1860 Ste. Genevieve County Census
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Collection Number: CG0064

Collection Title: 1860 Ste. Genevieve County Census

Dates: 1860

Creator: F. P. J. Moreau

Abstract: Record book of the 1860 Ste. Genevieve County Census; the census includes information on the age and sex of the individuals. The census also features the occupations of listed individuals as well as estate value. There is a listing for original birthplace, marriage status, and school attendance.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic feet
(1 volume)

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-Cape Girardeau. If you would like more information, please contact us at capegirardeau@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The record was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the MO Press Association in December 1928 (Accession No. CA6517).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the 1860 Ste. Genevieve County Census can be found in the following databases:
https://www.ancestry.com/
https://www.familysearch.org/search/
Historical Note:
Ste. Genevieve was established in 1735 by French settlers. The town was named after Saint Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris. The French settlers traveled to Ste. Genevieve for the natural resources such as salt and lead mining, and the shipping opportunities involved with the Mississippi River. The residents also discovered that Ste. Genevieve had an incredibly fertile flood plain for crop production, and so gave it the name, “the big field”. This flood plain was the original site of the town of Ste. Genevieve. After France lost the Seven Years War, the country gave Spain colonial holdings in the Americas to prevent English ownership. The Spanish took control of Ste. Genevieve in 1762 and gave the territory back France in 1800. In 1785, after a flood damaged the town, the settlers moved their homes to the current location of Ste. Genevieve today. Ste. Genevieve became part of the United States in 1804 with the Louisiana Purchase. The town had slowly grown under French rule but with the United States purchase, migrants started arriving in Ste. Genevieve. By the time of the 1860 census, Ste. Genevieve had mostly German-born migrants with the minorities being Missouri-born French and Anglo southern whites. There were also a few northern whites and enslaved people in Ste. Genevieve. The town by 1860 was not increasing in population massively, however there was still economic success among the citizens. Much of the economic success that had occurred during the second half of the nineteenth century was due to agricultural industry. The agricultural dominance of the region is reflected in the census with a large majority of people being listed as farmers.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single series.

Scope and Content Note:

This series contains the 1860 Ste. Genevieve County census record book that records the names, occupations, age, race, sex, and other identifying information of the citizens of Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri.

Container List:

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