



## **Tetley Jewelry Store Records (R0174)**

**Collection Number:** R0174

**Collection Title:** Tetley Jewelry Store Records

**Dates:** 1871-1883

**Creator:** Tetley Jewelry Store (Farmington, Mo.)

**Abstract:** The Tetley Jewelry Store Records contain a microfilm copy of an indexed account ledger of a jewelry store operated by Robert I. Tetley in Farmington, Saint Francois County, Missouri.

**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](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 Ann Caroline Tetley on September 22, 1983 (Accession No. RA0193).

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, November 29, 1983. Revised by Kathleen Seale, February 10, 2021.

### **Biographical Note:**

Robert Ishmeal [sic] Tetley was born in 1840 to Samuel and Elizabeth Jane (Ingman) Tetley in England. A native of Derby, England, who came to the United States with his parents in 1852 he

settled in Boston. His parents returned to England after only two years, but Robert and five other children remained. He worked in a machine shop first, then learned the watch-making trade. He traveled throughout the country for several years, finally settling in Farmington, Missouri. In 1868 he married Ann Gay, also a native of England, and established himself in the jewelry business. They built a building in downtown Farmington in 1869 that housed the jewelry store on the ground floor and their living quarters on the second.

Tetley built up a successful business in Farmington and became one of the most prominent businessmen in the area. He was active in many civic and business enterprises and was a member of the Odd Fellow and Masonic lodges. Following his death in 1907, the store was operated by his wife and son. George A. Tetley became the sole owner upon the death of his mother in 1924 and operated the business until his death in 1946.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains a microfilm copy of an indexed account ledger of a jewelry store operated by Robert I. Tetley in Farmington, Saint Francois County, Missouri.

**Container List:**

Roll 1      v. 1      Tetley jewelry store ledger, 1871-1883

**Index:**

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