

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
STATE OF MONTANA - VALUATION SECTION 14.

RED BLUFF BRANCH

PRE-INVENTORY INFORMATION

GENERAL OUTLINE AND HISTORY OF THE WORK

This is a single track branch line extending from Sappington to Norris.

Was built by the Northern Pacific and Montana Railroad Company in the years 1889 and 1890. The general work of grading, building bridges and culverts, erecting buildings, and tracklaying and surfacing was done by Green & Keefe under the terms of their contract of Sept. 23rd, 1889, copy of which and of the final estimate voucher are submitted with the inventory. A list of extra work bills incurred on account of grading is also submitted with the inventory. This list of extra work bills does not pretend to be a complete statement of all the extra cost or in any sense a partial statement of original cost but merely enumerates some of the items of extra cost found readily available. After the final estimate voucher had been passed an additional voucher for certain work was passed in favor of the contractor in the amount of \$4390.76, a copy of this voucher is also filed with the inventory.

Work has been done by the Railway Company on this section since the completion of the original construction period, widening cuts and fills, filling temporary bridges, replacing temporary culverts in permanent materials, placing ballast and similar work.

The ballast is nearly all composed of cinders, coming from Logan, whose location is shown on print attached to the inventory.

The subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at time of the Government Inventory.

A list of items in abandoned roadbed is included in the inventory and itemized separately.