

Information Sheet

R Fulbright, Henry, 1814-1907.
320 Ledger, 1837-1861.
One volume.

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Henry Fulbright was the son of William Wilson Fulbright (1785-1843), one of the pioneer settlers of Springfield, Missouri. Beginning in 1835, Henry operated one of the first general stores at Springfield, trading in goods he brought from wholesale houses in St. Louis. He is said to have accidentally brought cholera from the city, the germs of which had lodged in the bundles of merchandise. The lethal disease made its appearance shortly after Henry's arrival from St. Louis, but it was of relatively short duration and caused few deaths.

Fulbright's mercantile operation evidently survived the fear of contagion. The account ledger begins with a notation that the ledger was purchased in St. Louis in 1837. The entries consist of open accounts from the store and personal business, primarily from the 1830s and 1840s. Henry counted most of the prominent settlers of Springfield as customers. They included the Fulbrights, the Roundtrees, D. D. Berry, John P. Campbell, the Holland brothers, Robert J. McElhaney, Jacob Painter, and Gen. George R. Smith.

Henry formed a partnership in 1840 with his father, William, and brother, Ephraim. The details of the partnership and lists of the assets that each member contributed to the enterprise are entered on page 100. The agreement was signed on 27 February 1840, "on James Fork." William Fulbright died in 1843 and Henry was appointed the administrator of his estate. Records pertaining to the estate appear on pages 103-108, interspersed with accounts from the store. Business at the store continued through the 1850s. The last open account recorded in the volume was settled in 1861.

The volume contains a fragmentary index. A complete index has been reconstructed from the accounts and has been filmed preceding the volume. Most of the pages bear the heading "Springfield, Mo." Many of the entries after 31 July 1840 are headed "Delle Campo," also at Springfield, which may indicate a change in the location of the store.

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- 154-155 Unnumbered fragment between pages 154 and 155, containing bill of materials for "Mrs. Townsend's house," ca. April 1858.
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