

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Sainte Genevieve (Mo.). School Board.**  
**21**            **Minute book, 1851-1885.**  
                 **One volume.**

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This volume of minutes of the Board of the Directors of Schools was loaned for microfilming to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection through Ray Thomas, Superintendent of Schools. The original volume was returned to the Ste. Genevieve School Board.

The minutes detail the establishment of the public school system in Ste. Genevieve. A large part of the business before the board in the early years concerned the settlement of adverse claims to land claimed by the school board under the provisions of state law. Parcels of land had been set aside for the use and support of the public schools. Some of these tracts had a long occupation by the original French settlers in the area, who are represented as adverse claimants in the minutes.

Also detailed in the minutes is the attempt of Firmin A. Rozier to reach an agreement with the school board on land known as the Old Academy grounds, claimed by the school board but occupied by Rozier. Rozier proposed establishing a school and educating fifty pupils at his own expense in return for a valid deed to the property. The proposal was defeated, but Rozier did open his Academy. He later made cash payment to the board and received a quitclaim deed to the Academy grounds.

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### Shelf List

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30 Dec 1851 Right-of-way granted across school lands to the Ste. Genevieve, Iron Mountain, and Pilot Knob Plank Road Company.

13 Apr 1853 Firmin A. Rozier's contract with the City of Ste. Genevieve for schooling of students at the Ste. Genevieve Academy.

09 Feb 1854 Public notice of the opening of the Ste. Genevieve Academy.

05 Sep 1855 Firmin A. Rozier released from his contract.

25 Jan 1856 Quit Claim deed issued to Firmin A. Rozier for Ste. Genevieve Academy lands.

27 Jul 1868 Establishment of female school.

13 Mar 1869 Definition of limits of the school district.

- 27 Nov 1869 Complaints against the teacher of the Negro school.
- 30 Apr 1870 Census of school-age children.
- 29 Jun 1874 Consolidation of male and female schools. Classification of curriculum.
- 14 Aug 1875 Authorization of sale of \$4,000 in bonds to finance new school building.
- 14 Oct 1876 "Rules and Regulations for the Government of Public Schools."
- 30 Apr 1877 Census of School Children for 1877.
- 24 May 1878 Census of School Children for 1878.
- 02 Jun 1879 Establishment of a school library.
- 27 Jan 1880 Textbooks approved for use in schools.
- 06 Apr 1880 Clerk's report to board. Includes census of school-age children and treasurer's report.
- 26 Apr 1880 Request for appropriations for emergency repairs to Negro school.
- 27 Apr 1881 Clerk's report to school board.
- 04 Apr 1882 Clerk's report to board.
- 03 Apr 1883 Treasurer's report to board.
- 02 Jul 1883 Clerk's report. Committee established to investigate cause of "decline of Public Schools (white)."
- 31 Jul 1883 Complaints about clerk's handling of necessary enumeration of school-age children for 1881 and 1882, causing possible loss of state school funds.
- 02 Apr 1885 Treasurer's report and clerk's record of enumeration. (This report compiled 14 July 1885 and inserted in minutes by order of board.)
- 07 Jul 1885 Final entry in minute book.

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