.R. from Crow Wing to Brainerd. Scale 1 mile = 1 inch. Colored inks and pencil on oil cloth, 23 x 69". (Map 13)	1877
b. 1	(MINNESOTA) [Anon.] St. Paul Depot and Terminus Yard of the First Division St. Paul & Pacific R.R. Scale 100 ft. to one inch. Colored inks on oil cloth, 18-3/4 x 45". (Map 14)	1877
b. 1	(MINNESOTA) [Anon.] Plat of Clearwater, Minn. Pen and ink and watercolor wash on oil cloth, 10 x 33". (Map 15)	1882 May 8
b. 1	(MINNESOTA) [Anon.] Map showing part of the St. Anthony Falls Water Company's Property. Scale 1 inch = 60 feet. Colored inks on oil cloth, 24-1/2 x 40". (Map 16)	1884 January 3
b. 1	(MINNESOTA) [Anon.] Map Showing the Location of the Minneapolis Union Railway and its Connections in the City of Minneapolis. Scale 1" = 500'. Colored inks on oil cloth. 28 x 57". (Map 17)	1884 November
b. 1	(MINNESOTA) Noel, M. S. Chart Showing Tenny's Granite Ledges.... Scale 200 feet = 1 inch. Pen and watercolor wash on oil cloth, 23-1/4 x 34-1/2". (Map 18)	1886 July
b. 1	(MINNESOTA) [Anon.] Part of Minneapolis Yard of Great Northern Ry. between Broadway and Monroe Str. Scale 1" = 50'. Colored inks on oil cloth, 21 x 72". (Map 19)	1891 February
b. 1	(MINNESOTA) [Anon.] Ditches built by the Red River Drainage Commission from 1894 to 1897. Colored inks on oil cloth, 12-3/4 x 48". Scale 1" = 6 miles. (Map 20)	1896 March
b. 3 (Roll)	(MINNESOTA) Stevens, Jno. F. Great Northern Ry. Plat Showing Tracks at Minneapolis Minn. Pen and ink on oil cloth, 21 x 44-1/2". (Map 21)	1896 May 1
b. 3 (Roll)	(MINNESOTA) Stevens, Jno. F. Great Northern Ry. Plat Showing Tracks at Minneapolis Minn. Pen and ink on oil cloth, 21 x 44-1/2". (Map 22)	1900 October
b. 3 (Roll)	(MINNESOTA) [Anon.] Minneapolis Hennepin County, Minnesota/ St. Paul Ramsey County, Minnesota. Colored inks on oil cloth, 37-1/2 x 135". (Map 23)	1966 November
b. 3 (Roll)	(MONTANA & IDAHO) [Anon.] [Untitled map of far northwestern Montana and a part of the Idaho panhandle.] Scale 1/2" = 1 mile. Ink on oil cloth, 26 x 36-1/2". (Map 24)	undated
b. 3 (Roll)	(MONTANA) Cartee, Ross. Sketch of County between Helena and Butte, made June 26, 1886 by A.B. Rogers. [Drawn] Sept 14, 1886 by Ross Cartee. Colored inks on oil cloth, 17 x 20-1/2". (Map 25)	1886
b. 1	(MONTANA) Carlee, Ross. [Untitled map of that portion of the route of the Northern Pacific R.R. along Silver Creek, Montana] [dated on verso: "Sept. 8, 1886"]. Scale 1" = 800'. Colored inks on oil cloth, 14 x 57". (Map 26)	1886 September 8
b. 1	(MONTANA) Carlee, Ross. [Untitled map of that portion of the route of the Northern Pacific R.R. along Silver Creek, Montana] [dated on verso: "September 24, 1886"]. Scale 1" = 400'. Colored inks on oil cloth, 19 x 83-1/2". (Map 27)	1886 September 24
b. 1	(MONTANA) Carlee, Ross. Map of Located Lines Marysville Branch Montana Central Railway Marysville. Scale 1" = 200'. (Map 28)	1886 November 3
b. 1	(MONTANA) Carlee, Ross. [on verso: Mines near Marysville. Nov. 11, 1886]. Colored inks on oil cloth, 19-1/2 x 36-1/2". (Map 29)	1886 November 11

b. 1	(MONTANA) Carlee, Ross. Plan of Depot Ground at Marysville. Scale 1" = 100'. Colored inks on oil cloth, 14 x 27-1/2". (Map 30)	1888 July 14
b. 1	(MONTANA) [Anon.] Map of a Portion of Montana Territory. Scale 1"=6 miles. Colored inks on oil cloth, 21-1/4 x 31-1/4". (Map 31)	1886
b. 1	(MONTANA) U.S. Surveyor General's Office. Helena, Montana Territory. Poor Man Min. [Mining] Dis. [District] T.13N.R8W Unsurveyed. Pencil and pen and ink on oil cloth, 21 x 39-1/2". (Map 32)	1886 September 14
b. 1	(MONTANA) Roberts, E. J. Montana Extension. The Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Ry. Co. Scale 12 miles to 1 inch. Colored inks on oil cloth, 20-1/2 x 65". (Map 33)	1887 August
b. 1	(MONTANA) Bischoff, A. Map of North- West part of Montana...Great Northern Line St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry. Pacific Extension. Elbridge H. Beckler, Chief Engineer. Helena, Mont. Scale 1 in.= 2 miles. Pen and ink on oil cloth, 27-1/2 x 36". (Map 34)	1891 April 6
b. 1	(MONTANA) [Untitled map of a part of northwestern Montana] Ink on oil cloth, 26-1/4 x 32-1/2". (Map 35)	undated
b. 1	(MONTANA) [Anon.] [Untitled map of a part of north central Montana.] Ink on oil cloth, 26-1/2 x 36 1/2. (Map 36)	undated
b. 1	(OREGON) Thielsen, H. Columbia River Division Northern Pacific Railroad Map Showing Location of Third Section of 2 and 41/100 Miles between Portland and Koloma. Scale 2000' to 1". Pen and watercolor wash on oil cloth. 10-1/2 x 10-1/2" map on 25 x 36" sheet with extensive text. (Map 37)	1882
b. 1	(OREGON & WASHINGTON) [Anon.] Map of Constructed Line. Northern Pacific Railroad Company. From the 102.87 to the 144.49 Mile Eastwardly From New Tacoma Scale = 4000 feet to 1 inch. Colored inks and pencil on oil cloth, 25 x 60". (Map 38)	1885
b. 1	(WASHINGTON) [Anon. (initialed "C.F.H.")] Map Showing Extension of Spokane and Palouse R.R. from Belmont to Genesee in Washington Ter. St. Paul. Colored inks on oil cloth, 19 x 56". Scale 1 inch=4000 ft. (Map 39)	1887 December 13
b. 1	(WASHINGTON) [Anon.] Sketch of Country North of Spokane Wash. Helena Mont. Colored inks on oil cloth, 28 x 33". (Map 40)	1891 September 10
b. 1	(WASHINGTON) [Anon.] Plat showing Right of Way Required on Branch Line to Granby Smelter. Scale 1 in.=800 ft. Colored inks and pencil on oil cloth, 24 x 29-1/2". (Map 41)	1902 November
b. 1	(WASHINGTON) Hogeland, A. H. Located Line of the Washington and Great Northern Ry. Co. from International Boundary Line, Westerly and Southwesterly to Oroville, Washington. 1st Section. Colored inks on oil cloth, 16-1/4 x 56". (Map 42)	1904
b. 1	(WASHINGTON) Hogeland, A.H. Located Line of the Washington & Great Northern Ry. Co. from Oroville to International Boundary Line Washington 2nd Section. Colored inks on oil cloth, 16-1/4 x 56". (Map 43)	1904
b. 1	(WISCONSIN) [Anon.] West Superior Third Division...Douglas County, Wisconsin. Colored inks on oil cloth, 21 x 29". Scale 200'=1". (Map 44)	1885
b. 1	Great Northern Ry. Wrought Iron Step Plates. (Map 45)	1899 December 20

b. 1	Great Northern Railway. Plan of Crossing Timbers. Harrison St. Minneapolis. (Map 46)	1891 June
b. 1	G. N. Ry. Wolhaupter Joint for 90 lb. Rail. (Map 47)	1908 March 9
b. 1	Located Line of the Dakota and Great Northern Railway Co. 2nd Section of Line from York to Dunseith. (Map 48)	1906 May 31
b. 1	Great Northern Railway Plan of Crossing Frames. Minneapolis Street Railway. Second and Seventh Sts. Minneapolis. (Map 49)	1891 June
b. 2	G. N. Ry. 100% Rail Joint. Cambria Steel Co. For 85# Rail. Standard of 1906.	1906 July
b. 2	Midway West Line Condensed Profile. Station & Section Diagram.	1906
b. 2	Map, Showing Location of D.S.S. & A. Ry. at Allouez Ore Yard.	1900 June
b. 2	Midland Railway of Manitoba. Standard Plan of Tracks & Turnouts at Stations.	1906 August 1
b. 2	Great Northern Railway Standard Switch Stand for Slip Switches.	1893 May
b. 2	Map, New Ore Yard and Proposed Crossing with D.S.S. + A. Ry. at Allouez.	1899 December 20
b. 2	Great Northern Ry. Standard Plan of Right of Way Fence.	1890 September
b. 2	Amended Plat. Pisek. And First Addition. N. Dak.	1893
b. 2	Great Northern Ry. Right of Way Fence. 4 strands of barbed wire, topped by one strand of ribbon wire.	1891 December 1
b. 2	Sioux Falls, Yankton, and South Western Ry. Right of Way Fence. 4 Strands No. 9 Gal: Steel wire with No. 7 hard steel wire for stays.	1893 June
b. 2	St. P. M. & M. Ry. General Plan for Stub Switch. Frog 1 in 9. Angle Bar 36".	1888
b. 2	Depot Grounds of Pacific Extension of St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. at Galata, Chouteau Co. Mont.	1896 April 11
b. 2	Great Northern Railway Profile of Located Line "L2" from River Bluff 1 1/2 miles above Benton, to a connection with Located Line "L." opposite Benton Station.	1899 August
b. 2	Great Northern Ry. Wrought Iron Step Plates between 80 lbs. 1891 and 60 lbs. Rail.	1899 December 20
b. 2	Exhibit "A". G. N. Ry. Somers Lumber Co. Right of Way for G. N. Tracks. Somers, Mont.	1921 October 12
b. 2	Exhibit "A". G. N. Ry.-N. P. Ry. Proposed Change of Crossings at Moorhead, Minn.	1929 July 23
b. 2	Exhibit "A". G. N. Ry.-U. S. R. S. Location of Pipe Line Sec. 16, T. 31 N., R. 26 E. Haro. Blaine Co., Mont.	1914 November
b. 2	C. & N-W. Ry. Proposed: Transfer Track with S. D. C. R. R. Arlington, S. D.	1913 September 5
b. 2	Great Northern Railway. Kalispell Division. Jennings - Troy Section. Troy. Lincoln Co., Mont. Sec's 1 and 12, T. 31 N., R. 34 W.	1919 August

b. 2	G. N. Ry. Easement required for reservoir shown colored "green". Evansville, Minn.	1923 April
b. 2	N. P. Ry. Condensed Profile and Road Characteristics. St. Paul - Duluth to Seattle - Portland.	1950 January 1
b. 2	Station Grounds of The St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. on "Okanogan Survey." Washington. Third Station.	1900 May 22
b. 2	Station Grounds of The St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. on "Okanogan Survey," Washington. Second Station.	1900 May 22
b. 2	Exhibit "A". G. N. Ry.-N. P. Ry. Plat to Accompany Contract Covering Westminster Tunnel. St. Paul, Minn.	1922 September
b. 2	Station Grounds of The St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. on Okanogan Survey, Washington. First Station.	1900 May 22
b. 2	Station Grounds of The St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. on "Okanogan Survey" Washington. Fourth Station.	1900 May 22
b. 2	Station Grounds of The St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. in the Colville Indian Reservation. "Okanogan Survey," Washington. Fifth Station.	1900 May 22
b. 2	Station Grounds of The St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. on "Okanogan Survey," Washington. Sixth Station.	1900 May 22
b. 2	Station Grounds of the St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. on "Okanogan Survey," Washington. Seventh Station.	1900 May 22
b. 2	Station Grounds of The St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. in the West 1/2 of Section 4 Town 31 North Range 4 East. Chouteau Co. Montana.	1899
b. 2	Station Grounds of the St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. in the North 1/2 of Section 4 Town 31 North Range 3 East. Chouteau Co. Montana.	1899 November 9
b. 2	Great Northern Railway Standard Portable Snow Fence.	1895 July
b. 2	Great Northern Ry. Farm Gate.	1898 March
b. 2	Holloway. Swift Co. Minn. Sec. 35 Town 121 Range 42.	1900 June
b. 2	Bennitt and Wisner's Addition to Climax. Polk Co. Minn.	1896 October
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b. 2	Hanley Falls. Yellow Medicine Co. Minn. Sec. 12. Town 114. Range 40.	1902 February
b. 2	Terminal Tracks. Marysville.	1888 April 27
b. 2	Location of Line. Hibbing to Virginia.	1899 August
b. 2	Great Northern Ry. Pacific Ext'n. Pacific Div'n. Plans for Right of Way Fences.	1892 March 7
b. 2	Great Northern Railway. The Talbot Spiral.	1909 June
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b. 2	Standard Right of Way Fence. One Mile. 3 Wires and One Rider.	undated
b. 2	Sioux Falls, Yankton South Western Ry. Standard Right of Way Fence. One Mile. Galvanized Steel Wire and Stays.	1893 June
b. 2	S. F. Yard and S. W. Ry. Plan and Elern. of Gate for N. Side of Track.	1893 August 28
b. 2	Sioux Falls, Yankton South Western Ry. Standard Right of Way Fence. One Mile. Galvanized Steel Wire and Stays.	1893 June
b. 2	Great Northern Ry. Detailed Estimate of Cost of One Mile of Standard Right of Way Fence.	1895 March
b. 2	Willmar. Kandiyohi Co. Minn. Sec. 15, Town 19, Range 35.	1892 March
b. 2	Map showing St. Paul Union Depot Co's Property.	1889 June 24

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6 manuscript maps.

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b. 4 (Roll)	(Idaho) Van Ardsol, C. C. Right of way map through Lewiston Idaho. (Map 100)	1891 August
b. 4 (Roll)	(Idaho) Janes, George P. Coeur D Alene Ry & Nav Co. Map of Canyon Creek. (Map 101)	1888–1888
b. 4 (Roll)	(Minnesota) Anonymous. Clearwater. Wright Co. Minn. (Map 102)	undated
b. 4 (Roll)	(Minnesota) Anonymous. Station Plot of Bethel, Anoka County, Minn (Map 103)	1899 October 14
b. 4 (Roll)	Whyte, F. W. C. and Ross Cartee. Comparative Profile Transcontinental Railway Lines. (Map 104)	1892–1892
b. 4 (Roll)	Miller, N. D. St. P. M. & M. Ry. General Plan for Switch Frog 1 in 7. (Map 105)	1888–1888

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Indians of North America -- Land tenure
Railroad engineers -- West (U.S.)
Railroads -- Design and construction
Railroads -- Idaho
Railroads -- Minnesota
Railroads -- Montana
Railroads -- North Dakota
Railroads -- Oregon
Railroads -- Right of way -- West (U.S.)
Railroads -- Washington (State)
Railroads -- West (U.S.)
Railroads -- Wisconsin

Geographic Names

Minnesota -- Maps
Montana -- Maps
North Dakota -- Maps
West (U.S.) -- Maps

Genres / Formats

Maps (documents) -- West (U.S.) -- 19th century
Mechanical drawings -- West (U.S.) -- 19th century

Occupations

Railroad engineers -- West (U.S.) -- 19th century

Corporate Body

Northern Pacific Railway Company