

Guide to the Bostwick Company Records

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SUMMARY: The records consist of correspondence from the business records of William Bostwick (1796-1863), merchant of Augusta, Georgia, and New Haven, Connecticut, who dealt primarily in cotton. While most of the letters are on business, there are personal letters (1854, 1856) from Benjamin Silliman, Noah Porter, James Browning Miles, and Willis Strong Colton. The records also include sixty-two account books.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The entire collection is available on microfilm. Patrons must use FILM HM 134 instead of the originals.

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Existence and Location of Copies

Entire collection also available on microfilm (9,891 frames on 12 reels, 35mm.) from Scholarly Resources, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware.

Scope and Contents

The Bostwick Company Records, 1819-1856, consist of the business records of William Bostwick (1796-1863), merchant of Augusta, Georgia, and New Haven, Connecticut, including records of firms with which he was associated and their antecedents. The firms represented are: Edward Campfield & Co.; John Burton, Burton & Bostwick; Banks & Baird; and Bostwick & Baird, the last-named becoming the firm of William Bostwick in 1832. All of these firms were in Augusta, Georgia, and were primarily engaged in the cotton business.

The records are arranged alphabetically by title and run nearly continuously from 1819 to 1856 with the records of succeeding companies often being simply continued in old record books. An indication has been given under each of the entries in the register as to which companies are included with that particular set of records.

NOTE: In 1982, the entire collection was filmed (HM Film 134). The volumes were discarded after filming, but the correspondence, including the letters which were in box 5 folder 50, has been kept and refoldered. They are described on the following page.

Arrangement

Records arranged alphabetically by company.

Collection Contents

Correspondence

| | | |
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| b. 1, f. 1 | 1840-1844 | |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1845-1846 | |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1847-1848, n.d. | |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Benjamin Silliman | 1854 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Noah Porter, James Browning Miles, Willis Strong Colton: invitations | 1854, 1856 |

Microfilm Inventory

| | | |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------|
| reel 1, 1U | Account book (1v.) (Banks & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1827 May - 1837 September |
| reel 1, 1U | Bill book (1v.) | 1819 February - 1856 May |
| | Bill of lading books (3v.) (Edward Campfield & Co., Burton & Bostwick, Bostwick & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1826-1842 |
| reel 1, 1U | v.1: 1826 Jun - 1840 Oct | |
| reel 1, 1U | v.2: 1830 Mar - 1836 Nov | |
| reel 1, 1U | v.3: 1836 Oct - 1842 Nov | |
| reel 1, 1U | Book of charges on goods (1v.) (John Burton) | 1822 November - 1826 June |
| | Cash books (3v.) (Bostwick & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1830-1846 |
| reel 1, 1U | v.1: 1830 Jun - 1833 May | |
| reel 1, 1U | v.2: 1833 May - 1838 Jun | |
| reel 1, 1U | v.3: 1838 Jan - 1846 Apr | |
| | Cash sales (3v.) (John Burton, Burton & Bostwick, Bostwick & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1825-1843 |
| reel 1, 1U | v.1: 1825 May - 1835 Jan | |
| reel 1, 1U | v.2: 1835 Jan - 1840 Jan | |
| reel 1, 1U | v.3: 1840 Jan - 1843 May | |
| | Cotton books | |
| b. 2reel 2U | (2v.) English | 1822-1826 |
| b. 2reel 2U | (1v.) English | 1826 January - 1829 February |
| b. 3reel 3U | (1v.) English | 1827 October - 1836 June |
| | Day books | |
| b. 3reel 3U | (1v.) English | 1823 May - 1829 June |
| b. 3reel 3U | (10v.) (Bostwick & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1830 January - 1842 May |
| b. 3reel 3U | v.A: 1830 Jun - Dec | |

Day books > (10v.) (continued)

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|----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| b. 3reel 3U | v.B: 1831 Jan - Sep | |
| b. 4reel 4U | v.C: 1831 Oct - 1832 Jul | |
| b. 4reel 4U | v.D: 1832 Aug - 1833 Jul | |
| b. 4reel 4U | v.E: 1833 Aug - 1834 Nov | |
| b. 5reel 5U | v.F: 1834 Nov - 1836 Feb | |
| b. 5reel 5U | v.G: 1836 Feb - 1837 Jul Shelved separately | |
| b. 5reel 5U | v.H: 1837 Jul - 1838 Oct | |
| b. 6reel 6U | v.I: 1838 Oct - 1840 Jan | |
| b. 6reel 6U | v.K: 1840 Jan - 1842 May | |
| b. 6reel 6U | Expense account (1v.) Also contains memorandums 1828 Oct - 1830 Mar (William Bostwick) | 1830 June - 1843 June |
| | Inventory of stock (2v.) (William Bostwick) | 1832-1843 |
| b. 6reel 6U | v.1: 1832 May - 1836 Jun | |
| b. 6reel 6U | v.2: 1837 Jun - 1843 Jun | |
| | Journals | |
| b. 6reel 6U | (1v.) English | 1826 June - 1830 May |
| b. 7reel 7U | (2v.) English | 1829-1836 |
| | Ledgers | |
| b. 8reel 8U | (1v.) English | 1825 September - 1828 October |
| b. 8reel 8U | (1v.) English | 1826 June - 1828 November |
| b. 8reel 8U-9U | (3v.) English | 1829-1848 |
| | Letter books (copies of letters sent)(4v.) (Edward Campfield & Co., Burton & Bostwick, Bostwick & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1826-1843 |
| b. 10reel 10U | v.1: 1826 Jun - 1831 Jun | |
| b. 10reel 10U | v.2: 1831 Jun - 1836 Mar | |
| b. 10reel 10U | v.3: 1836 Apr - 1841 Feb | |
| b. 11reel 11U | v.4: 1841 Mar - 1848 Feb | |

| Memorandum books | | |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| b. 11reel 11U | (1v.) English | 1826 June - 1838 October |
| b. 11reel 11U | (10v.) English | 1830-1839 |
| b. 11reel 11U | (1v.) English | 1838 October - 1845 October |
| | Notes and bills payable and receivable (4v.) (Burton & Bostwick, Bostwick. & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1826-1843 |
| b. 12reel 12U | v.1: 1826-1830 | |
| b. 12reel 12U | v.2: 1829-1833 | |
| b. 12reel 12U | v.3: 1833-1836 | |
| b. 12reel 12U | v.4: 1836-1843 | |
| b. 12reel 12U | Petty cash book (1v.) (Edward Campfield & Co.) | 1826 June - 1832 June |
| b. 12reel 12U | Receipt book (1v.) (Burton & Bostwick, Bostwick & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1827 May - 1835 December |
| b. 12reel 12U | Sales book (1v.) (Burton & Bostwick, Bostwick & Baird, William Bostwick) | 1826 June - 1837 April |
| b. 12reel 12U | Misc. letters received by William Bostwick (ALS from Benjamin Silliman of 1854 Dec 29; printed invitations signed by Noah Porter and Willis Strong Colton, 1854-1856) | |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Business
Cotton -- Commerce
Cotton trade -- Georgia

Geographic Names

Southern States

Genres / Formats

Account books

Names

Bostwick, William, 1796-
Burton, John
Colton, Willis Strong
Miles, James Browning, 1822-1875
Porter, Noah, 1811-1892
Silliman, Benjamin, 1779-1864

Corporate Bodies

Banks & Baird
Bostwick & Baird
Bostwick Company
Burton & Bostwick
Edward Campfield & Co