



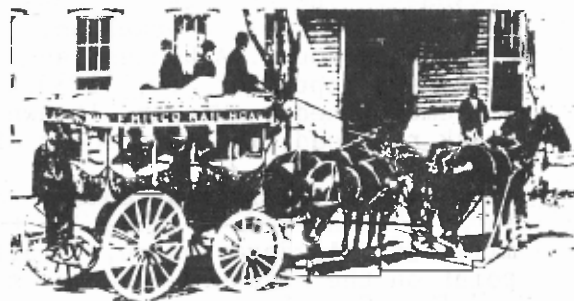
While the Frisco was always well known for its well equipped fleet of passenger trains, it is interesting to note that for twenty-four years the company offered its passengers an alternative means of travel by way of the Frisco Transportation Company Bus Service.

On June 17, 1938, the first Frisco buses began scheduled runs between Seneca and Springfield. They were eight passenger coaches, painted ivory with black fenders, radiator shell and snubbers, and aluminum colored top and wheels. They had a red belt around the middle, they carried the Frisco logo on the side, and displayed the "Frisco Transportation Company" in aluminum colored letters on a red background along the top sides.

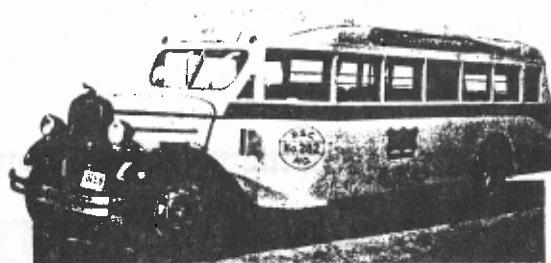
There is some evidence that the Frisco was carrying its patrons by means other than rail as far back as the late 1870's. Soon after its incorporation in 1876, the Frisco Railroad began stagecoach service between Oswego and Coffeyville, Kansas.

Between 1940 and 1941, the FTC started listing its bus schedule in the company's rail timetables, added larger twenty-four passenger buses to its fleet, and expanded its scheduled service to include daily buses from Afton, OK to Springfield, MO, Willow Springs to Popular Bluff with a connecting route to Cape Girardeau, and service between Rolla and the Army camp at Ft. Leonard Wood. Between 1942 and 1945, the company went to thirty-six passenger coaches with a new yellow over red paint scheme, and now offered through service between Miami, OK and Rolla, MO. In 1950 the bus company assumed a new identity, separate from the FTC trucking division, by adopting the new name of "Frisco Trailways."

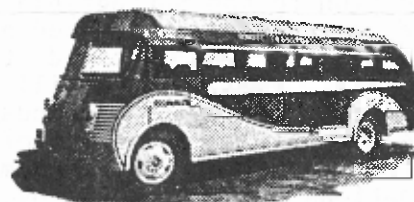
The middle 1950's marked the beginning of a decline in all forms of over-land passenger travel and the Frisco Trailways fell victim to declining passengers and revenues. By 1960, scheduled service had been reduced to six buses daily between Ft. Leonard Wood and Rolla and two buses daily on weekends between Springfield and Ft. Leonard Wood. In the spring of 1962, just five years before Frisco rail passenger service met a similar fate, the Frisco Trailways discontinued all passenger bus service.



1876



1938



1941



1950



The August, 1963 edition of the All Aboard newsletter featured an article about a commemorative spike given to Frisco's General Agent K.K. Kluthe by Joplin business man Arnold Guernsey. The spike was presented to then Frisco President Louis W. Menk during a visit to the Joplin area.

The silver plated spike was inscribed to honor the occasion of completion of the Frisco Line from Miami to Afton, then in Indian Territory. It read, "Take a spike with the Commercial Club of Kansas City - Celebration completion Frisco System Miami to Afton, I.T., Oct. 18, 1901." We are pleased to announce the acquisition of this unique one-of-a-kind piece of Frisco memorabilia and report that it is currently on display at the museum!

THE FRISCO FAMILY

THE ST. LOUIS, ARKANSAS, AND TEXAS RAILWAY COMPANY

The St. Louis, Arkansas, and Texas Railway Company was formed under the Laws of Missouri and Arkansas by consolidation of the Missouri, Arkansas, and Southern Railway Company and two companies both named St. Louis, Arkansas, and Texas Railway Company with one being incorporated in Missouri and the other in Arkansas. The Articles of Consolidation were dated June 10, 1881 in Missouri and June 28, 1881 in Arkansas.

The Missouri, Arkansas, and Southern Railway Company was incorporated in Arkansas September 10, 1880. On the date of consolidation with the aforementioned companies, it owned about 63 miles of standard gauge, single track railroad, in the process of construction from Fayetteville to Ft. Smith, Ark.

The St. Louis, Arkansas, and Texas Railway Company of Missouri was incorporated June 4, 1880. On the date of consolidation it owned about 32 miles of standard gauge, single track railroad, extending from Monett to a point on the Missouri-Arkansas state line.

The St. Louis, Arkansas, and Texas Railway Company of Arkansas was incorporated July 17, 1880. On the date of consolidation it owned about 37 miles of standard gauge, single track railroad, extending from a point on the Missouri-Arkansas state line to Fayetteville.

On January 21, 1882, the consolidated company executed a deed conveying its property and franchises to the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company.

Next month... The Joplin Railway Company.

Board of Directors meeting

On October 19, the museum Board of Directors meet to review the first four months of operation. At that time, it was reported that from June 1 to September 30, the museum had 756 visitors, and received 389 donated items in addition to the Springfield Car Shop files. After hearing various reports, the governing body devoted a considerable amount of time to discussing future plans. It was decided to develop a three-year master plan, to begin in January, 1987, that will culminate in the museum moving to a new expanded facility that will accommodate a larger display of items and provide room for the possible acquisition of freight and passenger cars. The Board voiced its appreciation to those members, visitors, and friends whose support and donations are making the overwhelming success of the museum possible!

Frisco Folks

Looking for a special Christmas gift for that special Frisco friend! Why not give a gift that will help preserve the rich heritage of the Frisco. Why not give a FRISCO FOLKS membership! Gift memberships are now available and may be purchased by writing or calling the museum office.



OPERATION LIFESAVER

The Frisco Railroad Museum Inc. supports, and is participating in, OPERATION LIFESAVER, the Missouri Department of Transportation's Rail-Auto Safety Program. Brochures are available to museum visitors and a short rail safety awareness program is given to all tour groups of school age children. At a railroad crossing, "ANY TIME IS TRAIN TIME!"

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