



## **Potosi, Missouri Board of Trustees Records (R0186)**

**Collection Number:** R0186

**Collection Title:** Potosi, Missouri Board of Trustees Records

**Dates:** 1826-1851

**Creator:** Board of Trustees (Potosi, Mo.)

**Abstract:** The Potosi, Missouri Board of Trustees Records contains a microfilm copy of meeting minutes for the Board of Trustees of Potosi in Washington County, Missouri. The minutes include resolutions and ordinances regarding taxes, public nuisances, streets, slave meetings, and theatrical performances.

**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 the Washington County Library on April 17, 1984 (Accession No. RA0218).

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, May 3, 1984. Revised by Kathleen Seale, March

### **Historical Note:**

Potosi and the original mining settlement of Mine à Breton were incorporated on May 8, 1826, the new town being named Potosi. The trustees, appointed by the Washington County Court,

were John Brickey, Abraham Brinker, James Bruffee, Daniel Dunklin, and Henry Shurlds. Dunklin was named chairman. Within the month, the trustees had drafted and approved ordinances governing the board and the town. Indicative of the town's growing importance as a regional trade center, only one ordinance was enacted which concerned lead mining, the source of the area's early prominence. The regulation prohibited damming Breton Creek or washing lead ashes in it. The single ordinance concerning mining was far outnumbered by those regarding street repair and poll taxes, public nuisances, and licenses for grocery shops, taverns, and dram shops. Licenses were also required of the proprietors of "theatrical amusements," many of whom are mentioned in the minutes. A detailed ordinance restraining slave meetings was passed but was later repealed without replacement.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Although it had a strong start, Potosi's first attempt at incorporation failed. There is an eight-year hiatus in the minutes from 1830 to 1838, after which another petition to incorporate was presented to the county court and accepted. The ledger also contains the new trustees work of approving a series of ordinances very similar to those enacted in the 1820s. The last session recorded in this volume was held on March 7, 1851. The minutes are in chronological order. A collection guide is available, consisting of a list of selected contents and an index to surnames.

**Container List:**

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