Robert L. Schenker Records (R0604)

Collection Number: R0604

Collection Title: Robert L. Schenker Records

Dates: 1884-1891

Creator: Schenker, Robert L. 1840-1907

Abstract: The Robert L. Schenker Records contain a microfilm copy of a ledger from a mercantile business operated by Robert L. Schenker, at Vienna, Maries County, Missouri. The ledger includes a list of promissory notes and their settlements, and an inventory of stock.

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 the Historical Society of Maries County on February 21, 1997 (Accession No. RA0675).


Historical Note:

Robert L. Schenker was a native of Saxony, Germany, who came with his family direct to Saint Louis about 1846. He became a clerk for the Barr, Duncan and Company in Saint Louis, working
at stores in that city, Peoria, Illinois, and Memphis, Tennessee. In 1869, Schenker was sent by his employers to take over a store at Paydown in Maries County, Missouri. Schenker recommended that the business be moved to the county seat at Vienna, which was done. In September 1870, Schenker bought out the remaining stock and went into the mercantile business for himself. Schenker died in Vienna in 1907.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Schenker’s ledger book begins with ten pages which list promissory notes accepted by Schenker. There are also notations on the settlements of accounts, and on those defaulted and taken to court. The remaining seventy pages of the volume are taken up with inventories of stock in the categories of boots and shoes, groceries, notions, dry goods, clothing, tinware, hats, and capes. The inventory is undated.

**Container List:**

Roll 1  v. 1  Business ledger, 1895-1898

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