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STEPHEN VAIL FAMILY PAPERS

Overview of Collection

Creator: Vail Family Members
Title: Stephen Vail Papers
Date: 1804-1956
Quantity: 17 boxes

Restrictions

Important Information for Users of the Collection

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

The Stephen Vail Papers were first described by Gunner M. Berg in January 1993. The papers were rehoused from a 4-drawer file cabinet to document boxes in August 2007 by Melanie Holster. Photocopies and other modern materials were separated to research files at the same time; these items remained in the 4-drawer file cabinet. Arrangement and description of the material was performed by Melanie Bump and Jennifer Elliott, as well as limited digitization in 2011. The Stephen Vail Papers were inventoried at a folder level by intern Mark McDonnell during June and July 2018 under the supervision of Melanie Bump. A revised finding aid was created and box lists were printed and filed by Mark McDonnell, July 11, 2018. The journals of Stephen Vail were included in the Stephen Vail Papers and added as a new Series at that time.

Biographical Note

Stephen Vail (1780-1864), son of farmer Davis Vail and Hannah Moore, was a successful businessman, skilled mechanic, inventor, farmer, and benefactor to churches, Jacksonian Democrat, promoter of early railroads, landowner, and slave owner. Stephen also served as Justice of the Peace and a lay judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

In 1808 Stephen bought one-half interest in a slitting mill at Speedwell, Morristown, New Jersey. The Speedwell Ironworks was a foundry and machine shop, manipulating but not creating iron. Stephen Vail built most of the steam engine for the *S.S. Savannah* (1818-1821) at Speedwell Ironworks and performed the engine's final installation on the ship. Stephen's younger son George became a partner in the Ironworks in the early 1830s. George managed the Ironworks after Stephen's death until 1873 with his stepbrother John Hedges Lidgerwood, when the Ironworks closed due to decreasing water power and competition with other mills.

Stephen purchased a house and land adjacent to the factory in 1830 from his son-in-law, adding a granary, a large barn, several outbuildings, and a carriage house. That property is now Historic Speedwell.

Stephen married three times, to Bethiah Youngs (1778-1847; m. 1801), Mary Carter Hedges Lidgerwood (1805-1860; m. 1848), and Phoebe Ann Miller (1818-1881; m. 1862). Stephen had four children who survived to adulthood: Harriet Vail Canfield (1802-1828), Alfred Vail (1807-1859), George Vail (1809-1875), and Sarah Louise Davis Cutler (1811-1887). Alfred Vail was a machinist and inventor. Along with Samuel Morse, Alfred was central in developing and commercializing American telegraphy between 1837 and 1844. George Vail was a Democratic Party politician who represented New Jersey's 4th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives from 1853 to 1857. George was partner in his father's Speedwell Ironworks and managed the business for several years following Stephen's death.

Scope and Content Note

The Stephen Vail Papers are comprised of materials relating to the Vail family and Stephen Vail's businesses, finances, and personal life. There is a large diversity of materials relating to the Vails including correspondence, genealogies, patents, business brochures, scrapbooks, diaries, and financial records. The highlight of the collection is Stephen Vail's diaries, forty years of documentation of life and events surrounding Stephen 1825-1865.

Associated Image Collection

The Speedwell Image Collection has been indexed and has its own [Finding Aid](#). The Collection represents examples from nearly all types of photography from the earliest daguerreotypes in the 1840s through modern digital photography and the subjects include the Vail Family, their descendants, the development and eventual decline of the Speedwell Ironworks.

Arrangement

The Stephen Vail Papers are organized into 3 series.

Series 1: Vail family by name

Correspondence, genealogies, wills, personal documents, scrapbooks, notes and patents of the Vail family.

Series 2: Business

Business brochures and catalogues; journal, bills, receipts, business correspondence, bank checks, account sheets, I.O.U.s, estate papers, last will of Stephen Vail; indentures, deeds, patents; manumission certificate.

Series 3: Journals of Stephen Vail, 1825-1865.

The journals of Stephen Vail, beginning March 19, 1825, and concluding February 15, 1865.

STEPHEN VAIL PAPERS

Series 1: Vail Family by Name

Box	Folder	Folder Description
1	1	Vail Family: genealogy: specific references to Montgomery line, 4 pages, pencil, chart; printed pages from Jeremiah Vail line, wills, general chart, envelope to Stanley House.
	2	Vail, Alfred, genealogy charts (one signed by Stephen Vail).
	3	Vail, Alfred: notes about Morristown written by; Alfred Vail (Ransford Rogers, Morristown ghost, etc.), 1851.
	4	Vail, Alfred: 2 receipts from St. Paul's school; bill from St. Paul's school.
	5	Vail, Alfred, will, copy of.
	6	16 envelopes addressed to Alfred Vail.
	7	Alfred Vail dedication program, 1956; "History of Fort Monmouth," photocopy; Signal corps facility named Camp Alfred Vail, 1917.
	8	Vail, Alfred Montgomery: letter from grandmother on 7 th birthday; invitation to the wedding of Alfred Montgomery and Phoebe Slocum; letters; hair; article on Panama Canal with signature.
	9	Vail, George, signature on paper.
	10	Vail, George, letter and drawing re: steam engine.
	11	Vail, George: (3) copies of printed letter from Morris County Whig Central Committee against George Vail's campaign and Kansas-Nebraska Act, Oct. 31, 1854; photo sheet of mention in <i>Jerseyman</i> , 1850, regarding qualification for Congress.
	12	Vail, George: report to the New Jersey Commissioners to the World's Fair to His Excellency George F. Fort, Governor of New Jersey, Morristown, NJ, 1852.
	13	Vail, George, copies: will; references to Willow Hall, George Vail & Co., and political career; obituary.
	14	Vail, James Cummings: certificate for "Telephone Pioneers of America," 1911; memorial program; certificate of baptism; "steamship Oceanic" passenger list, 1873.
	14a	Vail, James Cummings: legal papers (1870-1918) Marriage Cert. Passport (Gift of A. Vail 1992)

- 15 Vail, James Cummings: US Navy repair ship, Port Royal S.C., drawing and frame.
- 16 Vail, Theodore, book by. *A Greater Boston and A Greater New England* 1913.
- 17 Vail, Theodore, various published articles.
- 18 Vail, Theodore, "Public Utilities & Public Policy," *The Atlantic Monthly*, March 1913, Boston: The Atlantic Monthly Company, 1913, pp. 307-319.
- 19 Vail, Alfred, named in drawing.
- 20 Vail, Hatty, to Lewis, William, letter, 1825.
- 21 Vail, Edward S., to Stephen Vail, re: Alfred's death, June 20, 1863.
- 22 Vail family genealogy: research and correspondence, large wall chart, Alfred Vail's chart, letter.
- 23 Vail family genealogy, chart and text by Alfred Vail.

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2	1	Vail, Samuel, journal (missing pages).
	2	Vail, Dr. William H. Article, "The Banner," Aug. 7, 1930, 85 th birthday.
	3	Vail family correspondence with relatives; Vail family picnic info, 1980; Index card notes from Vail descendants.
	4	Cutler, Dr. Silas Condict, journal, Nov. 1832 – Oct. 1835, photocopy, part 1 of 2 – up to Jan. 23, 1834, 109 pages, not transcribed.
	5	Cutler, Dr. Silas Condict, journal photocopy, Nov. 1832 – Oct. 1835, part 2 of 2 – from Jan. 24, 1834 to end.
	6	Cutler, Dr. Silas Condict, 1833 diary, photocopy, begins Nov. 1833, 182 pages.
	6a	Cutler, Sarah Cecilia, recipe book, ca. 1850(?).
	7	Pierson, Aldero H., notes regarding engine. Relating to Canfield.
	8	Zuill, Janette Cummings Vail, papers; banknote – Bank of Bermuda, Ruth Wilkinson; article re: Revere house on Dehart Street, written by J.C. Vail; dedication of Alfred Vail Hall; scriptural notes by Ruth Wilkinson
3	9	Lidgerwood, post office note, Wall Street to Morristown.
	1	Newspapers, 1894, <i>New York Times</i> (2) and <i>The Sun</i> (1), no connection to Vails, came wrapped around lantern slides given by Alfred Vail, Jan. 1992.
	2	Vail, Alfred Slocum, assorted pictures and drawings
	3	Vail, Alfred Slocum, patent applications by A.S. Vail, 1960s; obituary, 2000.

- 4 Vail, Alfred Slocum, geometrical drawings and blueprint copies related to telegraph.
- 5 Barnes, Albert (minister of Presbyterian Church, Morristown, NJ), letter to Silas Emmett, 1856, with photo of church.
- 4 1 Vail, Stephen Jr., to Stephen Vail, 1862-63.
- 2 Vail, James Cummings to Alfred (?), and one to "uncle;" letters from J.C. Vail to mother from Europe 1867-68.
- 3 Vail, James Cummings to "mother" from Hilton Head, S.C. – Civil War, 1862.
- 4 Vail, James Cummings to Stephen Vail, while in Union Army, 1861-62, in South Carolina. Christmastime letter.
- 5 Vail, James Cummings, letters to "mother" during Civil War, 1860s, South Carolina and Florida; and from Europe to mother, brother and uncle, 1860s.
- 6 Bertram, Fannie (no date).
- 7 Bertram, H., 1863.
- 8 Huppertz, (Mary) Louise Vail, to grandparents.
- 9 Huppertz, William, from Prussia, 1863.
- 10 Lidgerwood, Harriet Bethiah Vail, letters to Stephen Vail, 1862-63.
- 11 Cutler, Jane Elizabeth, to Stephen Vail, 1862-63.
- 12 Cutler, Augustus W., letters to Stephen Vail, 1861.
- 13 Cutler, Augustus W., letters to Stephen Vail, 1862.
- 14 Cutler, Augustus W., letters to Stephen Vail, 1863, with notes written 1987(?).
- 15 Cutler, Sarah Cecilia, to Stephen Vail, 1862-63.
- 16 Cutler, Kate, to "Grandpa," 1868.
- 17 Lidgerwood, Rachel, to Stephen Vail, re: money, 1861.
- 18 Canfield, Harriet Vail, letters to "grandpa," from Bethlehem, P.A., 1863.
- 19 Lidgerwood, Harriet B.V.C. from Hannah Moore Johnson, 1895.
- 20 Lidgerwood, Mary, 2 letters to Carolyn Foster, 1899.
- 21 Lidgerwood, William Van Vleck (Stephen Vail's stepson), letters to Stephen Vail, 1862-63, Rio de Janiero, transcriptions.

- 22 Lidgerwood, Mary Carter Hedges, note from Florence V.V. Lidgerwood, explaining Mary Carter Hedges Lidgerwood's shawl, 1933.
- 5 1 Vail, Alfred, to Stephen Vail – hands from a watch; letters.
- 2 Vail, George, to Stephen Vail, 1861 – George in Union Army at Bull Run.
- 3 Vail, Sarah Davis Vail Cutler Hurd, letters to Stephen Vail, 1862-1863, and one to "grandpa," 1861.
- 4 Hurd, Whitfield H., letters to Stephen Vail, 1861-63.
- 5 Wolle, Francis, Schoolmaster Moravian Seminary, and re: Hattie Canfield
- 6 Young family.
- 7 Vail, Stephen, to William Penn Vail.
- 8 Vail, Lewis D., letters to Stephen Vail, 1861-63; business cards.
- 9 Envelope addressed to Phoebe Ann Miller, Newark, NJ (HS2012.3)
- 6 1 *Farmer and Mechanic* newspaper, April 17, 1852, re: sawmill.
- 2a Logan, Vail & Co., manufacturer's price list, 1852.
- 2b Canfield & Lidgerwood billhead.
- 3 Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company, brochure, "The Lidgerwood Exhibit at the Pan American Exposition," May 1901.
- 4 Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company, catalogue, "Lidgerwood Cableways," 1904.
- 5 Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company, catalogue, "Lidgerwood Logging Systems," 1905.
- 6 Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company, catalogue, "Lidgerwood Hoisting Engines," 1913.
- 7 Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company, catalogues, 20th century, hoists.
- 8 Lidgerwood catalogue, 1900, Richard W. Seabury.
- 15 **Item** Manuscript book, Jane Elizabeth Cummings, interpretations of biblical scripture, c. 1832-1855. HS1992.38.
- 15 **Item** James Cummings Vail, diary of 1873 visit to Europe. HS1992.30.

- 15 Item** James Cummings Vail, diary of 1867-68 visit to Europe. Includes handwritten copy of letter to S.F.B. Morse, Dec. 30, 1869, re: telegraphic instruments left to S.F.B. Morse in Alfred Vail's will. HS1992.29.
- 15 Item** Journal, James Cummings Vail, notes on Vail family genealogy. HS1992.31.
- 15 Item** James Cummings Vail, diary of 1867-68 visit to Europe. HS1992.28.
- 17 Item** Alfred Vail journal: list of expenses; notes on family members' birth and death dates. HS1979.89.
- 17 Item** Scrapbook, creator unknown: diary entries, images, newspaper clippings, c. 1847-1863. Includes newspaper clipping of President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving address, 1863. HS1992.8.
- 17 Item** James Cummings Vail, scrapbook, including: "American Inventors of the Telegraph," from *The Century Magazine*, April 1888, pp. 924-945, featuring Alfred and Stephen Vail; correspondence, ca. 1891-1917, re: the *Century* article, controversy over credit for invention of the telegraph.
- I Drive** Scan of Letter from Harriet Vail to Stephen Vail from Moravian Seminary, 1817 HS2018.7
- I Drive** Scans of 11 documents relating to the Huppertz descendants of George Vail. HS2018.7

Series 2: Business

Box	Folder	Folder Description
7	1	Letter re: S.S. <i>Savannah</i> tea set, May 22, 1819.
	2	S.S. <i>Savannah</i> , 10 letters from Stephen Vail in Savannah, 1817-1819, copies; 18 stamps, in sleeves, commemorating <i>Savannah</i> .
	3a	Various images relating to S.S. <i>Savannah</i> .
	3b	Various images relating to S.S. <i>Savannah</i> .
	4	S.S. <i>Savannah</i> commemorative stamps, 1944.
	5	Misc. publications re: S.S. <i>Savannah</i> .
	6	S.S. <i>Savannah</i> , general research.
	7	S.S. <i>Savannah</i> , research re: log book.
	8	S.S. <i>Savannah</i> , finding remains; articles, journal re: Savannah, 1958; correspondence from F. Braynard, 1958.

- 9 S.S. *Savannah*, Braynard's notes re: steam log; engine; Klinkowstrom's account.
- 10 S.S. *Savannah*, Braynard's Russian correspondence.
- 11 S.S. *Savannah*, Braynard's notes: newspaper articles, Moses Rogers, appendix.
- 12 Misc. maritime-related documents, not related to *Savannah*.
- 8 1 Vail, Stephen, bill from Rowe & Bird, Sep. 1864.
- 2 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate.
- 3 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: receipt to executors of estate; bills to executors of estate.
- 4 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate.
- 5 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate.
- 6 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate.
- 7 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: note from Jacob Tucker received by Henry Vail regarding open accounts, Nov. 1816.
- 8 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: note from Davis Vail to Henry Pitney, ratified Davis Vail as person named to execute estate, Oct. 1864; note to executors of estate about gold watch; bill to executors; estate document, Harriet B.V. Lidgerwood, Stephen Vail bequest to granddaughter Harriet B.V. Cutler, pianoforte, property, books, housekeeping articles, homestead, barns, sheds, horses, farming and gardening tools, Sep. 1864.
- 9 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate: Alphem Clausen, 22" shingles, Jan. 1865; Isaac Rogers, Jan. 1864; Julia Behan, Apr. 1865; Theo A. Egbert, Aug. 1865
- 10 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate: Kate Martin, Apr. 1865; Lewis Pierson, Apr. 1865; Joseph Ballantine, Apr. 1865; Canfield Lidgerwood, Apr. 1865.
- 11 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate: Joseph Ballantine, Aug. 1864; Joseph Ballantine, Sep. 1864; statement of John P. Cooks, Apr. 1865; Phoebe Ann Vail v. Estate, Nov. 1864.
- 12 Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate: Francis Wolle, Apr. 1865; receipt of payment, Theo Little, Jan. 1865; Jesse Smith (appraiser); L.A. Chandler; Francis Wolles, Sep. 1864.

- 13** Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate: Joseph Ballantine, Apr. 1865; document with gold and silver costs and percentage increase; note with mathematical equations; stocks.
- 14** Vail, Stephen, estate papers: bills to executors of estate: account with G.P. Tucker, Dec. 1810; Daniel Goghlan, Sep. 1864.
- 15** Vail, Stephen, estate papers. John Quinn Butcher Account 1986, Smith Casey Textile Account, W. Vail gold watch.
- 16** Vail, Stephen, Last Will & Testament, 1864; burial certificate, 1864; funeral bill, 1865; estate tax bill, 1864.
- 17** Vail, Stephen, Last Will, printed copy.
- 18** Settlement of Estate of Stephen Vail, sale of property distributed among heirs, (Gift of W.V.V. Lidgerwood Dec 1991)
- 19** W. Vail Receipt for Marble statuette, Italy 1872
- 9**
- 1** Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1861-1863.
- 2** Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1863.
- 3** Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1863-1864.
- 4** Bank checks, Iron Bank, 1863, and Hackettstown Bank, 1864.
- 5** Bank checks, Iron Bank, 1863.
- 6** Bank checks, Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, 1864, and Iron Bank, 1862.
- 7** Bank checks, Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, 1863, and Iron Bank, 1862.
- 8** Bank checks, Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, 1863.
- 9** Bank checks, Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, 1861, 1864, with notes.
- 10** Bank checks, Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, 1851-1863, with notes.
- 11** Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1861-1864.
- 12** Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1861-1862.
- 13** Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1858, 1860.
- 14** Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1858, 1860-61.
- 15** Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1862, and Iron Bank, 1864.

- 16 Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1858, 1860, 1862, and Iron Bank, 1864.
- 17 Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank. 1860-62.
- 18 Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1861.
- 19 Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1861-63.
- 20 Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1862-63.
- 21 Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1862-63.
- 22 Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1861-63.
- 23 Bank checks, Iron Bank, 1862-64, and Hackettstown Bank, 1863.
- 24 Bank checks, Iron Bank, 1863, and Hackettstown Bank, 1860.
- 25 Bank checks, Hackettstown Bank, 1860.
- 10 1 Notes on Interest.
- 2 Assorted financial papers, 1830s-1860s; includes estate of wife's relative U. Cutter, and Stephen Vail estate sale to Lidgerwood.
- 3 Vail, Stephen, blank check books and legal forms; stock dividends list, 1863; New York City property mortgages list.
- 4 Vail, Stephen, bills: 1858-1863, rents and merchant services.
- 5 Bank books: "Morris County Bank, S. Vail, 1855," 1855-1860; "The Morris County Bank with Stephen Vail, Esq.," 1851-1854.
- 6 Cancelled I.O.U.s, 1840s-1850s, 20 items.
- 7 Bonds from Stephen Vail to various for loans, 7 items, 1807-1841.
- 11 1 Vail, Stephen, journal, 22 Feb. – 22 June, 1843; and printed book, *The Sketch Book* (1819).
- 2 Vail, Stephen, manuscript, "History of the First Steam Boat," written by Stephen Vail (?).
- 3 Indentures, deeds, mortgages, for properties of Stephen Vail, 10 items.
- 4 Manumission certificate freeing a slave of Stephen Vail, Sep. 28, 1833.
- 5 Indentures, deeds, re: Stephen Vail, 1801-1818, 14 items.

- 6** Indentures re: Stephen Vail, 1820-1824, 8 items.
- 7** Account sheet, Stephen Vail, 1856.
- 8** Indentures re: Stephen Vail, 1825-1829, 13 items.
- 9** Vail, Alfred, & Thomas P. Cummings, indentures (2), New York City, 1836; quitance, 1849.
- 10** Vail, Stephen, insurance with the American Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company, the Hope Fire Insurance Co., re: properties in Morristown, Hackettstown, Sparta, 5 items, 1857-1861.
- 11** Account sheet, Stephen and George Vail with Nathan Horton (blacksmith?), 1840.
- 12** Indentures re: Stephen Vail, 1830-1851, 22 items.
- 13** Account books, "October 1857, Force & Bayles, Meat had of them;" "Stephen Vail in a/c with Smith and Caskey," 1856; "Mr. Stephen Vail in a/c with Sylvester Force," 1857-58; 1845-47 account book re: coal and hauling.
- 14** Account books, "Augustus Cutler in a/c with Crate & Bell," 1860; "Stephen Vail, Esq., in a/c with Smith & Caskey, 1862;" 1858-60 meat book for John D. [Guenens], the butcher; 1863 book of accounts carried forward.
- 15** Account sheets of Stephen Vail, 1850-59, with local merchants.
- 16** Account sheets of Stephen Vail, 1860-69, with local merchants.
- 12** **1** Receipt Book of Stephen Vail, 1804.
- 12** **2** Cutler, Dr. Silas C., receipt for rent of "Kinney farm," June 1, 1841.
- 12** **3** Receipts to Vail + Son and Stephen Vail, 1850s.
- 12** **4** Receipts and list of debtors to Stephen Vail and W. Lidgerwood, 1832 (chestnut logs), 1840, 1853, 1854.
- 12** **5** Receipts for debt to Stephen Vail, 1858.
- 12** **6** Bills to Stephen Vail, 1860.
- 12** **7** Receipts and bill, from and to Stephen Vail, 1861.
- 12** **8** Receipts and bills, from and to Stephen Vail, 1862.
- 12** **9** Receipts and bills, from and to Stephen Vail, 1863.
- 13** **1** Baldwin correspondence.

- 13 2** Business correspondence, John Jellif & Co. to Stephen Vail, Sep. 1873.
- 13 3** Correspondence from H.H. Miller to Stephen Vail, Feb. 8, 1863.
- 13 4** Correspondence to Stephen Vail, ca. 1863.
- 13 5** Letter to Stephen Vail from Mingo, May 11, 1863.
- 13 6** Letters to Stephen Vail, 1863, 2 items.
- 13 7** Letters to Stephen Vail, ca. 1857-62.
- 13 8** Keays, Thomas, to Stephen Vail, re: apple whiskey & Democratic elections, 1862-63.
(missing as of 10/9/2019)
- 13 9** Johnson, Jacob, correspondence re: insurance, loans, mortgage and bonds, 1861-63, 10 items.
- 13 10** Vail, Stephen, correspondence, Feb. – Dec. 1863.
- 13 11** Canfield, Davis Vail, correspondence re: estate of Davis Vail Canfield, incl. will, 1849-51.
- 13 12** Letter to Stephen Vail from E. Winton, Oct. 7, 1863.
- 13 13** Vail, Stephen, correspondence re: installation of “steam apparatus” in Vail Mansion, 1862.
- 13 14** Letters from Baker & Smith, Low Pressure Steam and Ventilating Apparatus, to Stephen Vail, 1862.
- 13 15** Letter, John Tutl to Stephen Vail, with response, 1862; John Lidgerwood C.C.
- 13 16** Blair, John, letter to Stephen Vail, 1856.
- 13 17** Patents: original patent for tank feeder, including working drawings.
- 13 18** Vail, Stephen, assorted correspondence: letter referring to a barn being built on Hackettstown farm; acquisition of Berkshire Valley house and gardens.
- 13 19** Waterwheel diagrams with gearing machinery (no date or signature).
- 13 20** Vail, Stephen, order book for Ironworks, 1816, 4 pages.
- 13 21** Vail, Stephen, to William Cray: letter referring to purchase of Ironworks property, with photocopy, 14 Oct. 1817.
- 13 22** Vail, George, business correspondence, 1851, 1861-62.
- 13 23** Railroads: stock calls, dividend notices, passenger tickets.

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| 13 | 24 | Morris & Essex Railroad Company, blank dividend notices. |
| 13 | 25 | Manuscript stamped John W. Sieben, re: Morris & Essex Railroad Company. |
| 13 | 26 | New York Floating Dry Dock Co., list of stockholders and shared, 1855. |
| 16 | | 35 bank notes, values ranging \$0.10 - \$12 ½. Includes one \$2 note signed A.S. Vail.
HS1990.80-112. |

Series 3: Journals of Stephen Vail

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| 14 | 1 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Mar. 9, 1825 – Dec. 31, 1826. |
| 14 | 2 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Jan. 1, 1827 – May 1, 1829. |
| 14 | 3 | Vail, Stephen, journal, May 1, 1829 – Aug. 17, 1832. |
| 14 | 4 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Aug. 22, 1832 – Jan. 7, 1838. |
| 14 | 5 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Jan. 1, 1838 – Aug. 10, 1839. |
| 14 | 6 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Aug. 11, 1839 – Oct. 31, 1840. |
| 14 | 7 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Nov. 1, 1840 – Aug. 1, 1842. |
| 14 | 8 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Aug. 1, 1842 – Nov. 30, 1843. |
| 14 | 9 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Dec. 1, 1843 – Mar. 31, 1845. |
| 14 | 10 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Apr. 1, 1845 – Jun. 10, 1848. |
| 14 | 11 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Jun. 11, 1848 – Apr. 30, 1855. |
| 14 | 12 | Vail, Stephen, journal, May 1, 1855 – Oct. 31, 1858. |
| 14 | 13 | Vail, Stephen, journal, Nov. 1, 1858 – Apr. 30, 1862. |
| 14 | 14 | Vail, Stephen, journal, May 1, 1862 – Feb. 15, 1865. Stephen stops writing June 20, 1864. Journal continued formally on July 7 by John Lidgerwood. Account of Stephen's death, p. 91. |

Existence of related materials in other Collections:

Speedwell Library:

Stephen Vail diaries research by Dorothy Truman, 9 boxes. (HS2013.24.1)
Transcriptions of letters by James Cummings Vail. (Green binder.)
Vail Telegraph Collection of the Smithsonian Institution Archives. (Black binder.)
Smithsonian Alfred Vail Manuscripts, 10 bound volumes. (HS2005.7).

North Jersey History & Genealogy Center, Morristown & Morris Township Library
<http://www.jfpl.org/NJHistoryHome.cfm>

Vail Telegraph Collection, Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C.
http://siarchives.si.edu/collections/siris_arc_217214

Alfred Vail genealogical research papers

The New York Public Library Humanities and Social Sciences Library, The Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy
<http://www.newyorkpubliclibrary.com/sites/default/files/archivalcollections/pdf/nygbco11166.pdf>

Alfred Vail (1807-1859), Inventor, Papers, The New Jersey Historical Society
<http://www.jerseyhistory.org/findingaiddirnb.php?dir=EAD/faid0500&aid=mg0050>