

**Posey County, Account Book for
William Schneider's General Store, 1870–1871**

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William Schneider was born in Saxony, Germany, around 1825 and after immigrating to the United States ran a general store in the small community of St. Wendel, Robinson Township, Posey County, Indiana, from roughly 1850 to 1890. He partnered with George Naas from roughly 1862 to 1872.¹ Schneider was appointed the U.S. Postmaster in St. Wendel, Posey County, Indiana, on May 12, 1852.² In the 1870 census, Schneider is listed with wife Catherine Schneider and six children, ranging in age from eighteen years to one month. His occupation is listed as “keeping store.” A decade later, in the 1880 census, Schneider is listed as a farmer.³ On November 12, 1897, the *Poseyville News* reported that “Uncle William Schneider, one of St. Wendel’s best known citizens, is reported at the point of death, having suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days since.”⁴

This account book is part of the William Schneider (fl. 1850–1894) Papers, 1850–1902, Collection owned by the Manuscripts Department, Indiana State Library. This account book is from the period 1862 to 1872, when Schneider had a partner, George Naas.⁵ The 1870–71 account book contains names and accounts of items bought and sold by the customers. The names are indexed by last name in the front of the book. Punctuation has been added. Brackets are used to indicate names or parts of names that were illegible or unclear.

Notes

1. 1880 U.S. Census for Posey County, Indiana, Robinson Township, page 28C, William Schneider household; digital image, Ancestry.com, citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 305; “B-305. Schneider, William (fl. 1850–1894). Papers, 1850–1902,” eds. Eric Pumroy and Paul Brockman, *A Guide to Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical*

Society and Indiana State Library (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1986), 376; David Blanke, *Sowing the American Dream: How Consumer Culture Took Root in the Rural Midwest* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2000), 61–63.

2. “Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832–Sept. 30, 1971” database, vol. 14, Posey County, Indiana, pp. 262–63, “St. Wendels,” entry for William Schneider; digital image, Ancestry.com, citing NARA microfilm publication M841.
3. 1870 U.S. Census for Posey County, Indiana, Robinson Township, page 408B, William Schneider household; digital image, Ancestry.com, citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 352; 1880 U.S. Census for William Schneider.
4. *Poseyville (IN) News*, November 12, 1897.
5. Schneider, William, Collection # L341, V128, Indiana State Library; Pumroy and Brockman, 376.

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