



Rives and Stemmons Store Records (R0152)

Collection Number: R0152

Collection Title: Rives and Stemmons Store Records

Dates: 1867-1889, bulk 1867-1870

Creator: Rives and Stemmons Store (Avilla, Mo.)

Abstract: The Rives and Stemmons Store Records contain an account ledger for a general store in Avilla, Jasper County, Missouri owned and operated by Doctor B. Rives and Thomas J. Stemmons. Enclosed with the volume are two contracts and a broadside pertaining to horse and mule breeding.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(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-Rolla](https://www.shsmo.org/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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Historical Note:

Doctor B. Rives and Thomas J. Stemmons entered into partnership in 1866, the year when Stemmons married Anna J. Rives, daughter of his business associate. The store in Avilla was the first to open there after the Civil War, and it carried an extensive stock of groceries, dry goods, and hardware. Stemmons became the sole owner following the death of Rives in 1870.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains an account ledger for a general store in Avilla, Jasper County, Missouri owned and operated by Doctor B. Rives and Thomas J. Stemmons. The store's ledger begins with entries in August 1867, and continues through the end of 1870. Enclosed at the end of the volume is a receipt issued to Stemmons for the purchase of his late partner's share in the business. The ledgers includes copies of two contracts between A. C. and J. M. Stemmons and W. E. Cheatham for the sale of horses in 1889. Enclosed with these contracts is an illustrated broadside advertising "Kentucky Tom" a full blooded Spanish Jack raised in Boyle County, Kentucky.

Container List:

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