

Information Sheet

R **American Iron Mountain Company.**
003 **Records, 1849-1855.**
 Two volumes.

MICROFILM

This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri. If you would like more information, please contact us at shsresearch@umsystem.edu.

These are shipping records of the American Iron Mountain Company at Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Included are accounts of pig iron received from Iron Mountain and shipments to buyers, 1849-1853; and a tally book of ore delivered to the company over the plank road, 1852-1855.

The American Iron Mountain Company acquired the Iron Mountain property in St. Francois County in 1845 following the demise of the Missouri Iron Company. The new firm, headed by James Harrison of Chouteau, Harrison, & Valle of St. Louis, built cold blast furnaces at Iron Mountain in 1846 and 1850, and added the first hot blast stacks west of the Mississippi River in 1854. The furnaces produced only pig iron, which was hauled by wagon from Iron Mountain east through Farmington to the shipping point at Ste. Genevieve. This heavy traffic stimulated construction of the Iron Mountain, Pilot Knob, and Ste. Genevieve Plank Road, which opened in 1853, and the Iron Mountain Railroad, completed from St. Louis to Pilot Knob in 1858. The American Iron Mountain Company operated at Iron Mountain until 1893.

Volume 1 is a "Pig Iron Account" containing chronological entries for the amounts of iron delivered by various haulers at Ste. Genevieve, 10 August 1849--13 June 1853. Shipments of iron to buyers and commission merchants are also recorded, and include the names of the steamboats and barges, which took the iron from Ste. Genevieve. Not surprisingly, Chouteau, Harrison & Valle were the primary recipients of Iron Mountain metal, though there were also several shipments made to Pittsburgh and Louisville. The volume begins and ends with several unnumbered pages of miscellaneous records out of proper chronological order, 1849-1852.

Volume 2 is a tally book or ledger containing daily entries of the amount of iron ore delivered by haulers for the company. The organization is chronological, with entries beginning on 13 April 1852 and ending on 26 September 1855. Running totals were kept of the iron ore received, and after 23 January 1854, payments made to drivers per hundredweight were recorded and totaled.

<i>r003</i>	<i>9 May 1980</i>	<i>Ron Thomure</i>	<i>Loaned for microfilming</i>
<i>r212</i>	<i>22 Mar 1984</i>	<i>Ste. Genevieve Museum</i>	<i>Loaned for microfilming</i>

Index Cards

American Iron Mountain Company—Records and correspondence
Chouteau, Harrison & Valle
Iron industry and trade—Missouri—History
Iron Mountain (Mo.)—History
Iron ores—Missouri—Transportation
Mines and mineral resources—Missouri—History
Ores—Missouri—Transportation
Roads, Plank—Missouri—History
Saint Francois County (Mo.)—History
Sainte Genevieve, Iron Mountain and Pilot Knob Plank Road Company
Sainte Genevieve (Mo.)—History
Sainte Genevieve County (Mo.)—History
Saint Marys Landing (Mo.)

Shelf List

These are shipping records of the American Iron Mountain Company at Ste. Genevieve in Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri. Included are accounts of pig iron received from Iron Mountain and shipments to buyers, 1849-1853; and a tally book of iron delivered to the company over the plank road, 1852-1853.

Volume 1: "Pig Iron Account," 1849-1853 (approximately 160 pages)

This volume includes miscellaneous accounts out of chronological order that begin and end the volume. Pages 1 through 156 contain accounts of "Pig metal delivered," and "iron Received," 10 August 1849—13 June 1853. A list of merchants and commission agents who received iron from Ste. Genevieve has been filmed in front of the volume. Through an error in pagination, page 107 has been omitted.

Volume 2: Tally book, 1852-1855 (84 pages)

These accounts of "Metal hauling for...Am. Iron Mountain Co.," begin on 13 April 1852 and end on 26 September 1855. Payments made to drivers are recorded after 23 January 1854.

<i>r003</i>	<i>9 May 1980</i>	<i>Ron Thomure</i>	<i>Loaned for microfilming</i>
<i>r212</i>	<i>22 March 1984</i>	<i>Ste. Genevieve Museum</i>	<i>Loaned for microfilming</i>