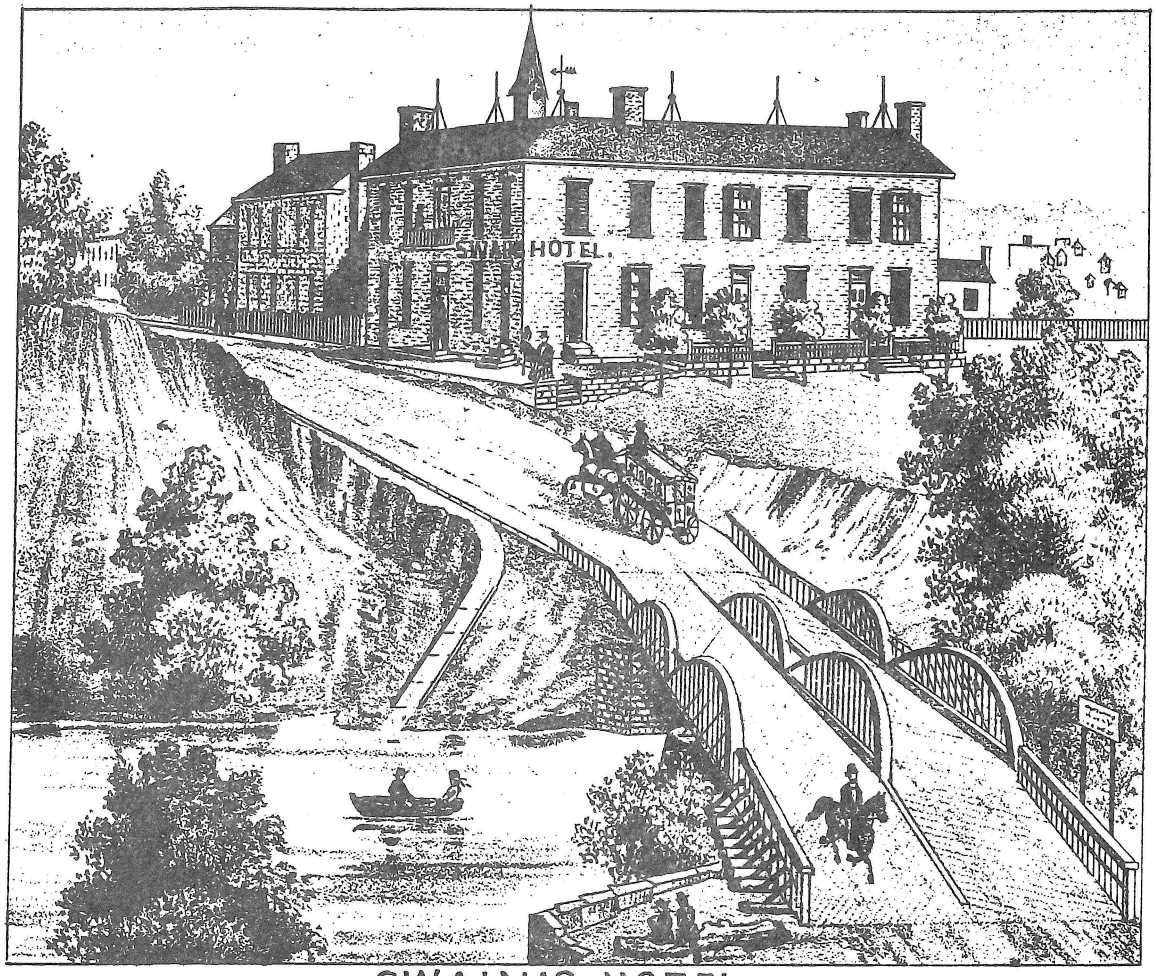
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NAMES OF PERSONS REMARKS	PL	SLV	SLV VAL	H	M	C	C&W	CRG	VAL	MONY	SALY	TAX-ABLE	STATE TAX	CNTY TAX	TOTAL TAX	COM FEE
Babcock Richard	1	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	90	0	0	90	0.555	0.735	1.090	
Bowman Henr	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	50	0	0	50	0.455	0.[illegible]5	0.900	.25
Bryam Wm N.	1	2	600	1	0	2	1	0	65	0	0	665	1.705	3.0[illegible]5	4.740	.25
Bingley C. J.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.475	0.5[illegible]5	1.050	
Brown J. E.	1	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.605	0.8[illegible]5	1.440	
Bowring Peter	1	0	0	4	0	6	0	0	150	0	60	150	1.275	2.1[illegible]5	4.450	
Baldwin A. J.	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	75	0	0	75	0.[illegible]525	0.[illegible]5	1.200	.25
Busey M. T.	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	50	0	0	50	0.[illegible]455	0.[illegible]5	1.080	.25
Brassfield Christ	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	45	0	0	45	0.[illegible]455	0.[illegible]5	1.020	
Burton J.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.[illegible]75	0.[illegible]5	0.750	
Braden S. C.	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	75	0	0	75	0.525	0.675	1.200	.25
Banning Wm	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	10	0	15	0.405	0.435	0.840	
Balden James	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	0	0	40	0.455	0.535	0.990	
Brown Elizabeth	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	40	0	0	40	0.080	0.160	0.240	

1847 Tax List
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Transcribed by Betty Runner Murray



SWAIN'S HOTEL.

J.R.SWAIN, PROP'R. PLATTE CITY, PLATTE CO. MO..

THE SWAIN HOTEL

The Swain Hotel, originally called the "Green House", was a hotel built by Elisha Green in 1844. It was located on Lot 6, Block 28 on Main Street in Platte City, two blocks west of the Court House.

After passing through several owners, it was purchased by John R. Swain on March 1, 1877. The bridge which is shown, crossed over the Platte River, and no longer exists. The Swain Hotel is also gone, but the similar structure behind it still stands.
Source: *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Platte County, 1877.*

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This tax list is the earliest known tax list which goes into the details of how the taxes were apportioned. Unfortunately, some pages are missing from the first of the list. The "A" and some of the "B" names are lost, starting on page 13. The total number of names noted at the end of the original list is 2,208, including 1958 polls. The tally for the slaves was 1,513. The listing that follows lists 2,035 names, including 10 whose real estate was listed.

These tax records were found in a metal file cabinet in the storage area of the County Clerk's office. Doris Gerner, the County Clerk, has generously permitted me to Xerox this list and transcribe it for this Platte County Historical Society publication.

I want to note that the records in this book are copied complete with all errors, i.e. some women were listed as a "poll" even though they were not charged a poll tax which was used for the support of the roads. The spelling of some names made it hard to determine the intent of the list enumerator, but the cross-reference index should help the researcher.

Also, the 1849 tax list groups the properties horses, mules jacks and jennies, cattle, clocks and watches, and carriages together under "Other Property".

These are abbreviations are used in this list and the levy is per $100 valuation:

		State Tax	County Tax
Pl	Poll	.37 1/2	.37 1/2
Slv	Slaves		
Slv Val	Slave Value		
H	Horses		
M	Mules, jacks, jennies	.20	.40
C	Cattle		
C&W	Clocks & watches		
Crg	Carriages		
Val	Value of horses thru carriages		
Mony	Money at interest		
Saly	Salary	1.00	2.00

Taxable State Tax	Total of values subject to tax	
Cnty Tax	County Tax	
Total Tax	Total of State & County taxes	
Com Fee	Commutator fee	.25

The purpose of the Commutator (closest determinination of spelling) is unknown. A few were charged this twenty-five cent fee but no other taxes. The older (possibly 50-year old) citizens were not charged a poll tax.