



Freistatt, Missouri, Photographs (SP0119)

Collection Number: SP0119

Collection Title: Freistatt, Missouri, Photographs

Dates: 1885-1893

Creator: Unknown

Abstract: This collection contains three original photographs of Freistatt, Missouri, businesses including Biermann General Store, Freistatt Creamery, and Schoen Hotel.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(3 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The photographs were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Jeffrey Patrick on February 23, 2026 (Accession No. SPA0156).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Freistatt, Missouri, Photographs can be found in the following collections:

[Klingsporn Family Papers](#) (R1383)

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Historical Note:

Freistatt, Missouri, located in Lawrence County, was founded in 1873 by a group of German immigrants including David, August, and Johann Fritz, Ernest Schoen, Louis and Gottlieb Krueger, Wilhelm Zemke, and Ferdinand Mahlzahn. After settling on farmland near Spring River, the men and their families organized a Lutheran church, known today as Trinity Lutheran Church, on September 8, 1874.

On August 17, 1884, Hermann Biermann was appointed postmaster. The post office was established inside Biermann's general store which still stands today. Farmers Mutual Insurance Company was founded in 1887, followed by Freistatt Creamery in 1893. Schoen Hotel opened in the late 1800s by Ernest Schoen and would later be converted into a general store. Freistatt was equipped with two schools, a parochial school taught in German, and a public school taught in English. The town was officially incorporated in 1916 and elected Paul Schoen as mayor. As of the 2020 Census, Freistatt had a population of 179 residents.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 3 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The Freistatt, Missouri, Photographs contain three original images of Freistatt businesses during the late 1800s. These include Biermann General Store, Freistatt Creamery, and Schoen Hotel. The collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Biermann General Store, 1885
	f. 2	Freistatt Creamery, circa 1893
	f. 3	Schoen Hotel, circa 1890s

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Creameries--Missouri	2	Yes
Freistatt (Mo.)	1-3	Yes
General stores--Missouri	1	Yes
Hotels--Missouri	3	Yes
Lawrence County (Mo.)	1-3	Yes