These are the district clerk’s record book, 1879-1892, and attendance register, 1893-1897, of a rural school district south of Potosi in Washington County, Missouri. Hochstatter School, also known as Seyfarth School, was established in 1879.

Hochstatter School was located about 2½ miles south of Potosi. The minute book includes a particularly detailed record of its founding, which began on 5 April 1879 with a meeting at the “old store house at Crammer’s saw mill.” C. V. F. Hochstatter donated an acre of ground for a building site, and was elected district clerk. A petition in 1891 resulted in building a new school on a site closer to the center of the district. The new site was on an acre tract donated by Charles O. Seyfarth, a school director and district clerk succeeding C. V. F. Hochstatter. These two volumes of school records remained in Seyfarth’s family after his death and the school’s discontinuation. His granddaughter donated them to the Mine au Breton Historical Society in 1985.

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- Directors’ proceedings, 9 April 1879—18 March 1892.
- Estimates of school expenses, 1879-1887.
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- Register of orders, ca. April 1879-March 1891.
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