

First National Bank Collection (SC201)

Introduction

The First National Bank of Kansas City was started in 1886 by James Lewis Lombard and Colonel James L. Abernathy, and served Kansas City for over 100 years. This collection, donated by a former president of Bank of America's Kansas City region, consists of business records of a long-standing Kansas City banking institution, as well as building records of the former First National Bank and current Kansas City Public Library Central Branch.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: First National Bank of Kansas City
Title: First National Bank Collection
Dates: 1834-1990
Size: 11.8 linear feet, 17 boxes, 1 map drawer folder
Collection Number: SC201

Donor Information

Gift, Spencer Heddens, 2011.

Citation Note

First National Bank Collection (SC201), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional items originally donated with this collection have been processed as a separate collection and are now in SC200 Speas Company Collection. Additional donations of material relating to First National Bank can be found in SC202 First National Bank and Safe Deposit Company Collection.

Additional forms available: The Missouri Valley Special Collections holds additional copies of *Annual Report: First National Bank of Kansas City, 1966* (MVSC Q 332.1 F5272AN); *Annual Report: First National Charter Corp, 1976, 1980* (MVSC Q 332.1 F52AN); *The First 100 Years of "the First"* (MVSC Q 332.1 B662F); and *Our 75th Anniversary Year, 1886-1961* (MVSC PF 332.1 F5272O). Some items from this collection have been digitized and are available to view at [KCHistory.org](http://www.kchistory.org).

Historical Sketch

The First National Bank of Kansas City was founded in 1886 when James Lewis Lombard and Colonel James L. Abernathy combined their resources to turn a private bank into a national bank charter. The bank opened in a rental space in the Junction Building at 9th and Main Streets, but then moved to the Heist Building at 8th and Main

in 1891. By 1906 a new building, designed by the architect firm of Wilder and Wight, was built for the bank at 10th and Baltimore. This building was expanded and remodeled several times, including a large addition north of the main building designed by the architect firm Marshall and Brown and completed in 1964. The bank also rented two floors of the Ten Main Center building to the east in 1968 and then additional floors in 1980. In 1985 First National Bank merged with Boatmen's Bank and Trust Company and CharterBank Ward Parkway, and became Boatmen's First National Bank of Kansas City. In 1999 the bank reorganized under Bank of America and moved its main branch to 1200 Main Street.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains records of the bank's organization, property holdings, building plans, and daily business from its founding to shortly after its reorganization as Boatmen's First National Bank in 1985. The items in this collection document part of the company's history, but are not a complete record of the First National Bank of Kansas City. Smaller donations of First National Bank material are compiled into SC202 Bank Collection.

Series 1: Records of the Bank's Incorporation and History, 1886-1987 and n.d.

This series consists of materials related to the bank's incorporation, building and property, and news and history. Items in this series are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

Series 2: Statements and Reports, 1886-1986

This series consists of statements and reports on bank operations. Items in this series are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

Series 3: Minutes and Ledgers, 1891-1943

This series consists of minute books and ledgers for the United Cattle Loan Company, Drovers Cattle Loan Company, Drovers National Bank, Inter-State National Bank, Inter-State Cattle Loan Company, and the Board of Education. Items in this series are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

Series 4: Abstracts of Title, 1834-1971

This series consists of abstracts of title for land and are arranged by location.

Series 5: Union Cemetery, 1987-1990

This series consists of items related to Union Cemetery. They were donated with the bank material, but it is unknown what their connection is.

Series 6: Artifacts and Photographs, 1915-1976 and n.d.

This series consists of photographs of the bank building and employees, as well as a money bag. The photographs in this series are arranged by subject matter and type. Photographs have been digitized.

Collection Inventory

Folders with an "OS" notation have items that have been withdrawn to an oversize box or map drawer.

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- f. 2 Articles of Incorporation, 1886-1911
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- f. 5 Testimonial of Friendship to The Inter-State National Bank, 1951
- f. 6 Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Registration Certificates, 1934-1960
- f. 7 Bank Property Agreements, 1934-1960
- f. 8 Survey of Bank Property, 1944-1961
- f. 9 Vacation of Alley, 1950-1959
- f. 10 Warranty Deed from American Cancer Society, 1959
- f. 11 Branch Certificate from Comptroller of Banks, 1960 (OS)
- f. 12 Kansas City Title Insurance Company Owner's Title Insurance Policy No. A271753, 1961
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- f. 16 Abernathy, Taylor, 1973-1987
- f. 17 Newspaper Articles, 1906, 1961-1986
- f. 18 First National Bank Newsletter, 1964-1981
- f. 19 First National Charter Corp. Newsletter, 1975-1984
- f. 20 Information Pamphlets on Wills and Trusts, n.d.
- f. 21 *Accounting* by Howell A. Inghram, 1937
- f. 22 *Analyzing Financial Statements*, 1939

Series 2: Statements and Reports, 1886-1986

- f. 23 Condensed Statements, 1886-1898
- f. 24 Condensed Statements, 1899-1902
- f. 25 Condensed Statements, 1903-1907
- f. 26 Condensed Statements, 1906-1937
- f. 27 Condensed Statements Duplicates, 1897-1907
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- f. 32 Statements of Condition, 1948-1977
- f. 33-34 Statements of Condition, 1950-1977
- f. 35 Statements of Condition, 1978-1986
- f. 36 Comparative Statements, 1900-1937
- f. 37 Reports on Operations and Conditions, 1953-1956

- f. 38 Annual Reports: First National Bank of Kansas City, 1957-1967
- f. 39 Annual Reports: First National Charter Corp., 1970-1983
- f. 40-41 FNCC Reports to Shareholders, 1969-1975
- f. 42-43 FNCC Reports to Shareholders, 1976-1980
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- f. 56 Inter-State Cattle Loan Company Discount Journal, 1925-1926
- f. 57 Inter-State Cattle Loan Company Discount Journal, 1926-1937
- f. 58 Board of Education Payroll Ledger, 1905-1907

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- f. 61 Aldine Place: Lots 4 and 5 in Kansas City, Jackson County, MO, 1834-1941
- f. 62 Aldine Place: Lots 5 and 6 in Kansas City, Jackson County, MO, 1834-1937
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- 1896 Col. James L. Abernathy
- 1900 E. F. Swinney
- 1927 H. T. Abernathy
- 1941 C. W. Allendorfer
- 1947 T. S. Abernathy
- 1961 Barret S. Heddens, Jr.
- 1969 Gordon E. Wells
- 1978 Michael F. Mayer
- 1985 C. Ted McCarter

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