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This is an account book for the receipt and disposition of lead (and some copper) shipments at Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, perhaps associated with Ziegler & Company. Records include the date, name of hauler, number of “pigs,” and weight. Contrary accounts give the disposition of metal, including destinations, names of steamboats, and credits to third parties.

The volume has no identifying marks except the word “Lead” lettered on the spine. The records bear some relationship to those in the “Lead Book for the use of Ziegler & Co.,” that has previously been cataloged as collection R185. However, only some shipments appear in both volumes. Perhaps Ziegler & Company handled only a portion of the metal for storage and transshipment.

The account entries begin on 18 June 1842 and end on 21 June 1852. Accounts are organized by firm, and therein are chronological. An index to the firms is at the front of the volume, and an index prepared by the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla is in the Information Folder. Pages are numbered consecutively from 1 through 110, although pages 65 and 66 are missing and pages 67 through 70 are damaged but useful.

For the most part the entries follow an established format. For each firm the right-hand page lists the arrival of the metal at Ste. Genevieve from the interior. Included here are the date of arrival, the name of the hauler or “waggoner,” a receipt number, the number of “pigs” in the load, and the weight of the load. The latter two amounts are summed at the foot of the page. The left-hand page details the disposition of the metal, often noting the date and destination of the shipment, the name of the steamboat, and the appropriate credit for the sale (often to a third party).

In April 1844 the handwriting changed abruptly from that of the previous entries, and the same hand made all subsequent entries. Some lead is identified as having come from “La Motte,” and later copper shipments are described as “Metallic compound” in barrels. Firms with extensive entries included: Hagen, Janis & Hill; Janis & Mathews; and “Valle's Mines.”

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