



Bryan and Morrison Records (R0176)

Collection Number: R0176

Collection Title: Bryan and Morrison Records

Dates: 1806-1807

Creator: Bryan and Morrison general store (Cahokia, Ill.)

Abstract: The Bryan and Morrison Records contain a microfilm copy of a daybook from a general store operated by Guy Bryan and William Morrison at Cahokia, Saint Clair County, Illinois. Among the customers were William Boggs, Shadrack Bond, August and Pierre Chouteau, Antoine Girardeau, and Nicolas Jarrot.

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 donated to the University of Missouri by the Ste. Genevieve Museum on December 10, 1983 (Accession No. RA0205).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Bryan and Morrison Records can be found in the following collections:

Illinois Historical Library, *Pierre Menard Collection*, (IHLC MS 120)

Notes: The collection was originally cataloged as “Illinois, Cahokia. Daybook,” and was re-cataloged in April 1993.

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Historical Note:

A few miles below present-day East St. Louis, Illinois, Cahokia was founded by the French in 1699 and was the first permanent settlement in southern Illinois. Followed by Kaskaskia in 1703 and Fort Chartres in 1719, the three small communities were important posts in the economic and military network of the French, which stretched from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Ceded to Great Britain in 1763 and captured by Virginians during the American Revolution, the Cahokia area was eventually organized as St. Clair County under terms of the Northwest Ordinance of 1789. It was reduced in size by the creation of Randolph County in 1795. Illinois Territory was organized in 1809 and was granted statehood in 1818.

Bryan and Morrison operated general stores at Cahokia and Kaskaskia, circa 1797 to 1814. Bryan and Morrison did business during the early American period in Illinois, operating from the previous French settlements of Cahokia and Kaskaskia. Antoine Girardeau, Nicolas Jarrot, and the Chouteaus of St. Louis, all members of the colonial commercial gentry, had accounts with the firm. Other prominent customers were Shadrack Bond (first Governor of Illinois) and William Biggs (later a representative to the territorial legislature).

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

This daybook contains records of business at Bryan and Morrison's store in Cahokia from July 8, 1806 through October 28, 1807. Most of the transactions were small purchases of powder and lead, linen, cotton and other fabrics, and whiskey. Barter was commonplace, illustrated particularly by many payments in “peltre.” An index to the accounts is available.

Container List:

Roll 1 v. 1 Daybook, 1806-1807

Index:

Index Term	Medium
Biggs, William, 1755-1827	v. 1
Bond, Shadrack	v. 1
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Bryan, Guy	v. 1
Cahokia (Ill.)	v. 1
Chouteau, Auguste, 1750-1829	v. 1

Index Term	Medium
Chouteau, Pierre, 1789-1865	v. 1
General stores--Illinois	v. 1
Girardeau, Antione	v. 1
Jarrot, Nicholas, 1764-1820	v. 1
Morrison, William, 1763-1837	v. 1
Randolph County (Ill.)	v. 1
Saint Clair County (Ill.)	v. 1