

Information Sheet

R **Vinton, Samuel Spencer, 1857-1951.**
819 **Collection, 1864-1939.**
 Two folders.

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Folder 1 contains the receipt book of S. S. Vinton, formerly Vinton & Ingram, a freighting firm of Sedalia, Missouri, circa August 1864-June 1865. Ingram, who is otherwise unidentified, left the concern by 2 April 1865, after which Samuel Spencer Vinton (1828-1890) carried on the business as S. S. Vinton. The receipts list groceries, clothing, and hardware delivered to various firms and individuals in southwestern Missouri. Most went to merchants at Springfield, Missouri, but Vinton also made deliveries at Bolivar, Ebenezer, Fair Grove, Little York, Mount Vernon, Stockton, Walnut Grove, and Warsaw. The last entry, 2 June 1865, is a receipt for a large lot of groceries delivered to Fayetteville, Arkansas. The receipts list the articles consigned and weight of the cargo. Unfortunately, most of the volume was used as a scrapbook at a later date, with newspaper clippings glued over the original entries. Approximately one hundred pages of the original receipt book remain uncovered, mostly covering the period 25 March—2 June 1865.

Folder 2 contains the “Reminiscences of Samuel Spencer Vinton, Jr.,” written at St. Louis in 1939. Vinton was born in Springfield on 14 July 1857, a son of Samuel Spencer Vinton and Eugenia Campbell Vinton. His reminiscence begins with his childhood memories of Springfield, St. Louis, and Sedalia, Missouri. Vinton engaged in mercantile concerns at Springfield for much his early life. In 1878, he married Ella Whitson in Springfield. A son, Benjamin Samuel Vinton, was born in 1881. Ella died on 15 March 1882, after which Vinton worked in Colorado and California before returning to business in Springfield. In 1889, he married Bettie Conklin. The narrative ends in 1890 when the Vintons moved from Springfield to Pomona, California, where his parents, the guardians of his son, had located.

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Folder 1: Vinton & Ingram (Sedalia, Mo.), receipt book, 1864-1865

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