

## Exploring the Thames and Severn Import Books

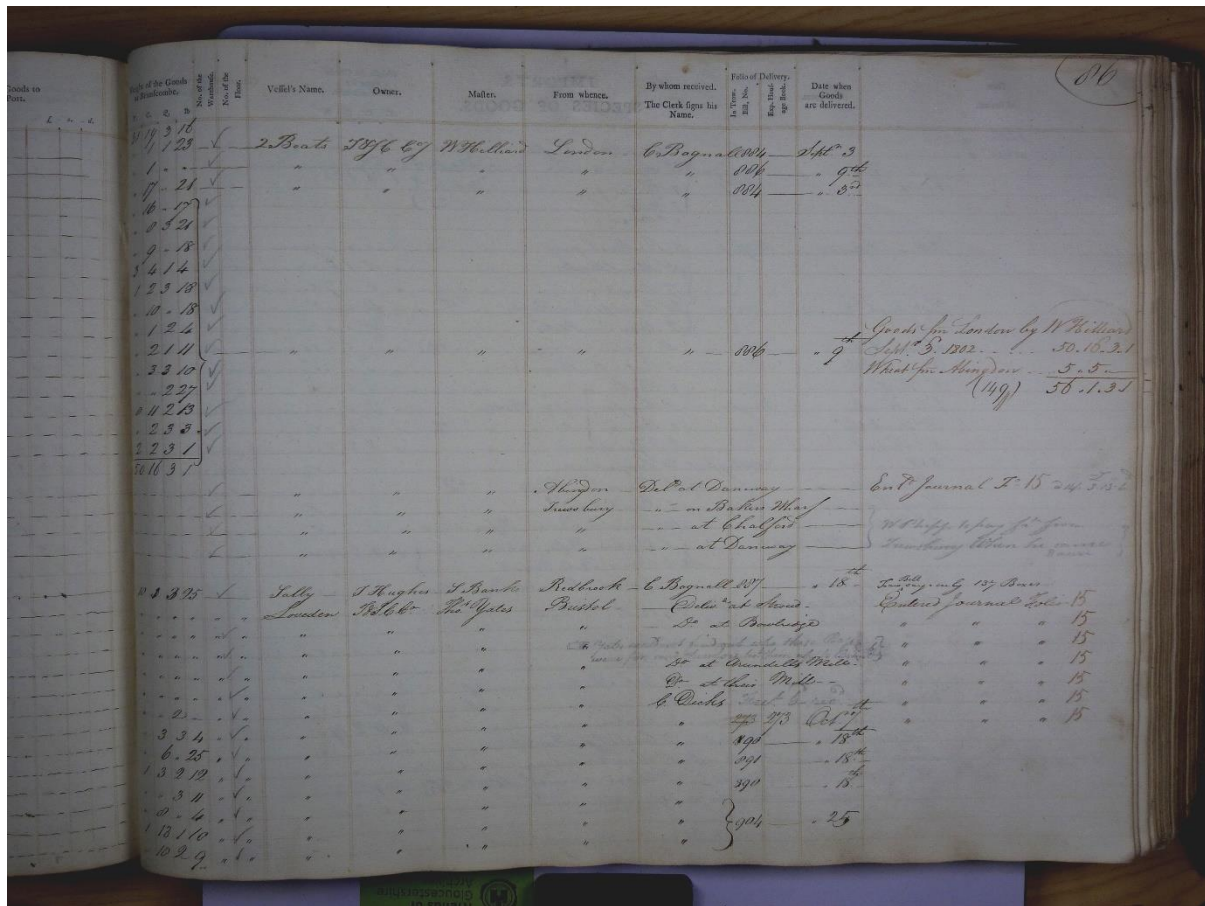
During the early days of the Thames and Severn Canal the canal company ran its own trading company from Brimscombe Port. Every item coming into the warehouse there was recorded in an Import Book, and every item going out was recorded in an Export Book. Both these books had entries spread over two large folio pages.

On the first page of the Import Book were recorded details of the Date of Arrival, the name and location of the Consignees who were to receive the goods when delivered, the Species of Goods consigned, and, for goods to be exported from Brimscombe, the Weight of the Goods recorded as tons, hundredweights, quarters and pounds. Where charges were to be applied within Brimscombe Port these were also recorded, but such charges were only applied in certain cases.

| Date of Arrival. | Consignees.      | SPECIES OF GOODS.                | Weight the Goods came for to Brimscombe. |    |    |     | Charges paid on Goods to Brimscombe Port. |         |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--|----|----|-----|---|---------|
|                  |                  |                                  | T.                                       | C. | Q. | Lb. |   |         |
| 1802<br>Sept 3   | Cowell & Co      | Worcester                        | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | Rice             | Monmouth                         | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | W. Powell        | Hereford                         | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | Hopball & Co     | Bristol                          | 19                                       |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | James & Eldames  | "                                | 6  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | Mr. Jacobs       | "                                | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | CS               | "                                | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | R & P            | "                                | 2  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | W. Harris & Co   | "                                | 10                                       |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | J. Hare          | "                                | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | R. Cuthwell      | Bath                             | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | W. Angles        | "                                | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | R & B            | Pen. by Pool                     | 20                                       |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | J. Allen & Co    | Wells                            | 1  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | G. Hallaway      | Bath                             | 4  |    |    |     |   |         |
| Not entered      |                  |                                  |  |    |    |     |   |         |
|                  | M. Lousley       | Aston Farm of Hanbury            | 20                                       |    |    |     |   | 5 5     |
|                  | J. B. Baker      | Brimscombe                       | 30                                       |    |    |     |   | 1 10    |
|                  | M. Smart         | Chalford                         | 10                                       |    |    |     |   | 1 5     |
|                  | G. Drake         | Dunway                           | 4  |    |    |     |   | 6       |
|                  | J. P. & Co       | London                           | 138                                      |    |    |     |   | 10      |
|                  | Watson & Buttner | Stroud                           | 38                                       |    |    |     |   | 3 15    |
|                  | Chas. Glover     | "                                | 2  |    |    |     |   | 3 2 2 1 |
|                  | W. B.            | "                                | 2  |    |    |     |   | 3 3 2 1 |
|                  | Man. Cooks       | Abundant Mill                    | 7  |    |    |     |   | 14      |
|                  | S. & W. Watkin   | Strampton                        | 2  |    |    |     |   | 4 22    |
|                  | James Stratton   | "                                | 1  |    |    |     |   | 2       |
|                  | F. P.            | "                                | 2  |    |    |     |   | 4       |
|                  | Williams Smith   | Chalford                         | 1  |    |    |     |   | 5       |
|                  | G. W. P.         | Hamble                           | 5  |    |    |     |   | 1       |
|                  | John Hamble      | to be returned at the same place | 1  |    |    |     |   | 2       |
|                  | William Goddard  | George                           | 3  |    |    |     |   | 8       |
|                  |                  |                                  | 5  |    |    |     |   | 1 10    |
|                  | Chas. D. Ashford | Frenchland                       | 2  |    |    |     |   | 10      |

The second page of the spread recorded the Weight of the Goods when they arrived at Brimscombe by boat, in tons, hundredweights, quarters and pounds, the Vessel Name(s) that they arrived in, the Owner of the vessel(s), the Master in charge of the vessel(s), From Whence the cargo arrived, and the clerk they were received by, which Folio their delivery was recorded in, which Folio their subsequent export was recorded in, and the Date when Goods are Delivered.

The scale of the expected trade was obviously expected to be significant as there were also columns for recording the Number of the Warehouse and the Number of the Floor, but these columns do not seem to have been used.



Not all of this information has been recorded in our summaries, which record the Date the goods arrived, where the goods had arrived from (From Where), the Consignee (For), Where the consignee was located, the Cargo received, and the tonnage (to the nearest hundredweight).

| Date in    | From         | For                | Where                     | Cargo   | Tons  |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------|
| 1802-09-01 | J Parker     | S Price            | Stroud                    | 7 Wheels & 1 Brass Pattern  | 0.15  |
| 1802-09-01 | J Parker     | S Price            | Stroud                    | 1 Wheel   | 0.2   |
| 1802-09-01 | Jordan & Co  | Col Warnford       | Warnford Place, Highworth | 4 Cases   | 0.7   |
| 1802-09-01 | J Hill & Son | To Hambro Wharf    | London                    | 138 bags, 9 half bags, Nails, numbered  | 11.5  |
| 1802-09-01 | J Hill & Son | T & P Green        | London                    | 4 bags, 6 half bags, Nails, TPG   | 0.6   |
| 1802-09-01 | J Hill & Son | Johnson & Sandford | London                    | 8 bags, 5 half bags, Nails, J&S   | 0.9   |
| 1802-09-01 | J Hill & Son | W Simpson          | London                    | 5 bags Nails, WS  | 0.35  |
| 1802-09-01 | J Hill & Son | John Vardon        | London                    | 4 bags Nails, JY  | 0.3   |
| 1802-09-01 | J Hill & Son | T & M Hill         | London                    | 1 bag, 3 half bags, Nails TH  | 0.2   |
| 1802-09-01 | J G Ames     | Towley & Co        | London                    | 50 bags Horse Shoe Moulds   | 5     |
| 1802-09-01 | S Danks & Co | James MacDougall   | London                    | 182 bars Iron   | 3     |
| 1802-09-01 | S Danks & Co | W Blandy           | Reading                   | 3 Casks   | 1.5   |
| 1802-09-01 | Stourport    | W Blandy           | Reading                   | 69 bars Iron  | 1     |
| 1802-09-01 | Stourport    | E Bateman, Bampton | Todpole Wharf             | 1 Lead Pot, 2 Furnaces, 29 Pots, 3 Pitch Pans, 7 Bushes, 1 Basket, 6 Purgatories, 2 Door Frames, 6 Grates | 0.6   |
| 1802-09-01 | Hawker & Co  | R A Nobes          | Swindon                   | 4 bags Nails, RAN   | 0.2   |
| 1802-09-01 | Stourport    | John Oxenford Esq  | Custom House, London      | 2 barrels Cider   |       |
| 1802-09-03 | London       | EK                 | Swindon                   | 1 chest Soap  | 0.15  |
| 1802-09-03 | London       | ES                 | Wanbro                    | 3 casks & 1 hoghead Tallow  | 11.65 |
| 1802-09-03 | London       | ES                 | Swindon                   | 3 chests Soap   | 0.45  |

The separation of the Consignee details into name and place has allowed us to analyse the tonnages sent to specific places and to specific customers.

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| 1  | Date in    | From       | For           | Where    | Cargo                    | Tons |   |   |   |   |   |
| 51 | 1802-09-03 | London     | Mr Smart      | Chalford | 10 sacks Flour           | 1.25 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 52 | 1802-09-04 | Bristol    | William Smith | Chalford | 1 cask Dye               | 0.4  |   |   |   |   |   |
| 53 | 1802-09-10 | Gloucester | James Small   | Chalford | 2 packs Wool             | 0.25 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 54 | 1802-09-10 | Gloucester | W Wyman       | Chalford | 2 packs Wool             | 0.25 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 55 | 1802-09-10 | Gloucester | Mr Cox        | Chalford | 2 packs Wool             | 0.25 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 56 | 1802-09-10 | Gloucester | Richard Chew  | Chalford | 3 bars Iron              | 0.1  |   |   |   |   |   |
| 57 | 1802-09-10 | Gloucester | W Park        | Chalford | 3 packs Wool             | 0.35 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 58 | 1802-09-10 | Gloucester | John Child    | Chalford | 1 cask Liquor & 1 Hamper | 0.25 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 59 | 1802-09-10 | Gloucester | Mr Walker     | Chalford | 1 bag Beans              | 0.05 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 60 | 1802-09-17 | Gloucester | C Innell      | Chalford | 3 packs Wool             | 0.35 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 61 | 1802-09-17 | Gloucester | Mr Toghill    | Chalford | 9 packs Wool             | 1.1  |   |   |   |   |   |

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| 1   | Date in    | From     | For             | Where           | Cargo                               | Tons |   |   |   |   |   |
| 201 | 1802-09-18 | Bristol  | Rober Pumfrey   | Wantage         | 10 bundles Iron Hoops               | 0.25 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 202 | 1802-09-04 | Bristol  | Robert Ferguson | Deptford        | 3 Casks & 1 Basket                  | 0.5  |   |   |   |   |   |
| 203 | 1802-09-04 | Bristol  | S & N Wathen    | Hampton         | 2 bags Spanish Wool S&NWH           | 0.2  |   |   |   |   |   |
| 204 | 1802-09-06 | Bristol  | S & N Wathen    | Hampton         | 14 bags Spanish Wool, 1 truss Linen | 1.35 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 205 | 1802-09-22 | London   | S & N Wathen    | Hampton         | 2 Chests                            | 0.35 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 206 | 1802-09-17 | Bristol  | S & N Wathen    | Thrup           | 2 chests Soap                       | 0.35 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 207 | 1802-09-06 | Bristol  | S Appleyard     | Minchinhampton  | 3 lumps Sugar                       | 0.05 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 208 | 1802-09-18 | Bristol  | S C L Esq       | London          | 6 hampers Water                     | 0.45 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 209 | 1802-09-22 | London   | S Clissold      | Ebley nr Stroud | 1 pipe Oil                          | 0.65 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 210 | 1802-09-01 | J Parker | S Price         | Stroud          | 7 Wheels & 1 Brass Pattern          | 0.15 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 211 | 1802-09-01 | J Parker | S Price         | Stroud          | 1 Wheel                             | 0.2  |   |   |   |   |   |

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