

Information Sheet

R **American Iron Mountain Company.**
439 **Metal hauling list, 1855-1858.**
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This is a "List of Hauling of Metal paid by Janis & Valle for a/c Am.[erican] Iron Mountain Co.," between 22 September 1855 and 30 January 1858. Included are the date, name of hauler, weight of load, and toll paid, presumably over the "plank road" from Iron Mountain to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. The haulers' names have been indexed.

The list is essentially a continuation of Volume 2 of collection number R3, except that the format is slightly different and the phrase "paid by Janis & Valle" has been added to some of the headings. With few exceptions the listings are chronological, with occasional summations of tonnage and tolls and subsequent credits and charges to the American Iron Mountain Company by Janis & Valle of Ste. Genevieve. For example, between 22 September 1855 and 12 January 1856 over 766,000 pounds of "metal" were transported, with cumulative tolls of \$271. Headings state that Janis & Valle credited the American Iron Mountain Company with 25 cents for each hundredweight of "Metal rendered," less tolls.

Over the entire period of the listings approximately 3,500,000 pounds (1750 tons) of "metal" were "rendered" to Janis & Valle, with tolls aggregating over \$1200. The "metal" (pig iron) was then shipped via steamboat to St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Louisville, and other manufacturing centers. The completion of the "Iron Mountain" railroad to the mines and furnaces in 1858 undoubtedly had an enormous negative impact upon the metal trade over the plank road and through the port of Ste. Genevieve.

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