



## **Bennett Spalding Records (R0214)**

**Collection Number:** R0214

**Collection Title:** Bennett Spalding Records

**Dates:** 1850-1861

**Creator:** Spalding, Bennett, ca. 1801-1863

**Abstract:** The Bennett Spalding Records contain a microfilm copy of an account ledger of a mercantile operation at Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, thought to have been carried on by Bennett Spalding. The entries begin in April 1850 and end in June 1861. An index to the volume 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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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Bennett Spalding Records* (R); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

**Donor Information:** The records were loaned for microfilming to the University of Missouri by Agnes Moreau on March 27, 1985 (Accession No. RA0284).

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, May 17, 1985. Revised by Kathleen Seale, August 30, 2021.

**Historical Note:**

Bennett Spalding was born circa 1801. His first wife's name was Peliza, they had one son, Michael F. Spalding born February 2, 1850. Peliza died in March of that year and Bennett remarried on August 29, 1851 to Nancy McRoberts in Jefferson County, Missouri. He died on May 19, 1863.

Bennett Spalding handled a large variety of clothing, fabrics, housewares, and groceries. The dates of his operations are unknown, but Spalding is mentioned in various court dockets in the Ste. Genevieve Archives in the 1840s and 1850s. He made several large purchases of goods in 1850-1851 from M. E. Powers at 62 Water Street in St. Louis.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains an account ledger of a mercantile operation in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, thought to have been operated by Bennett Spalding. A surname index to the account ledger has been prepared and is available in the administration folder. The volume is numbered by account rather than by page. Several unnumbered accounts, including those with M. E. Powers and Michael Spalding, are entered at the rear of the volume. Itemized listings of the stock purchased from Powers are entered at the rear of the volume. Another mercantile operation, presumably that of a son or other relative, is evident in the record of a large sale of goods to Michael Spalding in February 1852. A fragmentary, undated listing of goods purchased by various individuals was enclosed inside the volume and has been filmed following it. The document appears to be the sales record for an auction.

**Container List:**

Roll 1      v. 1      Ledger, 1850-1861

**Index:**

Index Term	Folder
General stores--Missouri	v. 1
Powers, M. E.	v. 1
Sainte Genevieve (Mo.)	v. 1
Sainte Genevieve County (Mo.)	v. 1
Spalding, Bennett, ca. 1801-1863	v. 1
Spalding, Michael	v. 1
Spalding and Bedicks	v. 1