



D.B. Axtell and Company Records (R0442)

Collection Number: R0442

Collection Title: D.B. Axtell and Company Records

Dates: 1878

Creator: Axtell, D.B.

Abstract: The D.B. Axtell and Company Records contain an indexed account ledger for a grocery, general store, and tie-buying firm in southeastern Missouri. Owned by D.B. Axtell and J.P. Gabriel, the business was based in Poplar Bluff and did business in Butler and Stoddard counties. The ledger includes accounts receivable, lists of payments for ties, and expense accounts.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(1 oversize volume, 1 roll of microfilm)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research, but is stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the University of Missouri by the Madison County Commission on March 21, 1991 (Accession No. RA0500).

Alternate Forms Available: The collection is also available on microfilm.

Processed by: Processed by John Bradbury, April 13, 1991. Revised by John Bradbury, April 27, 1994. Revised by Kathleen Seale, December 6, 2019.

Historical Note:

The D.B. Axtell and Company was a grocery line business based Poplar Bluff, Missouri. It conducted business in Butler and Stoddard counties. Poplar Bluff was an important regional center the tied into the crucial economic ventures of the Iron Mountain Railroad and logging industry. The records also indicate that J. P. Gabriel assumed a more active role in the firm. He seems to have handled most of the daily business after the beginning of September.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged as a single ledger.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains an indexed account ledger for a grocery, general store, and tie-buying firm in southeastern Missouri. Owned by D.B. Axtell and J.P. Gabriel the business was based in Poplar Bluff. The ledger includes accounts receivable, lists of payments for ties, and expense accounts. The record book of Axtell and Company is a standard business ledger primarily containing accounts receivable. Most of the transactions were for groceries, and the entries list the names of the customers, dates and descriptions of purchases, and settlements of accounts. Much of the trade was with railroad men on the "Iron Mountain" line, and with loggers in Butler and Stoddard counties. Some of the accounts bear notes on occupations, such as conductor, car inspector, and section hand, and locations, such as Ash Hills, Blum's Section, Dudley, Poplar Bluff, "roundhouse," and "tie camp."

Container List:

Box 001 v. 1 Account ledger, 1878

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