J. Pratte and Son Records  
(R0213)

Collection Number: R0213

Collection Title: J. Pratte and Son Records

Dates: 1834-1835

Creator: Pratte, Joseph, 1774-1847

Abstract: The J. Pratte and Son Records contain a microfilm copy of a daybook of a dry goods store at Perryville, Perry County, Missouri, operated by Joseph Pratte and his son, Peter R. Pratte. The Prattles dealt primarily in clothing and housewares. An index of the customers is available.

Collection Size: (1 roll of microfilm)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla. If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were loaned for microfilming to the University of Missouri by Agnes Moreau on March 27, 1985 (Accession No. RA0282).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the J. Pratte and Son Records can be found in the following collections:

Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Daybooks (R0212)
Sainte Genevieve County, Missouri Tax Lists (C3675)
Biographical Note:

Joseph Pratte was the son of John Pratte who came to Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, between 1750 and 1760. Joseph was born on December 8, 1774. He married Marie Francoise Valle in 1797. He was a prominent member of the founding French settlers in the area. He received a land grant from Spain in 1834 for 20,000 arpents that included Iron Mountain and Pilot Knob. Pratte had moved to Perry County by 1840 and died there on January 3, 1847.

Peter R. Pratte was born on June 6, 1801. He served as the Perry County treasurer in the mid 1830s. His wife was Marie Louise Delassus. He died on August 27, 1853.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

This volume is identified as “J. Pratte and Son” only on the front cover. Also on the front of the volume is the name of John W. Noell, who was for many years clerk of the circuit court in Perry County. His connection with the daybook, if any, is unknown.

The pages of the daybook are headed “Perryville, Mo.” Entries begin on February 16, 1834 and continue through April 29, 1835. Most of the business was in clothing and fabrics, but it also included shoes, hardware and tools, and a few groceries. The Apple Creek and Bethlehem convents, the Abernathy, Cashion, Layton, and Manning families, and Dr. Leo Fenwick were among the many customers of J. Pratte & Son. The large number of customers indicates that the firm may have been suppliers for much of Perry County.

Container List:

Roll 1 v. 1 Daybook, 1834-1835

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