History of Kansas City Southern Railway Revealed in New Book

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The Kansas City Southern Railway initially offered freight service to the immediate Kansas City area south. As the line expanded toward Texas, each tiny community had its own railway station with access to daily passenger service and less-than-carload lot freight services.

No one could have foreseen that the road would eventually haul international import and export goods or that its line would reach into Mexico. Photographs in this book include the railway's involvement in operating steam engines over its lines as well as pictures from the files of esteemed rail photographers Harold K. Vollrath and Gary Coates.

Carter hopes the book “will bring back a memory to those who rode the Kansas City Southern passenger trains as well as employees of the line.”

Highlights of Kansas City Southern Railway:
• A collection of steam engine photographs along with written history.
• Personal newspaper accounts about the roads passenger service.
• Menu’s and personal ads from the railroad’s files.
• Personal accounts from station agent Phil Moseley recounting the last day of the Southern Belle in 1969.

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