



## **Rozier Store Records (R0132)**

**Collection Number:** R0132

**Collection Title:** Rozier Store Records

**Dates:** 1867-1885

**Creator:** Rozier Store

**Abstract:** The Rozier Store Records contain a microfilm copy of daybooks, journals, and miscellaneous records of a mercantile operation run by Jules Rene Rozier, first at Rozier Landing on the Mississippi River in Perry County, Missouri then in partnership with Charles R. Lawrence at St. Mary in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri.

**Collection Size:** (3 rolls 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](mailto: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 Joseph J. Rozier Jr. on October 26, 1982 (Accession No. RA0145). An addition was loaned on August 19, 1983 by Joseph J. Rozier Jr. (Accession No. RA0190).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Rozier Store Records can be found in the following collections:

*Thomas Benson Whitledge Papers* (R0276)

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, November 24, 1982. Revised by John F. Bradbury, September 9, 1983. Revised by Kathleen Seale, April 30, 2020.

### **Biographical Note:**

Jules Rene Rozier, seventh child of Ferdinand Roy Rozier, the founder of the family in America, was born in Sainte Genevieve in 1826. He was reared in Sainte Genevieve, and was educated at St. Mary's of the Barrens at Perryville and St. Vincent's College in Cape Girardeau. After his formal education, he was sent to learn the mercantile trade at Potosi under the tutelage of his cousin, Firmin Desloge. Rozier remained with Desloge at Potosi until 1849, when he travelled with a group of men from Washington County to the gold fields of California. However, mining did not suit Rozier, and he remained in the west only a short time. He returned to Missouri in 1851, but brought back enough money to open a general store in Farmington. He moved his business in 1855 to Rozier Landing on the Mississippi River in Perry County, a site formerly occupied by his oldest brother. Operating under the style of Rozier & Company, Jules set up shop, added a woodlot, and began selling supplies to steamboats. He moved from the landing to St. Mary in 1874. There he was associated with Charles F. Lawrence in a firm called Rozier & Lawrence. They remained in business until 1880, after which Rozier continued to operate the store in St. Mary. This was the first of many Rozier mercantile stores in southeastern Missouri. Jules died and was buried in St. Mary in 1915.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The business records of the Rozier store consist of standard journals and daybooks. The volumes were received for microfilming in two separate installments, and rolls one and two were filmed several months apart. Because the material was filmed in separate groups, the volumes are not arranged in strict chronological sequence. However, the journals do form an unbroken set for 1873-1878, and the daybooks for 1878-1885. Taken together, they comprise a record of Rozier's operations from 1873 to 1885, and offer a representative account of business at Rozier Landing and St. Mary. Notes on the split of profits between partners Rozier and Lawrence can be found in volume 8, the inventory ledger for 1876-1879. The collection is arranged chronologically on each roll of microfilm.

### **Container List:**

Roll 1	v. 1	Balance book, 1867-1872
	v. 2	Ledger, 1874-1879
	v. 3	Journal, 1875-1878
	v. 4	Daybook, 1878-1879
	v. 5	Daybook, 1880-1884
Roll 2	v. 6	Journal, 1873-1874
	v. 7	Journal, 1874-1875
	v. 8	Inventory book, 1876-1879
Roll 3	v. 9	Daybook, 1880
	v. 10	Daybook, 1881
	v. 11	Daybook, 1884-1885

**Index:**

Index Term	Medium
General stores--Missouri	v. 1-11
Lawrence, Charles, F., 1836-1891	v. 1-11
Perry County (Mo.)	v. 1-11
Rozier, Jules Rene, 1826-1915	v. 1-11
Saint Mary (Mo.)	v. 1-11
Sainte Genevieve County (Mo.)	v. 1-11