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Abstract

The Charles Bird Papers holds the business records of a successful hardware importer and merchant, and includes correspondence and records of financial transactions with merchants in England, cities along the American east coast, and Cuba.

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Processing Information

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Rathbone, Richard, 1788-1860
Rathbone, William, 1787-1868

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Hardware industry--History--19th century--Sources
Land titles--Pennsylvania
Real estate investment--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia

Document Types

Receipts (financial records)
Invoices
Bills of lading
Bills of sale
Bonds (legal records)
Indentures
Inventories

Biographical/Historical Notes

Charles Bird (1778-1849) was a successful businessman and a dedicated citizen of the city of Philadelphia. Bird worked as a clerk in the Bank of Pennsylvania before opening a hardware store in 1802. He married Miss Jennett P. North of Southwark [now Philadelphia] on March 2, 1799, and they had four children: Henry, Caroline, John, and Joseph; Caroline married John R. Neff, a prominent Philadelphia auctioneer and bank director, in 1817. After the death of his wife in 1819 (mentioned in a letter from W. C. Brownlee), Charles Bird remarried and with his wife Rebecca had two daughters, Emma and Rebecca.

Bird was listed in the Philadelphia city directories as a hardware merchant from 1802-1825, as a gentleman in 1828-1829, and as a merchant again from 1830-1833. He was not in the 1835-1836 directories, but appeared again as a gentleman from 1837 until his death. At first Bird was listed alone as a hardware store owner, but from 1810 to 1825 was listed as Charles Bird & Co. In addition, he was involved in partnerships with his sons, as well as with James Clemson, the brothers George, Robert, and Thomas Earp, and others as noted below (taken from city

directories, correspondence in the collection, and contemporary newspapers). The Baltimore firms of Bird, Nightingale & Neff, and Neff & Bird, were partnerships involving Charles Bird's son Henry.

Bird & Patton	1806
Bird, Clemson & Co.	1810
Bird & Earp	1810-1814, 1817
Bird, Earp, & Co.	1813
Shaffer & Bird	1828-1831
Bird & Brothers	1833-1837
Henry Bird & Co.	1839

Charles Bird sold a range of imported and nationally-produced merchandise in his store, from sugar and cotton to iron casters and Japanned wares; he advertised regularly in *Poulson's American Daily Advertiser* and other Philadelphia papers. In the existing correspondence, it appears that the items he bought and sold most frequently included looking glasses, cutlery, wire, shovels, and tongs. Bird had a wide range of business associates the United States from New York to New Orleans, and west to Ohio, as well as international contacts in Britain, Venezuela, and Cuba.

Aside from his hardware business, Bird had strong interests in real estate, as revealed by the number of bonds, mortgages, and agreement papers found in the collection. Some of Bird's property dealings involved transactions of \$20,000 or more, a significant figure for the time. Among his investments was the Olympic Theatre, now Philadelphia's Walnut Street Theatre, at Walnut and Ninth streets (see correspondence in Series I from Benjamin Tilghman and John B. Wallace, and a mortgage indenture between Joseph Jones and Jacob S. Waln in Series III).

In his later years, Bird was also active in the community, fundraising or serving on the boards of several organizations including the Society for the Encouragement of Domestic, the House of Refuge (for orphans or vagrant children), and the American Colonization Society. He also served on committees for the improvement of Philadelphia including a planning committee for using gas lighting across the city, for obtaining public funding for "infant" schools, and for building a railway line from Pottsville to Philadelphia. He was a member of the Committee for the Superintendence of Funds Distributed to the Poor, and he served as a director and trustee for Girard College for Orphans.

Bird was listed in the compendium, *Memoirs and Auto-Biography of Some of the Wealthy Citizens of Philadelphia* (1846), where it was said of him, "Formerly one of our most enterprising citizens, and an extensive importer of hardware; property chiefly invested in real estate, for the purchase and sale of which he has always displayed a fondness." By the time of his death on April 21, 1849, Bird had amassed quite a fortune for his day; his estate was valued at \$300,000 (approximately eight million dollars in twenty-first-century terms), and he left \$30,000 to each

of his six children. Charles Bird was buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery; his funeral was held April 24, 1849. Bird's death was announced not only in the Philadelphia papers, but also those in New York and New England.

Collection Overview

The Charles Bird Papers are arranged in three series: Correspondence; Financial Documents; and Legal Documents.

Series I. Correspondence (1803-1830) contains primarily business letters written to Charles Bird, ranging from simple notes requesting "please let the bearer have" various goods, to longer detailed discussions of commodities and finance. The letters generally fall into two categories, either discussing merchandise or real estate. Most of the correspondence carries requests for goods, payments, describes mistakes in shipments, or makes general inquiries about business opportunities and partnerships. Some folders contain extensive detail about merchandise being traded. For example, the file for Thomas Fiddian of Birmingham holds a number of invoices that list the current prices of steel items such as scissors, shears, buttons, anvils, kettles, and knives (including sportsmen, women, boys, children, pruning, and pocket styles), as well as a wide variety of brushes that he shipped to Philadelphia in 1817. From New York, T. S. Uffington offered prices for sheets of gold leaf made at his manufactory as opposed to those imported from England. The folder for Liverpool commission merchants William (1787-1868) and Richard (1788-1860) Rathbone holds more than a dozen manuscript letters and printed circulars with discussions of trade matters and current prices; the brothers, who were active opponents of the slave trade, had just begun their partnership when they were writing to Bird. A few correspondents, including Samuel St. John Jr., Victor David, and George Handy, described the cotton market in a variety of southern United States cities. Other correspondents, such as Bryac & David, advised Bird on foreign manufactured products that they thought would sell well. Some points of interest within the correspondence include a request for Bird to have a man arrested (see George Suckley), insight into the legal profession from a young attorney (George Mifflin Dallas), a discussion of steam mills (W. C. Holly), business prospects in Venezuela (John H. Chisholm), a mention of privateering (William Lang), and a mention of a revolution in Havana and smuggling (Andrew Prevost). Edward Ingersoll wrote from Washington to report his lobbying activities on behalf of Bird.

While there are multiple letters from some merchants, such as the twenty from Jacob Mark and his nephew Louis in New York, more than half of the folders contain single letters and provide just snapshots of the mercantile trade in early nineteenth-century America. Luther Morey offered to manufacture brushes for Bird, and Philadelphia engravers Murray, Fairman & Co. sent a messenger to pick up a sheet of copper. Several patrons mentioned that looking glasses had shattered during shipment; one, Andrew Prevost, wrote in 1810 that the glass globes on a chandelier had broken while in transit to Havana but, "On another hand," he admitted, "the state of revolution of the Colony is very unfavorable to articles of mere luxury."

Within Series I there are several letters relating to real estate showing that Bird was involved both in buying and selling various plots of land. The majority of the real estate correspondence involved properties on Market Street and a tract of land in Dauphin County, which may have served as a source of lead and coal.

The series ends with a folder holding a printed circular letter calling for a meeting of merchants to be held at the Merchants' Coffee House on January 22, 1828. The document was re-used to tally payments made by a list of people, but their relationship to the merchants' meeting is unknown.

The collection contains very few items of personal correspondence. The most outstanding examples are a letter from William C. Brownlee (1784-1860) who ran a classical academy in Basking Ridge, NJ, attended by Bird's sons John and Joseph, and a letter sent from England by John Bird to his mother. The letter, dated October 13, 1828, is an appeal to her to convince Charles Bird to let him marry the object of his affections, a girl from Birmingham. He wrote:

You have before this experienced the sensations of love and must acknowledge that when the affections of the heart is unalterably fixed upon a person and for all hopes to be blighted by a father withholding his consent it is enough to make these persons miserable for life ... if your consents are not given content yourselves with seeing me single for life.

In his letter, Bird also described the political atmosphere in Britain, mentioning that the English fleet had been sent to prevent the Russians from blockading the Dardanelles, and that English troops were being sent to Ireland to attend to Catholic/Protestant disturbances. The Reverend Brownlee wrote a letter of condolence to Charles Bird upon the death of his wife, describing the event's impact on the boys, and also mentioned their progress in school. A few of the business letters include bits of personal information. For example, Joseph Lyon mentioned that Bird's wife was uneasy when he was away, and a letter from the Baltimore firm Neff & Bird ended, "Your son Henry has a fine daughter!"

Series II, Financial Documents (1800-1837) is divided into seven subseries: Accounts; Invoices; Legal Fees; Notes; Personal Expenses; Shipping Records; and Miscellaneous Receipts. Within the Accounts section, there is a "List of Balances Due to Charles Bird" dated 1824, which is an alphabetical list showing Bird's clients to be local merchants in addition to several in Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, and Mississippi. The Invoices subseries holds priced lists of goods both bought and sold by Charles Bird, and is divided into two sections: Customers and Vendors. The latter covers hardware items as well as dry goods that were primarily purchased from Philadelphia purveyors, including the local auctioneer Tristram B. Freeman. Several of the invoices are marked "in barter." Two firms with which Bird had many transactions were Harvey & Worth, and Charles and Joseph Pleasants; their invoices describe objects ranging

from the ordinary (cruet stands and watch keys) to luxury goods such as tortoise shell and ivory combs and the “Best Gold Border Tea Trays with Landscape Centers.” The invoices are nearly all handwritten; one of the exceptions is that of Kendall & Son’s perfume laboratory in Birmingham, England, whose billhead features an engraving of their shop interior.

Legal Fees is one folder holding records of service provided by Thomas Witherspoon, clerk of the District Court of Delaware, in 1817 regarding a court case, and an invoice from T. Mitchell & Son for drawing up a deed. The Notes subseries has bank and promissory notes arranged by date; they document simple financial transactions, and are primarily from Philadelphia merchants.

Personal Expenses include bills not related to Bird’s business interests, and are separated into Clothing and Shoes; Education; Food; Furniture (which has invoices from the Pennsylvania Society of Journeymen Cabinet Makers and Michel Bouvier (1792-1874); Services; Subscriptions and Literature; Miscellaneous; John Bird; and Henry Bird. The Education folder contains information relating to the schooling of Bird’s children, primarily his two youngest daughters; invoices show that the girls were instructed in French, arithmetic, geography, embroidery, drawing, and piano. Bird’s older children were students at the boarding school of Quaker scholar John Gummere (1784-1845) in Burlington, NJ, as well as at William Brownlee’s academy (see his letters in Series I). The Services folder contains bills for household work, garden care, and other small jobs, and the subseries ends with documents addressed to Bird’s sons John and Henry. For John Bird, there are invoices for clothing, for a portrait from painter Edmund Brewster (active 1818-1839), for medical services from Dr. J.K. Mitchell, and a bill from the Washington Library for borrowing books. Bird’s library reading list included *Don Sebastian*, the *Castle of Santa Fe*, *The Benevolent Jew*, and *St. Margaret’s Cave*. For Henry Bird there is one receipt for personal clothing.

Shipping Records holds bills of lading and receipts for merchandise shipped. The bills are arranged chronologically and contain information regarding shipments made to Bird, such as the carrying company, name of the vessel, amount of and type merchandise (including, in 1812, a shipment of “14 elephant teeth”), and the ports of entrance and exit. Goods shipped to Bird arrived from cities across the U.S. and Britain; goods that Bird shipped were sent to locations including Georgetown, Boston, New York, New Orleans, Norfolk, and Baltimore. Several of the bills relate to correspondence found in Series I, including letters from the Rathbones, Irving & Smith, and Anson Phelps. Receipts for merchandise appear from Expedition Line, Samuel Lyons, John Marshall, Samuel Godfrey, Ezra Hand, and the Smith & Nevins Mercantile Line; two receipts from Charles Moore and Jeremiah Anderson give a list of jewelry shipped by Bird on consignment to the two men. In the years 1818 and 1822, Bird frequently sent merchandise to Bird, Nightingale & Neff in Baltimore, suggesting that Charles Bird and his son Henry had a close business relationship. From Philadelphia and Baltimore city directories, it is known that Henry Bird was in a partnership with Peter Neff until 1833 when he moved to Philadelphia and

took over his father's hardware business, creating the company Bird & Brothers and later, Henry Bird & Co.

Series III, Legal Documents (1801-1830) is arranged in five subseries: Agreements; Bonds; Court Documents; Mortgages and Bonds; and Miscellaneous. The Agreements involve divided ownership of tracts of land in Dauphin County, and a society that Bird formed in 1801 with Charles Oakford, John North, Daniel Newham, Robert Mason, and George Helm, to create a "Fund which shall be employed to the mutual advantage of each of the above named Persons." The Bonds were mostly taken out by Charles Bird and ranged from \$20 to \$28,000. Court Documents contains papers filed by Albert Gallatin, United States secretary of the treasury, with the District Court of the United States in the District of Delaware concerning shipments made from England by Bird and partners that violated U.S. importation laws during the War of 1812. A second set of papers regards a shipment made to Bird from Liverpool in 1813, and a third covers a judgment made against John Bird in 1830. The Mortgages and Bonds subseries holds documents relating to property transactions made by Charles Bird; it also includes an indenture for the transfer of the Olympic Theatre in 1814 from the estate of James Clemson, and an 1808 indenture for a tenement on Market and Fifth streets which may have ended up in Bird's papers as part of a paper trail for his own transaction. The Miscellaneous documents include various notices including an acknowledgements of responsibility filed by the firm of Ridgway & Atherton, and two deposit slips for funds at the Bank of Pennsylvania, all of which were signed by Charles Bird.

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SERIES I. CORRESPONDENCE

1803-1830

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

1	1	A. & F. Ogsbury, New York	1810 Oct 13
	2	Anderson & Morrow, Lexington, KY	1819 Jul 6
	3	Aspinwall, John, New York	1811
	4	Atkinson, Thomas, Trenton	1819 Jun 12
	5	Atkinson, Watson, Frankfort, PA	1819 Jan 10
	6	Ayres, John, Philadelphia	1818
	7	B. W. Rogers & Co., New York	1810
	8	Baker, Michael, Jr., Northern Liberties	1818
	9	Barker & Annesley, assignees of, Philadelphia	1817 Dec 29
	10	Belton, Jonathon, Salem	undated
	11	Bingley, George, New York	1824
	12	Binney, Horace, Philadelphia	1815, 1828
	13	Birckhead, Hugh, Baltimore	1811 May 18
	14	Bird, John N., Birmingham and Baltimore	1827-1828, undated
	15	Bird, Nightingale & Neff, Baltimore	1818 Nov 6
	16	Booth, William	undated
	17	Boyd	1817 Feb 11
	18	Bredin, James	1817 May 3
	19	Brownlee, William Craig, Basking Ridge, NJ	1819
	20	Bryac & David, New Orleans	1810 Mar 10
	21	Bryan, Guy	undated

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[1]	22	Bucher, Abraham, New York	1807 Feb 3
	23	Carr & Land	undated
	24	Cathrall, Charles E., Philadelphia	1827 Dec 18
	25	Chambers, D. J., Louisville	1824 Dec 31
	26	Chisolm, John H., Caracas, Venezuela	1824 Sep 13
	27	Christopher Raborg & Son, Baltimore	1810 Jan 22
	28	Clemson, James, St. Andrews	1810 Jun 28
	29	Connelly, Henry	1818 Nov 25
	30	Coombs, Leslie, Lexington, KY	1826 May 18
	31	Cornelius, C.	undated
		Crane, Ambrose See: Porri & Rinaldi	
	32	Dallas, George Mifflin, Philadelphia	1817, 1819
	33	Daniel Hagener & Sons, Easton	1818 Apr 27
	34	Darlington, Benjamin, Pittsburgh	1820 Nov 7
	35	David, John S., New Orleans	1817
	36	David, Victor, New Orleans	1817
	37	DeBenneville, Nathan, Harrisburg	1817, 1818
	38	Delaney, W., Philadelphia	1817
	39	DeSilver, Thomas, assignees of, Philadelphia	1817 May 10
	40	Dixey, Thomas	1803 Jan 22
	41	Ellis, Hugh	1818 May 12
	42	Emlen & Howell	1818

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SERIES I. CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

[1]	43	Fassitt & Langstroth, Philadelphia	1818 Mar 31
	44	Fiddian, Thomas, Birmingham	1817 Apr 28
	45	Fisher, Samuel, Philadelphia	1818 Jan 13
	46	Flunn, Rees E., Pittsburgh	1811 Oct 23
	47	Fries, John, Philadelphia	1818 Feb 23
	48	George W. Meriwether & Co., Frankfort	1814 Jul 13
	49	Getty, Robert, Georgetown	1811 Nov 14
	50	Goddard, John, Philadelphia	1826 Aug 30
	51	Green, Innis, Greens Mills, PA	1824 Apr 22
	52	Griffiths & Green, New York	1808 Nov 26
	53	Handy, George, Lexington, KY	1820 Aug 1
		Harper, Thomas	
		See: Foster, Thomas	
	54	Henry, J. Joseph, Philadelphia	1817
	55	Hepburn, Samuel, Sunbury, PA	1825
	56	Hollingsworth, S. & T.G.	1817
	57	Holly, W. C., New York	1823-1824
	58	Horn & Kneass, Philadelphia	1818
	59	Huber, Henry	undated
	60	Huper, Nehemiah	1818 Aug 31
	61	Huper & Ashton	1818
	62	Ingersoll, Edward, Washington	1817
	63	Irvine, John, Lexington, KY	1826 May 24

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[1]	64	Irving & Smith, New York	1808-1814
	65	John R. Smith & Co., Trenton	1810
	66	Johns, A., Wilmington	1814 Apr 15
	67	Kimmel & Albert, Baltimore	1810 May 15
	68	King, John, Richmond	1810 Jan 2
	69	Kinkead, Maxwell	1810 Jun 2
	70	Kohler, John, Philadelphia	undated
	71	Konigmacher, A., Philadelphia	1817 Aug 3
	72	Lang, William, New York	1808
	73	Latrobe, Benjamin Henry, Washington	1809
	74	Leadbeater & Co., Philadelphia	undated
	75	Lebrand, A., Lexington, KY	1810 Nov 20
	76	Levy, Samson, Philadelphia	1810 Jul 25
	77	Linton, Jacob & Joseph, Wilkes-Barre, PA	1810
	78	Lyon, Joseph, Harrisburg & Pottsville	1824, 1830
	79	MacDonald, A., Philadelphia	1820 Dec 16
	80	Maginness, James, Harrisburg	1810 Aug 4
	81	Manilius, B., Mount Holly, NJ	1810 Oct 9
	82	Manning, William	1818
	83	Mark, Jacob & Louis, New York	1808-1810
2	84	Martin, John	1818 Mar 19
	85	Maury, Evariste, Charleston	1810 Nov 30

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SERIES I. CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

[2]	86	McCullons, I., New Castle	1810 Aug 13
	87	McIlhenny, John & Joseph, Hagerstown	1810
	88	Meredith, W.	1822 Nov 11
		Meredith, William See: William Lang	
	89	Meredith & Hoopes	1810 Jun 16
	90	Milliken, James, Columbia	1810 Sep 14
	91	Montgomery, W. & J., New Orleans	1825 Dec 7
	92	Morey, Luther, New York	1810 Jul 24
	93	Morris, Samuel B.	undated
	94	Moses Ray & Co.	1814
	95	Murray, Charles, May Town, PA	1810 May 10
	96	Murray, Fairman & Co., Philadelphia	1818 Aug 2
	97	N. Taylor & Co., New York	1810
	98	Neff, J.R. & W.	1818 Mar 23
	99	Neff, Peter, Baltimore	1825 Jun 17
	100	Neff & Bird, Baltimore	1825
	101	Nicholas & Neff, Savannah	1823 Dec 7
	102	Noble & Arbuthnott, New York	1810 Jul 30
	103	Norris, Richard, Baltimore	1810
	104	Norton, S. P.	1822 Apr 10
	105	Odenheimer, John, Chester	1810 Jul 19
	106	Parker, William, Sheffield	1825 Sep 29

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[2]	107	Parrish, Robert A.	1822 Nov 11
	108	Patterson, John, East River, Matthews Co., VA	1810 Nov 17
	109	Peniston, John G., Petersburg	1810
	110	Peters, Richard, Jr., Philadelphia	1810-1825
	111	Pierce, E. J., Philadelphia	1818
	112	Pierce & Bonsell	1818 Mar 31
	113	Poalk, R.	1818 Aug 24
	114	Porri & Rinaldi, New York	1810
	115	Porter, J.N.	1822 Aug 3
	116	Powers & Hutchins	undated
	117	Prevost, Andrew M., Havana	1810 May 26
	118	Price, Andrew F., Lexington, KY	1824 Jan 9
		Pugh, E. See: Nathan DeBenneville	
	119	Rathbone, William & Richard, Liverpool, England	1809-1810
	120	Rawle, William, Jr.	1820 Nov 30
	121	Reigart, Adam, Lancaster	1816 Aug 7
	122	Richards Upson & Co., New York	1810-1812
	123	Richman, James	1818 Apr 13
	124	Riggs, George W., Baltimore	1811 Nov 30
	125	Robert, Peter J., Lexington, KY	1810 Sep 12
	126	Rogers, Charles, Philadelphia	1816 Jul 13
	127	Roosevelt, James I., New York	1812

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[2]	128	Roosevelt, Nicholas J., New York	1810
	129	Ross & Getty, Georgetown	1810 May 6
	130	Russell, Moses, Charleston	1810
	131	Russell, Phillip, Norfolk and Baltimore	1810
	132	S. & N. Porter, Philadelphia	1818
	133	Samuel Stockton & Son, Burlington	1810
	134	Satterthwaite, Abel	1803
	135	Sheble, Adam, Philadelphia	1818 Apr 2
	136	Shugart, George S., Philadelphia	1818 Feb 24
	137	Sickles, John, Jr.	1825
		Sickley, Adam See: Jonathon Belton	
	138	Slater, A.	1818 Apr 22
	139	Smith, Calvin, Natchez	1823 Dec 28
	140	Smith, Henry, St. John	1812 Oct 29
	141	Smith, James, Augusta	1824 Jul 13
	142	Smith, John B. N., Pittsburg	1810
		Smith, John, Joanna Furnace, PA See: Thomas Bull & Co.	
	143	Smith & Nevins, New York	1812 Dec 11
	144	Snyder, Joseph	1818 Mar 7
	145	Sperry & Kintzing, Philadelphia	1816 Apr 17
	146	Sprogell, Marshall, Philadelphia	undated

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[2]	147	St. John, Samuel, Jr., Blakeley, Alabama	1823 Dec 6
	148	Stoughton, James, New York	1816 Nov 5
		Sturgeon, D.R. See: John Martin	
	149	Suckley, George, New York	1810-1825
	150	Taylor, Benjamin, Trenton	1810 Jan 9
		Taylor, Jonathan, Joanna Furnace, PA See: Thomas Bull & Co.	
	151	Taylor, Tracy	1817 Apr 25
	152	Thomas Bull & Co., Johanna Furnace, PA	1807, 1808
	153	Thompson, Francis, New York	1810 Jan 4
	154	Thompson, Robert, New York	1808 Jun 22
	155	Tilghman, Benjamin, Philadelphia See also: Horace Binney	1816 Mar 28
	156	Trohler, John, Philadelphia	1817 Jun 10
	157	Trotter, Samuel, Lexington, KY	1810 Dec 15
	158	Tryon, George	1818
	159	Tryon, Isaac, New York	1808-1810
	160	Tunnen, Samuel, Paris, KY	1810 Aug 30
	161	Uffington, T. S., New York	1810 Jan 31
	162	Vernon, N. S., Louisville	1810 Dec 15
	163	Wallace, John B., Philadelphia	1816
	164	Wallace, Thomas, Flemingsburg, KY	1810 Jun 16
	165	Waln, J.	1817 May 14

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SERIES I. CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

[2]	166	Walsh, Robert, Jr., Baltimore	1816
	167	Watson, John Fanning, Philadelphia	1816 Aug 21
		Welch, Joseph See: Hugh Ellis	
	168	Whann, David, Georgetown	1810 Jun 26
	169	White, Josiah	1803 Mar 25
	170	Whittingham, Richard, New York	1813 Apr 10
	171	Williams, S.H.	1818, undated
	172	Williamson, David, Lexington, KY	1810 Aug 25
	173	Wilmer, John	1818 May 10
	174	Wilson, Edward, Edge Hill, near Liverpool, England	1823 Nov 15
	175	Yeates & Yarnall	1818 Jul 31
	176	Zantzinger, T.B.	1819 Oct 28
	177	Zell, Thomas	undated
	178	Unknown correspondents ["to the bearer" requests]	1817-1818, undated
	179	Notice of a Meeting of Merchants, Philadelphia	1828 Jan 22

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SERIES II. FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

1800-1837

Arranged in seven subseries: Accounts; Invoices; Legal Fees; Notes;
Personal Expenses; Shipping Records; and Miscellaneous Receipts.

Accounts

3	180	Bird & Co.	1812
	181	Charles Bird	1824 Oct 7

Invoices

Customers

	182	Barry, Edward	1810, 1812
	183	Black, J.	1801
	184	Coldship, Henry	1808 Sep 24
	185	Griffiths, Mrs.	undated
	186	Hockley, John D.	1817 Dec 22
	187	Jenks, Jonathan (?)	1802 Mar
	188	McCoy, John	1812 Jul 16
	189	Schlatter, William	1812 Feb 5
	190	Miscellaneous	1810-1812

Vendors

	191	Ash, Thomas	1802
	192	Ayers & Shirley	1836, 1837
	193	Bacon, John	1808 Nov 23
	194	Bacon & Longstreth	1803 Jun 9
	195	Barber, Samuel	1803 Feb 7

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SERIES II. FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, cont.

Invoices, cont.

Vendors, cont.

[3]	196	Bolak & Poalk	1803
	197	Bowlby, Edward	1803
	198	Carrell, John	1800-1803
	199	Chapman, George	1803
	200	Comsworth & Jolly	1803
	201	Connelly, John (auction house)	1803
	202	Cooper, Joseph	1803 Jun 6
	203	Cope & Thomas	1803
	204	Daugherty, George	undated
	205	Dendlee, C.H.	1803 Sep 1
	206	Dilworth, Joseph	1800
	207	Duval, James	1803 Apr 27
	208	Ellit, John & Charles	1803 Jun 3
	209	Emlen, Caleb	1801-1806, undated
	210	Fotterall, Stephen	1803
	211	Freeman, Tristram B. (auction house)	1803-1806
	212	Handy, Symington, & Bird	1829 Jan 28
	213	Harrison, John	undated
	214	Harvey & Worth	1800-1806
	215	Haydock, Samuel	1803 Sep 15

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[3]	216	Hazlehurst & Sons	1803 May 20
	217	Hockley, Thomas	1800 Sep 6
	218	Hopkins & Howell	1800
	219	Hutton, James	undated
	220	Immel & Co.	1803 Sep 7
	221	Isaac Peckworth & Co.	1803 May 3
	222	J. Rowland & Co.	1802 Nov 9
	223	Jacob Justice & Co.	1803
	224	John Folwell & Co.	1803 Jul 30
	225	Johnston, John	1803
	226	Joseph Wildanger & Co.	1800-1803
	227	Kendall & Son	undated
	228	King, Reay, Philadelphia	1800, 1803
	229	Leedom, William & John	1803
	230	Levy, Joseph	1803, 1806
	231	Lohra & Carlile	1800 Sep 8
	232	Mitchell, William	1803 Sep 7
	233	Morgan, John	1800
	234	Morris Longstreth & Co.	1803, undated
	235	Nathan Folwell & Co.	1803 Jul 13

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[3]	236	Norton, Sam P.	1811 Feb 2
	237	Nugent, George	1803 Jun 9
	238	Passmore & Sperry	1814 Feb 3
	239	Paxson, Isaac	1808 Jul 22
	240	Pitcher, Rufus	1803 May 18
	241	Pleasants, Charles & Joseph	1800-1803
	242	Porter, John	1803 Oct 20
	243	Potter, Richard C.	1803
	244	Poultney & Cummings	1803 May 2
	245	Price, Benjamin	1800
	246	Richards, Samuel	1808 Sep 8
	247	Robert Coe & Son	1803 Apr 25
	248	Roberts, Enoch	1819 Feb 9
	249	Rose, Atkinson	1803 Jul 30
	250	Samuel Israel & Co.	1803, undated
	251	Satterthwaite, Abel	1803
	252	Schaffer & Bird	1827-1828
	253	Schott, J. P.	1800 Nov 11
	254	Sermon, Richard	1803 Nov 8
	255	Shannon & Poalk	1803

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[3]	256	Shields, Robert	1805 Nov 2
	257	Smith & Helmuth	1803 May 20
	258	Standbridge, John	1808 Sep 6
	259	Stoddart, John	1803 Sep 24
	260	Stokes, James	1803
	261	T. Clifford & Sons	undated
	262	Taylor, William, Jr.	1800 Dec 9
	263	Thomas & Shrew	1803
	264	Watson, James	1827 Nov 28
	265	Watson & Umster	1803 Jul 28
	266	Whelan, P.E.	1803
	267	White, Josiah	1802-1803
	268	William Widdefield & Co.	1803
	269	Wiltberger, Peter	undated
	270	Wood, Catherine	1803 May 17
	271	Yorke & Lippincott (auction house)	1803
4	272	Legal Fees	1817, 1836
		Notes	
	273	Checks and promissory notes	1802-1827, undated
	274	Protested note	1816 Nov 7

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Personal Expenses

[4]	275	Clothing and shoes	1803-1836, undated
	276	Education	1808-1837, undated
	277	Food	1803-1836, undated
	278	Furniture	1822, undated
	279	Services	1805-1836, undated
	280	Subscriptions and literary purchases	1806-1837
	281	Miscellaneous	1803-1822
	282	Henry Bird, receipt for clothing from William Stockley	1821 Dec 15
	283	John Bird, miscellaneous receipts	1800-1829

Shipping Records

Bills of lading

	284	Issued 1808-1809, undated	1808-1809, undated
	285	Issued 1812	1812
	286	Issued 1817	1817
	287	Issued 1818	1818
	288	Issued 1822	1822
	289	Receipts for merchandise shipped	1812-1818, undated
	290	Miscellaneous Receipts	1803-1818, undated

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4	291	For mutual advantage fund	1801 Oct 22
	292	For land in Dauphin Co. [Bird, Lyon, Goddard & others]	1824-1825
	293	Covenant for land in Dauphin Co.	1825 Nov 25

Bonds

	294	Charles Bird and Jacob Mark [Mark, Talcott & Rhind]	1812-1813
	295	Charles Bird and Joseph Bird	1824 May 15
	296	Charles Bird and Joseph Warner	1829 Aug 12

Court Documents

	297	Treasury Department forms	1813 Apr 1
	298	U.S. v. Cargo of Ship <i>Tiber</i> See also: Series II, Legal Fees	1817 Jul 25
	299	James Hansell v. John Bird	1830 Jun

Mortgages and Bonds

	300	Charles Bird and William Farrand for lot on Market St.	1808-1809
	301	Joseph Jones and James Clemson estate for Olympic Theatre	1814 Feb 3
	302	Charles Bird and Jasper Moylan estate for lot on Market St.	1816
	303	Charles Bird and William Wilson estate for lot on Market St.	1816
	304	Charles Bird and Julia Ann Kirkbride for lot in Bridesburg	1818 Dec 9
	305	Charles Bird and Joseph Bird for lot on Fifth Street	1819 May 11
	306	Charles Bird and Thomas Fassitt for lot on Market St.	1819 Oct 6

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[4]	307	Charles Bird and Thomas Fassitt for lot on Market St.	1820 Aug 28
	308	Charles Bird and William Wilson estate for lot on Market St.	1821 Mar 12
	309	Charles Bird and Thomas Fassitt for lot on Market St.	1822 Jul 31
	310	Charles Bird and Thomas Fassitt for lot on Market St.	1823 Jul 1
	311	Charles Bird and Hannah Chancellor for lot on Mulberry St.	1829 Mar 2

Miscellaneous

	312	Acknowledgment of responsibility	1805 Feb 9
	313	Certificates of deposit	1805
	314	Moore, John, power of attorney	1824 Feb 14
	315	Notice of patent privileges for molasses cask stop cock	undated