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Volume 2, the Individual Ledger, lists accounts by name and provides the date and amount of each transaction. Hiram Blackledge and L. Bert Valle were entered as Cashiers, and the latter also made transactions at the bank as County Treasurer. The most entries for an individual were for Eloy LeCompte, although a broad cross-section of St. Genevieve’s business community were listed, including such surnames as Brickey, Chouteau, Guibord, Janis, Roy, Rozier, Wilder, and Ziegler. There is an index on Page 1 of Volume 2.

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