

# Guide to the Bostwick Company Records

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 625

**CREATOR:** Bostwick Company

**TITLE:** Bostwick Company records

**DATES:** 1819-1856

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**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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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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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.

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## 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.

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## Arrangement

Records arranged alphabetically by company.

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## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

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 &gt; (10v.) (continued)

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