

# Book Signing

## Thursday, November 17, 2011

### 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

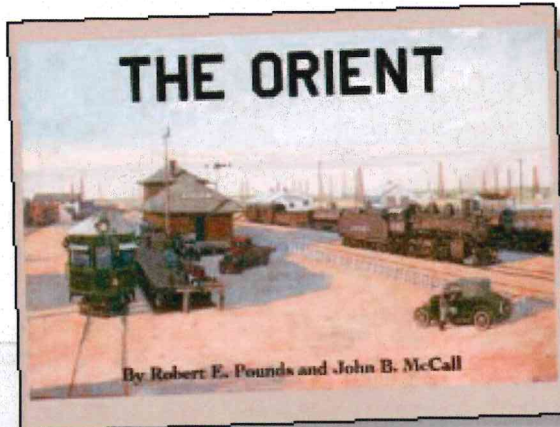
# THE ORIENT

By Robert E. Pounds  
and John B. McCall

The dream of promoter Arthur Edward Stilwell, the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway never made it to Kansas City and never made connections with the Oriental trade. Financed without the aide of Wall Street "money trusts," the railroad was constructed in many disconnected sections in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and the states of Si-

ñaloa and Chihuahua in Mexico. Attempts to link the already-built line from the Mexican seaport of Topolobampo, Siñaloa, with the rest of the system were halted by the formidable Sierra Madre and revolutionary activities in Mexico. And in the United States, progress was slow, due to lack of funds. In fact, Stilwell lost control of the railway in 1912 and it was in the hands of receivers more than once. Were it not for the discovery of oil in west Texas in the 'twenties, the KCM&O might not have survived to the Depression. As it was, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway bought it in 1928, completed some of the lines in Texas, and waited for improving business conditions that never came. Authors Pounds and Mc-

Call cover the story of The Orient in rich detail—of the birth, growth, tribulations and, finally, the denouement of Arthur Stilwell's grand idea—the Orient Railway—which for over sixty years after remained a quaint, backwater operation of the great Santa Fe Railway system...a railroad that, as the old cowboy said, *"didn't start nowhere, didn't end up nowhere and there weren't nothin in between."* Richly illustrated. 344 pages, 11x8½ library bound, 313 black & white and 39 color photos, 36 maps and diagrams, Index. ISBN 978-1-933587-25-7



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