

Information Sheet

R Rozier store.
132 Records, 1867-1885.
Eleven volumes.

MICROFILM

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Jules Rene Rozier, seventh child of Ferdinand Roy Rozier, the founder of the family in America, was born in Ste. Genevieve in 1826. He was reared in Ste. Genevieve, and was educated at St. Mary's of the Barrens at Perryville and St. Vincent's College in Cape Girardeau. After his formal education, he was sent to learn the mercantile trade at Potosi under the tutelage of his cousin, Firmin Desloge. Rozier remained with Desloge at Potosi until 1849, when he traveled with a group of men from Washington County to the gold fields of California. However, mining did not suit Rozier, and he remained in the west only a short time. He returned to Missouri in 1851, but brought back enough money to open a general store in Farmington. He moved his business in 1855 to Rozier Landing on the Mississippi River in Perry County, a site formerly occupied by his oldest brother. Operating under the style of Rozier & Company, Jules set up shop, added a woodlot, and began selling supplies to steamboats. He moved from the landing to St. Marys in 1874. There he was associated with Charles F. Lawrence in a firm called Rozier & Lawrence. They remained in business until 1880, after which Rozier continued to operate the store in St. Marys. This was the first of many Rozier mercantile stores in southeastern Missouri. Jules died and was buried in St. Marys in 1915. Complete biographical information can be found in *Between the Gabouri*, a history of the Rozier family by Mary Rozier Sharp and Louis J. Sharp III.

The business records of the Rozier store consist of standard journals and daybooks. The volumes were received for microfilming in two separate installments, and rolls one and two were filmed several months apart. Because the material was filmed in separate groups, the volumes are not arranged in strict chronological sequence. However, the journals do form an unbroken set for 1873-1878, and the daybooks for 1878-1885. Taken together, they comprise a record of Rozier's operations from 1873 to 1885, and offer a representative account of business at Rozier Landing and St. Marys. Notes on the split of profits between partners Rozier and Lawrence can be found in Volume 8, the inventory ledger for 1876-1879.

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