



Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Lead Records (R0450)

Collection Number: R0450

Collection Title: Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Lead Records

Dates: 1842-1852

Creator: Lead company (Saint Genevieve, Mo.)

Abstract: This is an account book for the receipt and disposition of lead (and some copper) shipments at Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, perhaps associated with Ziegler & Company. Records include the date, name of hauler, number of “pigs,” and weight. Contrary accounts give the disposition of metal, including destinations, names of steamboats, and credits to third parties.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(1 volume)

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. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Mr. Louis J. Sharp and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rozier Sharp on May 26, 1987 (Accession No. RA0378).

Other Finding Aid: An index to the firms is at the front of the volume, and an index prepared by the Western Historical Manuscript Collection Rolla is in the Information Folder

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

Federal Lead Company, Mining Department Records (R0520)

Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Mineral Records (R0340)

Valle Mining Company Records (R1278)

Ziegler and Company Records (R0185)

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Historical Note:

Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, was founded in the 1730s-1740s by French Canadians and migrants from Illinois. The oldest permanent settlement in Missouri, its early settlers were drawn to the area for the salt springs, desirable farmland, and proximity to the Mississippi River. Located near Missouri's Old Lead Belt, lead mining in and near Sainte Genevieve was an active industry from the 1700s to the 1970s.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The volume has no identifying marks except the word "Lead" lettered on the spine. However, only some shipments appear in both volumes. Perhaps Ziegler & Company handled only a portion of the metal for storage and transshipment.

The account entries begin on June 18, 1842, and end on June 21, 1852. Accounts are organized by firm, and therein are chronological. Pages are numbered consecutively from 1 through 110, although pages 65 and 66 are missing and pages 67 through 70 are damaged but useful.

For the most part the entries follow an established format. For each firm, the right-hand page lists the arrival of the metal at Ste. Genevieve from the interior. Included here are the date of arrival, the name of the hauler or "waggoner," a receipt number, the number of "pigs" in the load, and the weight of the load. The latter two amounts are summed at the foot of the page. The left-hand page details the disposition of the metal, often noting the date and destination of the shipment, the name of the steamboat, and the appropriate credit for the sale (often to a third party).

In April 1844 the handwriting changed abruptly from that of the previous entries, and the same hand made all subsequent entries. Some lead is identified as having come from "La Motte," and later copper shipments are described as "Metallic compound" in barrels. Firms with extensive entries included: Hagen, Janis & Hill; Janis & Mathews; and "Valle's Mines."

Container List:

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