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This is an account ledger of a mercantile operation at Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, thought to have been carried on by Bennett Spalding. The entries begin in April 1850 and end in June 1861. An index to the volume is available.

Bennett Spalding handled a large variety of clothing, fabrics, housewares, and groceries. The dates of his operations are unknown, but Spalding is mentioned in various court dockets in the Ste. Genevieve Archives in the 1840s and 1850s. He made several large purchases of goods in 1850-1851 from M. E. Powers at 62 Water Street in St. Louis. Itemized listings of the stock purchased from Powers are entered at the rear of the volume. Another mercantile operation, presumably that of a son or other relative, is evident in the record of a large sale of goods to Michael Spalding in February 1852.

A surname index to the account ledger has been prepared. The volume is numbered by account rather than by page. Several unnumbered accounts, including those with M. E. Powers and Michael Spalding, are entered at the rear of the volume. A fragmentary, undated listing of goods purchased by various individuals was enclosed inside the volume and has been filmed following it. The document appears to be the sales record for an auction.

Bedicks (and Spalding) [SEE Spalding and Bedicks.].
Business records—Missouri—Sainte Genevieve.
General stores—Missouri—Sainte Genevieve.
Powers, M. E.
Sainte Genevieve (Mo.).
Sainte Genevieve County (Mo.).
Spalding, Bennett.
Spalding, Michael.
Spalding and Bedicks.