



Bolivar Creamery Company Records (R0411)

Collection Number: R0411

Collection Title: Bolivar Creamery Company Records

Dates: 1889-1892

Creator: Bolivar Creamery Company (Mo.)

Abstract: The Bolivar Creamery Company records contain the articles of association, certificate of incorporation, and minutes of meetings of directors and stockholders for the company located in Bolivar, Polk County, Missouri from 1889-1891. Records from a subsequent company, the Bolivar Milk Company, organized in 1892 are also included under this title.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Bolivar Creamery Company was organized on February 11, 1889. The company articles state that its goals were to buy milk for the manufacturing of butter and cheese, to buy and sell livestock and stock feed, and to buy and preserve fruits and vegetables for sale. Most of the company's shares were owned by Polk County residents, although the largest stockholder, with ten shares, was J.M. Landeman of Jackson County. The Bolivar Creamery Company dissolved in 1891. In March 1892 the Bolivar Milk Company was organized by many of the stockholders of the former creamery company.

Arrangement: The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection includes the articles of association, certificate of incorporation, and minutes of meetings of directors and stockholders of the Bolivar Creamery Company in Bolivar, Polk County, Missouri, 1889-1891; also included are records of the subsequent firm, the Bolivar Milk Company organized in 1892. Three of the most prominent names associated with the Bolivar Creamery Company were presidents Elias Walts and Richard B. Viles and secretary, James G. Simpson. Elais Walts, as chairman of the board of directors and James G Simpson, as secretary would later become part of the Bolivar Milk Company.

The records of the creamery add to the overall history of the wholesale dairy business in the late nineteenth century. The minutes of meetings of the stockholders and directors indicate that the company experienced continual difficulty in obtaining enough milk to make the business profitable. The annual statement for March 1890-February 1891 included a warning from the president that the company might not survive.

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