



Copeland Store Records (R0163)

Collection Number: R0163

Collection Title: Copeland Store Records

Dates: 1857-1860

Creator: Copeland store (Reynolds County, Mo.)

Abstract: The Copeland Store Records contain a microfilm copy of an account ledger of a general store operated by William Copeland at Logan Creek in Reynolds County, Missouri. The area, also known as Barnesville, was renamed Ellington in 1877.

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 Anthony A. Buford on July 22, 1983 (Accession No. RA0188).

Other Finding Aid: A name index for the account ledger is available in the collection's administration folder.

Processed by: Processed by John F. Bradbury, July 29, 1983. Revised by Kathleen Seale, October 20, 2020.

Biographical Note:

William Copeland was a native of Surry County, North Carolina. He was first noted in southern Missouri in the 1840 census for Ripley County, in an area that became part of Reynolds County upon its organization in 1846. He married Mary Ellington, of another pioneer family. He operated what was possibly the first sawmill in the area, and opened the first store in 1856. He operated the store until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he moved his family to Pilot Knob for safety. Mary died there during the war, and William married Elizabeth Tubbs. Returning to Logan Creek after the war, he re-established his business, then built grist and saw mills. He died in 1877, at Logan Creek, which by then was known as Ellington.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a microfilm copy of an account ledger of a general store operated by William Copeland at Logan Creek in Reynolds County, Missouri. The account book from William Copeland's store is marked "Book A" inside the front cover. Its entries start in 1857, which might indicate that the store began in that year rather than in 1856, the commonly accepted date. He carried the usual assortment of dry goods and clothing, and traded in medicine, whiskey, shoe leather, firearms, and ammunition. Payment for goods, where noted in the volume, was often in trade for hides and small tracts of land. The store served as a focal point for the community, and included among its customers the Barnes, Buford, Ellington, and other Copeland families, all of whom were early settlers on Logan Creek.

Container List:

Roll 1 v. 1 Account ledger, 1857-1860

Index:

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