

## Information Sheet

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This is a letter dated 21 October 1847 from John Ziegler (for S. Ziegler) at Ste. Genevieve in Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri, to James Harrison at Iron Mountain in St. Francois County, Missouri. It concerns shipments of iron ore and “pigs” from Iron Mountain to steamboats on the Mississippi River at Ste. Genevieve.

The Ziegler family operated a warehousing and shipping business at Ste. Genevieve, which is about sixty miles down the Mississippi River from St. Louis. James Harrison was one of the proprietors at Iron Mountain, which was located about forty miles inland from Ste. Genevieve. Iron ore from the mines and “pig” iron from the furnace at Iron Mountain were hauled overland from Iron Mountain to Ste. Genevieve, from which point it was then shipped to furnaces and mills via the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

In this letter John Ziegler, writing for “S.” (probably Sebastian) Ziegler, keeps James Harrison up to date on various problems and discrepancies concerning shipments of ore and “pigs” to Ste. Genevieve and beyond. Ziegler promises that he will “make ... a list every month of the iron rec’d.” He also notes that furnace stones are awaiting shipment at Cairo, Illinois, for lack of a steamboat to tow their barge to Ste. Genevieve.

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*9 December 2005*

*Guy T. Bishop*

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