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Tri-State Traction: The Interurban Trolleys

By Edward A. Conrad

Heartland Rails, 2004. softcover. Book Condition: New. Tri-State Traction: The Interurban Trolleys of Southwest Missouri, Southeast Kansas and Northeast Oklahoma by Edward A. Conrad. Tri-State Traction, a book by Edward A. Conrad, compiles the history of the Joplin & Pittsburgh Railway, along with the Southwest Missouri Railroad and the Northeast Oklahoma Railroad. In the 1890s and the early 20th century, this web of trolley lines connected the communities and mining camps of southeast Kansas, southwest Missouri and northeast Oklahoma. I've always been interested in this field, Conrad said. I grew up in Milwaukee, and have childhood memories of riding the street cars in the 1940s. I've had a lifelong ambition about some of these lines that hadn't been covered. I heard about these rail lines, and found that they hadn't been written about in the last 40 years. Conrad did extensive research on all three lines. He said that he obtained a great deal of information from Randy Roberts, curator of Special Collections at Axe Library, Pittsburgh State University, and also from area newspapers. He also came to the area and drove over some of the old railroad right of ways. He discovered fascinating things about all three lines, including...



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