



## **Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Daybook (R0212)**

**Collection Number:** R0212

**Collection Title:** Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Daybook

**Dates:** 1819-1825

**Creator:** Pratte, Evariste F.

**Abstract:** The Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Daybook is a microfilm copy of a daybook of an unidentified mercantile operation at Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, perhaps that of Evariste F. Pratte. The entries begin on October 29, 1819 and continue through December 8, 1825. An index of the customers is available.

**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 daybook was loaned for microfilming to the University of Missouri by Agnes Moreau on March 27, 1985 (Accession No. RA0280).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Daybook can be found in the following collections:

*Janis and Vallé Daybook* (R0001)

*J. Pratte and Son Records* (R0213)

*Pierre Sabourin Records* (R0387)

*Rozier and Jokerst Mercantile Records (R0464)*

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, April 22, 1985. Revised by Kathleen Seale, November 5, 2021.

**Biographical Note:**

Evariste F. Pratte was born circa 1799 to Joseph and Marie Francoise *Valle* Pratte in Missouri. His younger brother, Emanuel was born circa 1805. Evariste married Rosina A. Guigon on January 30, 1820 in Sainte Genevieve. Evariste operated a mercantile business in Sainte Genevieve from at least 1819 to 1825. He and his wife were living in Fredericktown, Missouri in 1830. Evariste died in 1849 and Rosina died in 1860.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The daybook is not clearly identified, but there is enough contextual evidence to suggest a connection with the Prattes of Sainte Genevieve, and particularly with Evariste F. Pratte. The name E. F. Pratte occurs at random in several places in the volume, and the inside rear cover bears the notation, "Evariste's book." E. F. Pratte is also noted as a member of a partnership with Manuel Pratte. There are seven different Prattes represented in the daybook, comprising the largest number of entries of any surname in the volume.

Almost all of the daybook's entries involve the general merchandise business. The only exceptions occur in October 1821, when entries were made which involved the lumber trade or a sawmill. The remainder of the transactions commonly involved groceries, medicines, clothing, and hardware. Evidence of a connection with the salt trade exists in several entries in 1825 for the "Salt Company," also identified as Jones, Martin & Company. Occasionally barter was indicated by notations of credit for "beef" hides, lead bars, and services, such as hauling to and from landings on the Mississippi River.

The volume also contains a student's copybook of lessons in mercantile arithmetic. The instructions and lessons are identified as a system adapted to the commerce of the United States by St. Thomas College of Kentucky in 1818. The arithmetic text has not been microfilmed.

**Container List:**

Roll 1      v. 1                      Daybook, 1819-1825

**Index:**

Index Term	Medium
General stores--Missouri	v. 1
Pratte, Emanuel, ca. 1805-	v. 1
Pratte, Evariste F., ca. 1799-1849	v. 1
Sainte Genevieve (Mo.)	v. 1

Index Term	Medium
Sainte Genevieve County (Mo.)	v. 1