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/)

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)

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
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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
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Thompson National Bank building
Old Sturbridge Village Historic Building

Paper money, key, standing desk
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1965.27.3.15 Depositor’s Bank Book
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1965.27.6.5    Resolves, Directors of the Thompson National Bank;
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1965.27.8      Bank Book, The Thompson Savings Bank of Putnam
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