

Information Sheet

R **Tetley Jewelry store.**
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 One volume.

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This is an indexed account ledger of a jewelry store operated by Robert I. Tetley in Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri.

Robert Ishmeal[*sic*] Tetley (1840-1907) was a native of Derby, England, who came to the United States with his parents in 1852. Settling in Boston, his parents returned to England after only two years, but Robert and five other children remained. He worked in a machine shop first, then learned the watch-making trade. He traveled throughout the country for several years, finally settling in Farmington, Missouri. In 1868 he married Ann Gay, also a native of England, and established himself in the jewelry business.

Tetley built up a successful business in Farmington, and became one of the most prominent businessmen in the area. He was active in many civic and business enterprises, and was a member of the Odd Fellow and Masonic lodges. Following his death in 1907 the store was operated by his wife and son. George A. Tetley became the sole owner upon the death of his mother in 1924, and operated the business until his death in 1946.

As evidenced by his account ledger, most of Tetley's business was based on the jewelry trade. However, he was a retailer of American, Singer, and Domestic brand sewing machines, and sold eyeglass frames and repair parts. Indexed alphabetically at the front of the volume, Tetley's ledger includes records of accounts receivable and his accounts with various suppliers and manufacturers. The volume also includes a few miscellaneous entries for household expenses and rental property owned by Tetley.

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