

Information Sheet

R Adelmann, Franz, 1821-1875.
207 Ledger, 1873-1875.
One volume.

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This is an account ledger of a general store operated by Franz Adelmann at Salem in Dent County, Missouri. Adelmann, a native of Bavaria, came to Salem in 1862 and engaged in the mercantile business until his death in 1875. The ledger is indexed.

Franz Adelmann was born in the Kingdom of Bavaria on Christmas Day, 1821. He left Bavaria for the United States in 1848, and came to Salem in 1862. He married Frances Duckworth Gibson (1836-1908), a native of Dent County, in 1869. Adelmann died in Salem on 17 June 1875 and is buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

The Salem *Monitor* advertised Adelmann's "new location" in 1873 and 1874. His place of business is thought to have been at Fourth and Main streets in Salem. The account book contains the names of many prominent citizens of Dent County, including James F. Comstock, John E. Organ, Joseph Fiebelman, the Dents, the Duckworths, and Prof. Louis Lybecker of the Salem Academy. Commercial accounts included those of the Midland Blast Furnace and the Salem Iron Company. Employees of those companies appear to have been allowed to draw on the firms' accounts for items at Adelmann's store, with the charges probably deducted from future paychecks. George S. Duckworth was appointed administrator of Adelmann's estate following his death. Entries in the ledger continued through the end of July 1875.

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