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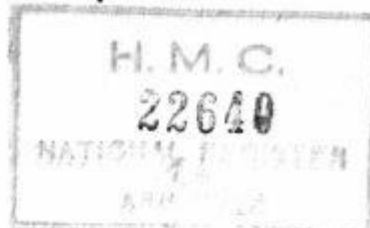
William Rushforth: canal trade papers:

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U82

Bills, receipts and letters, chiefly relating to innkeeping and inland navigation, 1836-1855, n.d.

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These records were found in an attic in the Wellington Hotel. They were apparently records collected by two early landlords of the Hotel, James Sidlow and William Rushforth. An article entitled "History in the Attic", which appeared in the publication Salford Pubs 2 (by Neil Richardson, Tony Flynn and Alan Gall, 1978), describes James Sidlow as being a landlord of the Hotel in the 1840s and early 1850s and William Rushforth as his successor. Other information regarding these landlords is given in this article.

These records show William Rushforth (who was also referred to as Rushworth and Rushford) to have had in the early 1840s a residence in Mirfield township, West Riding of Yorkshire, and to have been engaged in inland navigation. He was often referred to in bills and receipts as the captain or master of the flat "Sarah". Flats were vessels best known for their part in trading in the Mersey estuary. J. and J. Goodier of Mode Wheel Mill, Pendlebury (i.e. the detached part, which was added to Pendleton township in 1883, of Pendlebury township) were frequently noted in such bills and receipts as the owners of this flat. Other flats named in these records were the "Brothers", the "Sisters" and the "Mary Ann". A William Calvert was also mentioned in connection with the flats.

The records, many of which were in poor condition, were all found loose. For cataloguing a number have been assembled into artificial bundles, indicated below by such descriptions as "2 docs.", "3 docs.", etc. Some have bill headings, especially bills and receipts of Salford tradesmen and of canal companies.

CORRESPONDENCE

U82/C1

Letter (presumably to William Rushforth) from Mrs. Rushforth regarding the illness of "Samuel" (1 doc.) 1841

/C2

Commercial letter possibly from W. Rushforth (1 doc.) 1840

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CORRESPONDENCE (contd.)

U82/C3	Commercial letters or notes to W. Rushforth, incl. one from Hollins Green regarding the supplying of hay, 1846, and one from James Goodier, n.d. (4 docs.)	1842, 1844, 1846, n.d.
/C4	Commercial letters from James Goodier not addressed to W. Rushforth (2 docs.)	n.d.
/C5	Other commercial letters or instructions (3 docs.)	1844-45
ESTATE		
/E1	Handwritten agreement by William Rushton at Liverpool to load potatoes for Mr. Ireland for the flat "Brothers" (1 doc.)	1845
FINANCE		
/F1	Bills and receipts made out to James Sidlow of the "Wellington", 84 Regent Road, Salford, incl. bills for supplies of drinks and repair of barrels (16 docs.) Among these items are two receipts for payment of "gas rent", 1849, a poor rate demand, 1850, a receipt for porter bought from Benjamin Joule, 1850, bill from White Horse, Gilda Brook, Eccles, 1849, and a bill from John Jones, Bank Parade, Salford, cooper, n.d.	1847-50, n.d.
/F2-10	Various receipts made out to A. Dickens (or T.A. Dickens), John Hurst, William Critchley, Mr. Chedwell, John Fish, Mr. Banfield, Mr. Tonge, "George Armatag" and Benjamin Crowther (6 docs.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.) U82/F2 includes a bill from James Horrocks, 81 Oldfield Road, Salford, plumber, n.d.	1840-41, 1844-45, n.d.
/F11	Forwarding notes for wheat and other goods shipped for J. and J. Goodier (43 docs.) These notes were all described as being from Liverpool firms (especially Peter Marrow and Co.), except for one from Runcom, 1843, one from Wakefield, 1843, and one from Park Saw Mill (no address given, for "logs" and "deals"), 1843.	1840-45, n.d.
/F12	Forwarding notes for goods from J. and J. Goodier (6 docs.) The goods were flour or sacks; the destination was not marked on one note but for the others a Liverpool firm was quoted as the recipient.	1842, 1844-45
/F13	Acknowledgement of receipt of load of wheat for J. and J. Goodier (1 doc.)	1846
/F14	Bills and receipts (incl. some from W. Rushforth) to J. and J. Goodier for goods delivered, incl. receipts to Patricroft Colliery presumably for deliveries of coal, 1844, 1846 (12 docs.) For bills and receipts addressed to W. Rushforth but incl. some incurred on behalf of J. and J. Goodier see U82/F37.	1841, 1843-46, 1855, n.d.

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U82/F15	FINANCE (contd.) Receipts on behalf of J. and J. Goodier of Mode Wheel Mills (3 docs.) These receipts were made out to Mr. and Mrs. Rushforth. They have printed letterheadings with an illustration of mills.	1844-45
/F16	Statements, on printed paper with letterheading of the Mersey and Irwell Navigation, giving name of master and owners, loads (usually of wheat), weight of cargo and, sometimes, draught of the "Sarah" for travel from Runcorn to Mode Wheel (16 docs.)	1842-43
/F17	Bills, some on printed paper, due to the Mersey and Irwell Navigation, mostly addressed to J. and J. Goodier and receipted (54 docs., mostly fragmentary)	1841-46
/F18	Bills, on printed paper with letterheading of the Bridgewater Trustees struck out and name of Old Quay Company added in ink, giving name of steerer, weight of cargo and amount due, addressed to J. and J. Goodier or W. Rushforth, all with receipt for amount due (8 docs.)	1844, n.d.
/F19	Bills, as in U82/F18 but with letterheading of the Bridgewater Trustees unaltered, addressed to J. and J. Goodier, W. Rushforth or William Calvert, mostly receipted (14 docs.)	1843-45
/F20	Bills, on printed paper of the Manchester and Salford Junction Canal, giving name of cargo (usually wheat), its weight and amount due (23 docs.) On some of the earliest of these bills W. Rushforth is named as the owner.	1841-45
/F21	Certificates issued at Wakefield, on printed paper of the Calder and Hebble Navigation, of goods shipped, name of vessel not given, W. Rushforth or W. Calvert named as master or captain (17 docs.)	1840, 1842-45, n.d.
/F22-26	Statements, on printed paper of the same Navigation, of lock dues payable at wharves (Sowerby Bridge, Wakefield, Horbury Eridge and Brighouse) and at Fall- Ing Locks (57 docs.; 1 doc.; 4 docs.; 1 doc.; 1 doc.)	1840-46, n.d.
/F27	Receipt for amount due to the porters at Sowerby Bridge Wharf for labourage (1 doc.)	1845
/F28-31	Statements, on printed paper of the Rochdale Canal, of lock dues payable, Manchester Wharf, Sowerby Bridge Wharf, Tunnel Lock and Rochdale Wharf (49 docs.; 5 docs.; 5 docs.; 1 doc.)	1840-45, n.d.
/F32	Receipts for payments due to the porters at Rochdale Wharf for labourage (3 docs.)	1840-41
/F33	Statements, on printed paper of the Aire and Calder Navigation, of lock dues for Castleford Locks (5 docs.)	1840-42
/F34	Statements, on printed paper of the Barnsley Canal, of lock dues for Agbrigg Locks (2 docs.)	1840

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	FINANCE (contd.)	
U82/F35	Statements, on printed paper of the Dearne and Dove Canal, for Junction Lock (2 docs.)	1840
/F36	Statements of town dues (presumably Liverpool port dues) for various vessels, two made out at Runcorn but identity of those demanding these dues not indicated (3 docs.)	1843-44, n.d.
/F37	Bills and receipts made out to W. Rushforth, chiefly for repairs and equipment of vessels and for stabling and provisions for horses but also some personal bills (94 docs.) They include two bills from Isaac Statham, Tanners Lane, Pendleton, joiner and builder, for making two coffins for children, 1844-45, three demand notes for payment of poor rate, Mirfield, 1840, and a receipt for charge for delivering furniture from Mirfield to Mode Wheel, 1844.	1836-37, 1839-46, n.d.
/F38	Receipt made out to Sarah W. Rushforth at Runcorn for towage (1 doc.)	1844
/F39	Receipts made out to Benjamin Rushforth (2 docs.)	1841, 1846
/F40	Receipt made out to William Calvert (1 doc.)	1844
/F41	Various bills, receipts and notes, names of recipients not indicated (51 docs., mostly fragmentary) One of these docs. has a note that, as a measure for wheat and beans, one "hobbitt" was equal to 4 pecks, one peck for wheat containing 42 lbs., one peck for beans containing 45 lbs. The term "hobbitt" or "hobbit" is used in some of the receipts and bills forming part of this collection (e.g. in two receipts in U82/F14 dated 1844 and 1845).	1841-44, 1846, n.d.