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Chronological number.	Date of grant.	Statutes.	Page.	Route of road.	Extent of grant in place.	Extent of indemnity limits.	Grantee.	Grantee of State.	Subdivisions of grant and present owners.	Additional legislation affecting but not increasing grant.			
										Date of act.	Statutes.	Page.	Object of act.
1	Sept. 20, 1850	9	466	From the southern terminus of the Illinois and Michigan Canal to a point at or near the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, with a branch of the same to Chicago, on Lake Michigan, and another via Galena to Dubuque, in the State of Iowa.	Even sections within 6 miles of road.	Fifteen miles on each side of road. Even sections.	State of Illinois.....	Illinois Central R. R. Co...	Illinois Central R. R. Co.....	Aug. 2, 1852	10	27	For protection of settlers along line of road.....
2	Sept. 20, 1850	9	466	From the mouth of the Ohio River to the city of Mobile.	.....do.....	Same. State elected to take indemnity from odd sections.	State of Mississippi, so far as road is in said State.	Mobile and Ohio R. R. Co...	Mobile and Ohio R. R. Co.....	Mar. 3, 1849 Aug. 2, 1852 Feb. 18, 1859	9 10 11	772 27 384	Granting right of way..... For protection of settlers along line of road. Confirming transfer from State to company and extending time for completion of road.
3	Sept. 20, 1850	9	466	.....do.....	.....do.....	Same. Odd sections as above.	State of Alabama, so far as road is in said State.	.....do.....	.....do.....	Mar. 3, 1849 Aug. 2, 1852 Feb. 18, 1859	9 10 11	772 27 384	Granting right of way..... For protection of settlers. Confirming transfer and extending time for completion.
4	June 10, 1852	10	8	From Hannibal to Saint Joseph.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	State of Missouri.....	Hannibal and Saint Joseph R. R. Co.	Hannibal and Saint Joseph R. R. Co.....				
5	June 10, 1852	10	8	From Saint Louis to such point on the western boundary of the State as may be designated by the authorities of the State. Located via Springfield.	.....do.....	Even sections within 15 miles of road.	.....do.....	Pacific R. R. Co.....	From Pacific, Mo., to State line, to the Saint Louis and San Francisco Rwy. Co. From Saint Louis to Pacific, Mo., to the Missouri Pacific Rwy. Co.	June 5, 1852	12	422	Extending time for completion of road.....
6	Feb. 9, 1853	10	155	From a point on the Mississippi River opposite the mouth of the Ohio River, in the State of Missouri, via Little Rock, to the Texas boundary near Fulton, in Arkansas, with branches from Little Rock to the Mississippi River and to Fort Smith, in Arkansas.	.....do.....	Fifteen miles on each side of road. States elected to take odd sections.	States of Missouri and Arkansas, respectively.	Cairo and Fulton R. R. Co.	From mouth of Ohio River, in Missouri, to Texas boundary at Texarkana, Ark., to Cairo and Fulton R. R. Co., now Saint Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Rwy. Co.	Mar. 3, 1859 May 6, 1870	15 16	349 376	Extending time for completion of first 20 miles.. .....do.....
								Little Rock and Fort Smith Rwy. Co.	From Little Rock to Fort Smith, Ark., to Little Rock and Fort Smith Rwy. Co.	Apr. 10, 1869	16	46	Extending time and providing that lands shall be sold to settlers at a price not exceeding \$2.50 per acre.
								Memphis and Little Rock R. R. Co.	From Little Rock to Mississippi River, opposite Memphis, Tenn., to Memphis and Little Rock R. R. Co.	Mar. 8, 1870	16	76	Repealing proviso to act of Apr. 10, 1869.
	July 28, 1866	14	338	.....do.....	Odd sections within 5 miles of lands granted by act of 1853.	Odd sections within 20 miles of road.	.....do.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	June 2, 1864	13	95	Increasing indemnity limits to 20 miles and extending right of selection to even sections.
7	May 15, 1856	11	9	From Burlington, on the Mississippi River, to a point on the Missouri River near the mouth of the Platte River.	Odd sections within 6 miles of road.	Fifteen miles on each side of road. Extended to 20 miles by act of June 2, 1864.	State of Iowa.....	Burlington and Missouri River R. R. Co.	No subdivision. Present owner, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R. R. Co.	July 1, 1864	13	335	Authorizing change in location of road; no change in location of grant.
8	May 15, 1856	11	9	From Davenport, via Iowa City and Fort Des Moines, to Council Bluffs.	.....do.....	Fifteen miles on each side of road. See act June 2, 1864, extending limits to 20 miles.	.....do.....	Mississippi and Missouri R. R. Co.	No subdivision. Present owner, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Rwy. Co.	Mar. 3, 1865 Mar. 3, 1865 Feb. 10, 1866	13 13 14	526 573 349	Extending time for completion. .....do..... .....do.....
9	May 15, 1856	11	9	From Lyons City northwesterly to a point of intersection with the Iowa Central Air Line R. R., near Maquoketa, thence on said line, running as near as practicable to the 42d parallel, across the State to the Missouri River.	.....do.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	Iowa Central Air Line R. R.	Grant west of Cedar Rapids granted to the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River R. R. Co. Lands now owned by Iowa R. R. Land Co. Road operated by Chicago and Northwestern Rwy. Co.	June 2, 1864	13	95	Authorizing relocation of uncompleted portion of road, and providing that grant be taken along new location within 20 miles. Extending time for completion. Confirming adjustment made by General Land Office. Directing restoration of vacant lands falling outside 20-mile limits of grant as relocated under act of June 2, 1864.
10	May 15, 1856	11	9	From Dubuque to a point on the Missouri River near Sioux City, with a branch from the mouth of the Tete Des Morts to the nearest point on said road.	.....do.....	Fifteen miles on each side of road.	.....do.....	Dubuque and Pacific R. R. Co.	Dubuque to range 36 W. to Dubuque and Sioux City R. R. Co. Range 36 W. to Sioux City, to the Iowa Falls and Sioux City R. R. Co. Entire road operated by Illinois Central R. R. Co. Tete Des Morts Branch, to the Dubuque, Bellevue and Mississippi R. R. Co. Branch now operated by Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Rwy. Co.	Mar. 3, 1865 June 2, 1864	13 13	526 95	Extending time for completion. Authorizing relocation of road west of Fort Dodge; not to change location of grant.
11	May 17, 1856	11	15	From the Saint Johns River, at Jacksonville, to the waters of Escambia Bay, at or near Pensacola.	.....do.....	.....do.....	State of Florida.....	Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central R. R. Co. Pensacola and Georgia R. R. Co.	Jacksonville to Lake City..... Lake City to Pensacola. This portion of the grant was again divided in 1881, the portion extending from the Apalachicola River to Pensacola being conferred by the State upon the Pensacola and Atlantic R. R. Co. The road, and, presumably, the grant from Jacksonville to the Apalachicola River, is now owned by the Florida Rwy. and Navigation Co.	Mar. 3, 1865 Mar. 2, 1868	13 15	526 38	Extending time for completion. .....do.....
													NOTE.—Notwithstanding the division made by the State, this grant was, after full consideration, treated as a single grant, and the lands certified accordingly.

IMPROVEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH DATA RELATIVE THERETO, COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Date of definite location.	Date and extent of withdrawal.	Date of restoration of indemnity lands.	Manner of restoration.	Condition of grant.	Estimated area of grant in acres.	Number of acres certified or patented to June 30, 1907.	Length of road in miles.	Miles of road completed within time prescribed.	Miles of road completed after time prescribed.	Miles of road uncompleted at date entire road should have been completed.	Miles of road uncompleted Sept. 29, 1890.	Remarks.
Feb. 14, 1852.....	Sept. 20, 1850. All lands within limits.	Aug. and Sept., 1852.....	Public notice, by order of Commissioner of General Land Office.	Adjusted and closed.....	2,595,133.00	2,595,133.00	707.73	707.73	None.	None.	None.	From Cairo to East Dubuque and from Centralia to Chicago, Ill. (See opinion of Attorney-General, Mar. 10, 1852, relative to extent of grant and location of Chicago branch, 5 Opin., 518.)
Nov. 18, 1851, from Alabama line to Tibby Creek. Jan. 31, 1853, from Tibby Creek to Tennessee State line.	Sept. 20, 1850. All lands within limits. None. Indian lands.	Sept., 1853.....	do.	do.	737,130.29	^a 737,130.29	493	493	None.	None.	None.	From Mobile, Ala., to Cairo, Ill. Entire road held to be subject to obligations of grant, although grant of lands is confined to States of Alabama and Mississippi. (See opinions of Attorney-General, Aug. 17, 1852, 5 Opin., 603; and Nov. 21, 1871, 13 Opin., 536.)
Aug. 28, 1849, from Chestang's boundary to Mississippi State line. Map filed under act of Mar. 3, 1849. July 10, 1852, from Chestang's boundary to south boundary of Mobile.	Sept. 20, 1850. All lands within limits.	Sept., 1853.....	do.	do.	419,528.44	^a 419,528.44						^a In the adjustment of this grant the road was treated as an entirety and without reference to the State line. Hence Alabama has had approved to her more and Mississippi less than they would appear to be entitled to in proportion to the length of the road in the respective States.
June 10, 1853. Jan. 3, 1854.	June 11, 1852. All lands within limits.	Grant adjusted in 1854.....		do.	778,550.04	611,323.35	206	206	None.	None.	None.	From Hannibal to Saint Joseph, Mo.
Nov. 25, 1853.....	June 11, 1852. All lands within limits.	Aug. and Sept., 1854.....	By order of Commissioner of General Land Office. See notice No. 517.	do.	1,159,080.33	1,161,284.51	241	241	None.	None.	None.	The mileage here given covers the road from Saint Louis to Springfield only, the portion between Springfield and the State line being reported as a part of Atlantic and Pacific R. R.
Aug. 11, 1855, in Arkansas.....	May 19, 1853, under act of 1853.....	Aug. 15, 1887.....	By order of Secretary of the Interior.	Practically adjusted, but not closed.	Mo. 500,384.44 Ark. 1,946,112.00	65,120.31 1,325,195.46	394.5	394.5	None.	None.	None.	From Bird's Point, Mo., opposite mouth of Ohio River, via Little Rock, to Texarkana, Ark.
Feb. 16, 1857, in Missouri.....	June 13, 1867, Arkansas; May 17, 1870, Missouri, under act of 1866.	Mar. 21, 1883.....	By order of Commissioner of General Land Office.	Adjusted and closed.....	1,052,082.51	1,052,082.51	165.16	165.16	None.	None.	None.	Little Rock and Fort Smith R. R., from Argenta, opposite Little Rock, to Fort Smith, Ark.
Aug. 13, 1855.....	May 19, 1853, act 1853; Mar. 14, 1868, act 1866.											
Aug. 18, 1855.....	May 19, 1853, act 1853; Mar. 14, 1868, act 1866.	Withdrawal never revoked; but little or no vacant lands within limits of grant.		Practically adjusted, but not closed.	338,400.00	184,657.33	131	131	None.	None.	None.	Memphis and Little Rock R. R., from Argenta to Mississippi River, opposite Memphis, Tenn.
Apr. 7, 1857.....	May 10, 1856; June 16, 1864; and June 7, 1865. All lands within limits.	Dec. 15, 1887.....	By order of Secretary of Interior.	Adjusted and closed.....	1,046,062.73	389,990.11	279.98	279.98	None.	None.	None.	From Burlington to East Plattsburgh, Iowa.
Apr. 1, 1857, under act of 1856.....	May 10, 1856; June 16, 1864; and June 7, 1865. All lands within 20 miles of original location.	Sept. 9, 1879.....	By order of Commissioner of General Land Office, issued in accordance with act of June 15, 1878.	do.	1,228,526.96	^b 644,747.17	317.75	317.75	None.	None.	None.	From Davenport to Council Bluffs, Iowa. (See decision of Supreme Court in case of Grinnell v. R. R. Co., 103 U. S., 739.)
Jan. 11, 1870, relocation under act of 1864.		Dec. 15, 1887.....	By order of Secretary of the Interior.									
June 15, 1857, under act of 1856..... Dec. 19, 1867, relocation under act of 1864.	May 10, 1856; June 16, 1864; June 7, 1865; and June 12, 1875. All lands within 15 miles of original and 20 miles of new location.	May 22, 1891.....	do.	Practically adjusted, but not closed.	1,025,795.67	^b 1,166,836.63	274.2	271.6 2.6	None. None.	None. None.	None.	From Cedar Rapids to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Lyons branch, from Lyons to Clinton, Iowa.
Oct. 11, 1856.....	May 10, 1856; Oct. 20, 1856; Oct. 22, 1856; and June 16, 1864. All lands within limits.	Dec. 15, 1887.....	do.	Adjusted and closed.....	1,207,145.51	^b 1,239,464.08	326.58 10.78	326.58 10.78	None. None.	None. None.	None.	Main line, from Dubuque to Sioux City, Iowa. Tete Des Morts Branch, from the mouth of Tete Des Morts River to the main line near Dubuque.
Aug. 17, 1857..... Aug. 17, 1857, from Lake City to Tallahassee. May 10, 1858, from Tallahassee to Pensacola.	May 17, 1856; May 23, 1856. All lands within limits.	Jan. 17, 1888, from Jacksonville to Apalachicola River. Aug. 15, 1887, from Apalachicola River to Pensacola.	do. do.	do. do.	1,315,496.22	1,308,620.88	370	189	181	181	None.	^b Includes 35,685.49 acres of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R. R., 109,756.85 acres of the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River R. R., and 77,535.22 acres of the Dubuque and Sioux City R. R. situated in the old Des Moines River grant of August 8, 1846, which should be deducted from the foregoing amounts. (Wolcott v. Des Moines Co., 5 Wall., 631.) Completed from Jacksonville to Lake City, 59 miles, and from thence to Quincy, 130 miles additional, within time prescribed by granting act. Completed from Quincy to Apalachicola River, 20 miles, in 1873, and thence to Pensacola, 161 miles, in 1883. Adjusted as one grant.