

Thompson Bank Collection, 1835-1901 (bulk 1873-1901)  
1965.27



**Old Sturbridge Village**  
**Research Library**

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**Collection Overview**

Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA

Creator: Thompson Bank

Title: Thompson Bank Collection

Dates: 1835-1901 (bulk 1873-1901)

Extent: 1 box, .25 linear feet

Abstract: The Thompson Bank Collection consists of business documents relating to Thompson National Bank, Thompson, Connecticut. There are Postal Cards, bank notes, deposit books, and a small grouping of papers related to Talcott Crosby, Judge of Probate.

Location: OSV Vault, May 2018

Language: English

**Biographical Sketch**

The Thompson Bank was one of a growing number of commercial banks in the 19th century that loaned money to promote rural industry and trade. The Thompson Bank, which was chartered in 1833, originally stood on the common of Thompson, Connecticut. It was a bank from 1835 to 1893 and remained in Thompson until 1963, when it was moved to Old Sturbridge Village.

[\(https://www.osv.org/building/thompson-bank/\)](https://www.osv.org/building/thompson-bank/)

Thompson Bank, which survived local, national, and financial changes, was incorporated in 1833. Harvey Blashfield was president and Joseph B. Gay was cashier. Its early directors were Harvey Blashfield, John Nichols, William H. Mason, William Reed, William Fisher, Robert Grosvenor, Franklin Nichols, Jonathan Nichols, Simon Davis and George B. Slater. Neighboring manufacturers found this

bank a convenient accommodation, and were much interested in its prosperity and stability. Some heavy losses that accrued in early years were tided over by the help of willing friends, and it soon gained a sterling reputation. Its second president, Judge John Nichols, resigned in 1837, and was succeeded by Mr. Talcott Crosby, who remained in charge till compelled by ill health to resign in 1865, when he was succeeded by Mr. Jeremiah Olney. Joseph B. Gay, Theodore Sharpe, William Osgood, A. E. Parker, Hiram and Charles Arnold have served as cashiers.

([https://connecticutgenealogy.com/windham/history\\_village\\_thompson.htm](https://connecticutgenealogy.com/windham/history_village_thompson.htm) )

### Crosby Family

Stephen Crosby II (1772-1849)

M. Susanna Johnson (1772-)

Children: Talcott (1794-1795)

Talcott (1796-1870)

M. Attaresta Dike

Children: Jerome (1819-1883)

Joseph Talcott (1827- )

Stephen III (1802-1884)

M. Susan Mason Larned

Children: Annie (1830-1889)

John Stephen (1838-1842)

George Stephen (1844- )

### **Scope and Content**

The Thompson bank Collection is comprised of Bank Postal Cards, Bank Notes, Deposit Books, and Probate documents. The Collection is organized by original order of accession. The materials were entered into the library in 1965 and were arranged by donor rather than in series. The collection is numbered by accession number than by donor grouping then number of items within that grouping. 1965.27.6.1-.5 are papers of Talcott Crosby, Judge of Probate for Thompson, CT.

### **Restrictions**

This collection is open for research. Use is limited to available Library hours and staff. Copies and scans are done at the discretion of the library staff and condition of materials.

### **Search Terms**

#### Personal Names

Arnold, Hiram

Crosby, George

Crosby, Joseph

Crosby, Stephen

#### Genre

Bank Accounts

Bank Notes

Postal Cards

Crosby, Talcott  
Flint, George  
Hamilton, James P.  
Parker, A.E.  
Rawson, Nathan

Corporate Names

American Exchange National Bank, New York  
Dime Savings Bank of Thompson, Thompson  
First National Bank of Putnam, Putnam  
National Bank of Redemption, Boston  
Thompson National Bank

Geographic Locations

Putnam, CT  
Thompson, CT

**Administrative Information**

Preferred Citation

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (accession number with extensions for box and folder numbers). Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Date Accessed.

History of the Collection

The Thompson Bank Collection was transferred from the Curatorial Department in 1965. The materials were acquired through a variety of sources and documentations of the original sources are in a restricted research file as donor information is not publicized. The arrangement was left in its original order when processing and is broken up into series by the provenance of the materials.

**Processing information**

Collection Processed: Staff in 1965; series numbers added in 2018 by Amy Hietala  
Finding Aid: Prepared by Amy Hietala May 2018

**Related Collections**

Misc. Papers, Maverick National Bank form letters to Thompson National Bank  
OSV Research Library (1994.6)

Thompson National Bank building  
Old Sturbridge Village Historic Building

Paper money, key, standing desk  
Old Sturbridge Village Collections

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