

# Railway mortgage certificates

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circa 1880s-1937

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### Mixed Materials [X031778618]

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### Language

Materials are in English.

### Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 2 flat boxes

### Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

## Administrative Information

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open for research use.

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## **Historical Note**

The Oxford and Clarksville Railroad Company built the now-defunct rail line connecting Clarksville, Virginia and Oxford, North Carolina. That line became part of the Southern Railway upon the latter's creation.

The Alabama Central Railroad was built and added to over the course of the late 19th century.

Source: [Encyclopediaofalabama.org](http://Encyclopediaofalabama.org), [Virginiaplaces.org](http://Virginiaplaces.org), [Carolana.com](http://Carolana.com), Wikipedia.

## **Scope and Contents Note**

The Railway mortgage certificates (1880-1937; 0.3 cubic feet) consist of two bound sets of railway mortgage documents. One set comprises a stack of \$1000 mortgage certificate sheets for the Alabama Central Railroad, payable 1918. The second set comprises a stack of \$1000 mortgage certificate sheets for the Oxford and Clarksville Railroad Company, payable November 1937. The latter includes agreements by the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company to pay the mortgage if Oxford and Clarksville defaults.

## **Keywords**

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