

Below are selected entries from Philadelphia city directories:

- 1821 not listed in the main part of the directory, but appears in the supplement bound in front of *The Philadelphia Directory and Register for 1821* (Philadelphia: M'Carty & Davis, 1821):
 Budd, John B. merchant 14 south Seventh
 Train & Budd merchants, 7 north Water [no separate listing for Train]
- 1822 same as 1821: both entries in supplement, but with Budd's address as 158 Walnut
- 1823 entry appears in main texts from this year forward
 Budd, John B. merchant 7 north Water [no listing for Train & Budd;
 J. R. Train listed separately as merchant at 244 Mulberry]
- 1824 Budd, John B. merchant 7 north Water [no listing for Train & Budd;
 Train listed separately as merchant at 244 Mulberry]
- 1825 Budd, John B. merchant 7 N Water d h 301 Sassafras [Train no longer listed]
- 1830 Budd, J B merchant 39 Dock d h 194 Mulberry
- 1835 Budd, J B mer 39 Dock d h 194 Mulberry
- 1840 Budd, J B com. mer. 39 Dock h 278 Walnut
- 1857 Budd, John B. com. mer. 45 Walnut h 423 Spruce
- 1860 Budd, John B. com. mer. 129 Walnut h 1317 Spruce
- 1865 Budd, John B. merchant 142 S. Front h 1317 Spruce
- 1867 Budd, John B. commission merchant 1317 Spruce
- 1868 Budd, John B. h 1317 Spruce
- 1869 Budd, Anna C., widow John B. 1317 Spruce

Aside from these listings and the descriptive material found within the papers, one further bit of information can be gleaned from a policy Budd purchased in 1839 from the American Fire Insurance Company (in Box 2, folder 73) to cover: "Merchandize generally wholesale either my own or held by me in trust or on consignment in the Brick Store No 39 Dock Street with liberty of carrying on the business of painting and ornamenting chairs & bedsteads."

Collection Overview

The John B. Budd Business Records spans the dates 1820 to 1846, and describes in detail the workings of a Philadelphia commission merchant who was importing goods including sugar, molasses, flaxseed, cotton, beeswax, lead, hemp, and tobacco to Philadelphia from the southern states and the Caribbean, and exporting ale, wagons, wheelbarrows, and flour, among other things, to the South. The papers are divided into two subseries: Correspondence; and Documents.

Series I, Correspondence (1820-1846) holds letters written by Budd's suppliers in New Orleans, Mobile, etc., discussing the details of their business agreements and exchanges of merchandise, as well as letters of prices current and the state of inventory in foreign countries. Bills of lading are interfiled with the letters and provide documentation of the transit of goods between ports: