Information Sheet

Phelps County (Mo.).
Ledger, 1869-1923.
One folder, 73 pages, photocopies.

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The author of the ledger is unknown, but may have been Jonathan Marber. Two receipts were enclosed inside the ledger, made out to Marber in April and July 1928. The author may have been the owner of a mill or general store, indicated by sales of hardware and dry goods. The first entry, dated 1869, is listed as "cost of building" and details the cost of construction and labor.

Credits include sales of goods as well as payments received for services rendered such as "one days thrashing" and "harvesting." Some entries are described simply as "a days work." Some accounts are listed by name. Some of the names are identifiable from Phelps County, probably from Elk Prairie in the southeast corner of the county.

The ledger also details moves to Wellsville and Frankfort, Kansas, in the 1870s. Payments for land purchases and the construction of a house are itemized. The author returned to Rolla, Missouri, from Kansas in October 1881 and bought a farm. Subsequent entries detail farm expenditures and the disposition of livestock. Entries for the 1880s indicate that the author bought a steam tractor and began hiring out for threshing and hauling work. Threshing accounts for 1885-1915 are included.

Ledger book by unknown author, possibly the owner of a mill. Contains lists of credits and debits, brief descriptions of items bought and sold, and services rendered and received. This is a photocopy of the original.

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