



Ste. Genevieve Telephone Company Records (R0339)

Collection Number: R0339

Collection Title: Ste. Genevieve Telephone Company Records

Dates: 1899-1906

Creator: Ste. Genevieve Telephone Company

Abstract: The Ste. Genevieve Telephone Company Records contain bills for various goods and services rendered to the Ste. Genevieve Telephone Company. John Tlapek and Henry L. Rozier organized the company, which later became part of the Bell system.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(8 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Ste Genevieve Telephone Company Records can be found in the following collections:

John Tlapek Papers (R0037)

Henry Louis Rozier Records (R0463)

Rozier & Jokerst Mercantile Records (R0464)

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Historical Note:

The Ste. Genevieve Telephone Company was owned and operated by Henry L. Rozier and John Tlapek. Operations began in 1899. The Bell Telephone Company long distance line was completed between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau in October 1903. The company operated up through 1906 but eventually became part of the Bell Telephone system.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers of the Ste. Genevieve Telephone Company were found pasted in an account ledger in the banking and mercantile records of the Rozier family. The papers were removed from the ledger for separate cataloging. The items are arranged chronologically. An index to the collection is available.

The telephone company papers consist almost entirely of bills submitted to the firm. The bills evidence the construction of new lines as well as maintenance and repair of existing lines. The company appears to have purchased most of its wire, insulators, and transmission equipment from the American Electric Telephone Company of Chicago and the Ewing-Merkle Electric and Western Electric companies of St. Louis. Poles, common hardware, hand tools, miscellaneous supplies, and lodging for linemen were obtained in the local area. Long distance services were provided by Bell companies at St. Louis and Cape Girardeau. Monthly summaries of toll service from Ste. Genevieve are included in the papers.

Container List:

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