Information Sheet

R  Ziegler, Lewis, 1818-ca. 1880.
211  Daybook, 1839-1841.
     One volume.

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This is a daybook from a tavern operated by Lewis Ziegler, or, possibly, Sebastian Ziegler, at Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Entries begin on 21 April 1839 and continue through 13 July 1841.

Lewis Ziegler was born in Ste. Genevieve in 1818. His family, thought to have come from Alsace-Lorraine, was one of the earliest German families to settle in the Ste. Genevieve area. Biographical details on Lewis Ziegler are scant. Goodspeed’s History of Southeast Missouri notes only that he was engaged in transporting ore from Iron Mountain to Ste. Genevieve before a later career in agriculture. Sebastian Ziegler, doubtless a kinsman, might also have been the proprietor. An account book related to the freighting enterprise of Ziegler and Company has been microfilmed previously as Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla collection number R185.

The entries in the daybook record daily transactions by a tavern keeper, noting sales of bread, cigars, beer, brandy, mint juleps, “glasses,” and “rubs.” Just what the latter entailed is not known, but they comprise the most frequently purchased items, at 25¢ each. Ziegler’s customers included many prominent citizens of Ste. Genevieve, such as Felix Rozier, Francis Janis, F. B. Valle, Peter Conrad, and E. F. Pratte.

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