Rives and Stemmons store.

Ledger, 1867-1889 (bulk 1867-1870).
One volume.

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D. B. Rives and Thomas J. Stemmons entered into partnership sometime in 1866, the year when Stemmons married Anna J. Rives, daughter of his business associate. The store in Avilla was the first to open there after the Civil War, and it carried an extensive stock of groceries, dry goods, and hardware. Stemmons became the sole owner following Rives's death in 1870.

The store's ledger, which is labeled “No. 2” on its front cover, begins with entries in August 1867, and continues through the end of 1870. Enclosed at the end of the volume is a receipt issued to Stemmons for the purchase of his late partner's share in the business. The ledger also includes copies of two contracts between A. C. and J. M. Stemmons and W. E. Cheatham for the sale of horses in 1889. Enclosed with these contracts is an illustrated broadside advertising “Kentucky Tom ... a full blooded Spanish Jack” raised in Boyle County, Kentucky.

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