

of glistening crimson.

BRISTOL-INDUSTRY- FIELDS & RODEFER

Bristol-History VA

HE SIGNED HIS NAME

Received January 23rd 1860 from
Wm. H. Bushnell owner of
the Estate of Mrs. S. H. H. H.
Sister of William & Severy H.
Ants on a c. c. H. H. Estate
Wm. Rodefer

To the left appears the signature of Wm. Rodefer. This name means something in early Bristol history. Mr. Rodefer and James Fields were working together as Fields and Rodefer in the construction business in the early 1850's. Joseph Anderson hired them to build the first structure in the Town of Bristol. This building (Anderson's home and store) stood on the southwest corner of what is now State and Edgemont (then Main and Fourth). It was a

brick building and stood until about 1940. Judge and Mrs. Joe Caldwell moved some of the brick to Blountville and constructed a small building of them back of the Deery Inn.

Rodefer and Fields constructed other buildings in early Bristol. Rodefer's old home still stands in Abingdon. It is the first house east of the Barter Theatre.