

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.