

**Title:** Madison, Watertown, Milwaukee and Lisbon Plank Road Company Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-0878

**Inclusive Dates:** 1845 – ca. 1901, 1955

**Quantity:** 0.5 cu. ft.

**Location:** BV, Sh. 268

**Abstract:** On March 1, 1848, the governor of the Territory of Wisconsin approved an amendment to the Lisbon and Milwaukee Plank Road Company, changing the company's name to the Madison, Watertown, Milwaukee and Lisbon Plank Road. Work began in late 1848, and the 58-mile road reached the bridge at Watertown in 1853. The coming of railroads made the plank roads superfluous, and it fell into disrepair. In 1887, the Wisconsin legislature transferred the company from private to public ownership. The firm sold the plank road to Milwaukee and Waukesha counties in 1901.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of legal and financial documents, surveys, and a file relating to the transfer of the plank road to Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Arrangement:**

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