This is an account ledger of a general merchandise operation at Brickey’s Landing on the Mississippi River in Sainte Genevieve County, Missouri. John C. Brickey, Jr., operated the business. An index to the accounts is available.

John Compton Brickey, Jr. (ca. 1814-1903) was born in Potosi, Washington County, Missouri, where his father was a merchant and, from 1813 to 1820, County Clerk. The younger Brickey left Potosi about 1835 to take a position with the business house of J. M. White at Selma, Missouri, a commercial landing on the Mississippi. He moved to the landing that would bear the family name in 1837, where he established a general store and an adjacent woodlot. His business drew customers from the local area and from steamboats on the river. With the exception of two years in the California gold fields, Brickey remained in business at the landing until his retirement in 1890. He moved to Festus, Missouri, where he died in 1903.

The ledger from Brickey’s Landing is a standard listing of individual accounts, probably entered from the store's daybooks. The accounts are grouped in two independent sections, each numbered separately. The first section contains accounts for 1837-1842, and the second section includes accounts for 1842-1843. Indexes for each section are at the front of the volume.

A group of letters and business records pertaining to the Brickey family and the operation at the landing is at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis. The collection includes several ledgers that are probably companion pieces to the volume for 1837-1843.

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