The Denver and New Orleans Railroad was organized in January 1881. The railroad was created by John Evans, David Moffat, and associates, to link Denver with the Gulf of Mexico at Galveston, Texas. Their scheme involved three companies, 1). The Denver & New Orleans, which formed the northern section, 2). The Denver, Texas & Fort Worth, which formed the middle section, and 3). Grenville Dodge's railroad, Fort Worth and Denver City, which formed the southern section. These companies linked together to form the Panhandle Route.

In 1885 the Denver & New Orleans became a railway for five days, after which time it became the Denver, Texas and Gulf. In 1887 the Denver, Texas & Gulf consolidated with the Fort Worth and Denver City to become the Denver, Texas & Fort Worth. Again, in 1890 the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth consolidated with eleven other companies to form the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf, which became part of the Colorado & Southern in 1899.

The Denver & New Orleans Railway Construction Company was also organized in January 1881, and was headed by Walter S. Cheesman.

**Box 1**

**FF 1** Letterpress book: John Evans 1878 - 1888

**FF 2** Agreement: Denver & New Orleans Railroad Company and the Denver, Golden & Salt Lake Railroad Company 10/07/1881

**FF 3** Trial balances and ledger: loose pages of financial entries, Denver & 1881 - 1884
New Orleans Railway Construction Company

FF 4 Trial balances and ledger: loose pages of financial entries  n.d.

FF 5 Miscellany: notations, notices, blank forms  1883

FF 6 Pass: Denver & New Orleans Railroad pass with envelope  1882


FF 8 Report: Denver shops  07/1883 – 04/1884

FF 9 Receipts: coal shipment receipts for Denver & New Orleans Railroad  1883 – 1884

Oversize 2 Journal: Denver & New Orleans Railway Construction Company 1881 - 1885
Oversize 3 Ledger: Denver & New Orleans Railway Construction Company 1881 - 1885
Oversize 4 Stock record: Denver & New Orleans Railway Construction Company 1882
Oversize 5 Stock and trust notes pooled: Denver & New Orleans Railway Construction Company 1882 - 1886
Oversize 6 Journal: treasurer's cash receipts and disbursements, Denver & New Orleans Railway Construction Company 1882 – 1883
Oversize 7 Ledger: Denver & New Orleans Railway Construction Company 1883 - 1885
Oversize 8 Journal: Denver & New Orleans Railroad 1881 - 1886
Oversize 9 Ledger: Denver & New Orleans Railroad 1881 – 1886
Oversize 10 Journal: payroll and operating expense, Denver & New Orleans Railroad 1883 - 1884