

K Alfred Fenton and Brother Records, 1849-1884
0062 10 volumes

MICROFILM

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INTRODUCTION

The records of Alfred Fenton and Brother contain day books and ledgers for their mercantile business in Rushville, Buchanan County, Missouri, with information on the hemp industry, including data on volume and prices.

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were acquired by contract for microfilming by the University of Missouri from Thomas F. Thomas on 8/31/1981 (Accession No. KA0109).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alfred and E. M. Fenton were the sons of John Fenton, a Virginia farmer who moved early into Kentucky and then on to Adams County, Ohio. Alfred Fenton was born in Mason County, Kentucky, in 1829 and lived with his family in Ohio on a farm until 1850. At that time he migrated to Missouri and three years later decided to make Rushville, Buchanan County, his permanent home.

Fenton and his brother E. M. operated a store in Rushville and also dealt in hemp, livestock, hauling and freighting. Alfred spent three years, from 1859-c.1862, in the wholesale grocery and stock business in Colorado. He then freighted for the government until 1867. During his absence, the Rushville store was operated by E. M. Fenton and a Mr. Purcell.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of ten volumes dating from 1849-1884. The volumes do not cover the entire time period and are not complete. They include information on the hemp industry in Buchanan County, Missouri, giving data on volume and prices from the mid-1850s to 1862.

The day books are organized by customer name and indicate the date of purchase, the specific items bought, the exact quantity and price of each item, and the total cost of the purchases made. When payment was made at the time of purchase, it is indicated, and the means of payment is also noted, be it produce, cash, or note. Beside each transaction is a number which indicates the page in the corresponding ledger in which the transaction was posted and payments noted.

Volume 9 was used as a scrapbook by a child, and some of the information is obscured by pasted paper dolls, writing exercises, and some paintings. Volume 10

includes information on attempts made to collect bills following the Civil War. These entries date into the 1870's and 1880's.

PREFERRED CITATION

Specific item; box number; folder number; *Alfred Fenton and Brother Records (K0062)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

VOLUME LIST

v. 1	1849-1862
v. 2	1850-1854
v. 3	1854-1855
v. 4	1855-1856
v. 5	1856-1858
v. 6	1856-1858
v. 7	1857-1861
v. 8	1857-1858
v. 9	1858-1859
v. 10	1859-1884

LOCATION NOTE

The microfilm in this collection is housed onsite.

SUBJECT TERMS

Business enterprises – Missouri – Buchanan County
Restitution

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