

they show, for instance, that in 1824 Budd sent a shipment of Kentucky leaf tobacco to Francis Coxe in Buenos Aires, and received from him a shipment of 1,900 ox horns. Bills of lading with no affiliated correspondence are filed in Series II, Documents.

The folder list includes cities with which Budd was arranging trade shipments, and while most are in the United States, he was also actively trading with suppliers and merchants in London and Liverpool (cotton) and three islands in the Caribbean. Folders with material from Philadelphia correspondents generally reflect local incidents, ranging from a simple “please to let the bearer” receive groceries from Budd, to James Gowen’s plea for Budd’s assistance in obtaining a position with the Health Office. There are only a few letters from Budd family members, including one from John Budd’s mother and sister Susan writing together from Cincinnati, and correspondence from his brother George K. Budd, who was living and working in St. Louis.

Series II, Documents (1821-1846) holds a range of financial records such as promissory notes and miscellaneous business invoices for wharfage, merchandise inspection and freight charges, as well as for Budd’s newspaper advertisements. One folder contains invoices for Budd’s personal expenses, such as clothing purchases, shoe repairs, medical services, and water rent. There is one bound receipt book covering payments received by Budd between 1832 and 1840. Box three holds several years’ worth of insurance certificates issued by the Delaware Insurance Company of Philadelphia and the Phoenix Insurance Company of Philadelphia, among others, to cover goods being shipped between Philadelphia and a variety of ports.