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- VII. Biographical note: A newly organized group in New Haven, Conn. made the first application for a charter as a national bank under the National Currency Act of 1863. They then deferred to Jay Cooke, the chief financial agent of the union, who wished Charter No. 1 for his First Bank of Philadelphia. The First Bank of New Haven received Charter No. 2 in 1863. The Philadelphia institution became a state bank by the centennial anniversary, making First Bank of New Haven the oldest national bank in the United States.
In 1882 the 19 year charter expired and the bank received a new charter, no. 2682. In 1909 First Bank was given Charter No. 2 back.
First National Bank of New Haven changed its name in 1928 to the First National Bank and Trust Co. of New Haven. In 1957, after merging with New Haven Bank, N.B.A., it became First New Haven National Bank. In 1977 First New Haven National Bank became
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- VIII. Analysis: The collection is in chronological order except for the section on First Bank's branches which is arranged alphabetically. The data on construction of the building at No. 1 Church Street was organized chronologically. Material on the banks which merged with First Bank starts in Box 5, Folder L. Transfer of First Bank of New Haven and New Haven Bank, N.B.A. material from MSS 76 has been made to this collection. MSS 128 contains material on Douglas Orr, architect of No. 1 Church Street. For additional material on banking in New Haven see History of Banking in New Haven by William F. Hasse, Jr. 1946.

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Biographical Note cont.:

a state bank and changed its name to "First Bank".

First Bank of New Haven opened in 1863 on the second floor of the Cutler building on the south-east corner of Church and Chapel. In 1866 it moved to the Austin building on Chapel. In 1870 Governor English had built a 5 story building at 90 Orange Street in back of the New Haven Bank, and the bank rented offices there for 25 years. In 1895 it moved to quarters at Church and Crown Streets. A new building was constructed at No. 1 Church Street in 1960 on property partly owned by the English heirs. [See Charter Two: The Centennial History of the First New Haven National Bank by Rollin G. Osterweis. 1963.]

In 1984 First Bank merged with Hartford National Bank. *✓ became*

Connecticut National Bank

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BOX I

	<u>Approx. # of items</u>
Folder - First Bank corresp. concerning the collection - 1984	10
Folder A - Original charter - 1863	1
Folder B - Organization papers - Articles of Association - 1863	19
Folder C - Articles of Assoc. 1863-1928	15
Folder D - Copy of organization certificate - 1863	1
Folder E - Agreement in relation to the security of public moneys deposited with "First", a copy of resolution passed by Board of Directors - 1863	1
Folder F - Financial ledger - June 25, 1863 to July 18, 1871. 2 photos from page 6-28-1864	3

BOX 2

Folder A - Signature ledger 1863-1887	1
Folder B - Treasury Dept. corresp. 1863-1882, (1) Certification of examination of bonds, (2) Deposits of public moneys, (3) Approval of 4th National Bank (New York) as a reserve agent, (4) Notice of discontinuance as a gov't depositor, (5) Certificate of final capital stock payment, (6) Certification on capital stock increase, (7) Receipt for redemption of old circulation (currency).	16 17
Folder C - Reserve depository approvals, Treasury Dept. corresp. 1890-1909 (1) Printing order, (2) Approval of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston as a reserve depository, (3) Approval of Philadelphia National Bank, First National Bank of Chicago, Merchants National Bank of Philadelphia, National Bank of the Republic Boston, Howard National Bank of Boston, as depositories.	13
Folder D - Organization papers 1863-1882, (1) Duplicate certificate of closing of First National Bank of New Haven - 1882, (2) Organization certificate.	7
Folder E - Internal Revenue license - 1864-66	3
Folder F - List of bonds - 1864	1
Folder G - 1870 lease - First Bank & Frederick A. Gilbert of New Haven, of 33 Chapel (Austin Building)	2
Folder H - Cert. of officers & Directors 1882	1
Folder I - Currency plate - \$10 & \$20, New Haven Bank	1
Folder J - Currency plate - \$1, 1, 2, 3, City Bank New Haven	1
Folder K - Currency plate - \$5, 5, 5, 10, City Bank New Haven	2
Folder L - Photos of City Bank plates	5
Folder M - Envelopes for currency plates, about 1863	7

BOX 3

Folder A - Signature ledger - 1890	1
Folder B - (1) N.H. clearing house certificate - 1933, (2) Blotter, (3) Cancelled checks 1909-1913, (Anna Brocksieper), (4) Account statement 1915 (Anna Brocksieper)	21
Folder C - Reserve Bank organization committee corresp. 1913-57, Application for stock in Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.	4

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Folder D - Change of name, 1928, First National Bank of New Haven to First National Bank & Trust Co. of New Haven	4
Folder E - Stock acceptance, 1932 (Sun Life Assurance Co.)	4
Folder F - Savings teller notebook, 1938-57, J. Patrick Madden	55
Folder G - 1948 - 66 comptroller of the currency cert. for branch bank operation	9
Folder H - Certificates - controller of the currency, 1955-76, for establishment of branch banks at: (1) 201 Bridgeport Ave., Devon, (2) 154 Orange Ave., West Haven, (3) 1355 Orange Ave., Milford, (4) 35 Washington Ave., New Haven, (5) Merger certificates for 'First Bank' & (1) North Haven National Bank, (2) Branford Trust Co., (3) New Haven Bank N.B.A	15
Folder I - Blank copies from comptroller of currency for consolidation,	2
Folder J - Directors' meetings - 1957	5
Folder K - Shareholders' meetings - 1957	8
Folder L - Annual reports 1956-80 (printed)	6
Folder M - Document on redevelopment - 1958-60	7
Folder N - New Haven Redevelopment Agency agreement, 1959-62, 42 Church St. (1) Emergency procedure for abandonment of facilities.	11
Folder O - Redevelopment corresp. 1957-60	8

BOX 4

NEW BANK BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Folder A - Leases, sales agreements, corresp. - 1955-60. (1) 1959 agreement between Philip English & First Bank, (2) 1955 agreement between Blakeslee estates & New Haven Bank N.B.A., (3) 1959 agreement - New England Theatres & First Bank, (4) Pattone Clothiers & First Bank agreement-1960	6
Folder B - Land transfer for new bank, correspondence, 1959-60	3
Folder C - Insurance - Nov. 1959-61	38
Folder D - Contract between First Bank & Fusco-Amatruda Co. 1960	8
Folder E - Barnum Lumber Co. 1960, (1) Contract with First Bank, (2) Demolition license & permits.	16
Folder F - New building - before construction - 1960, (1) Bill for Borings, (2) Engineering services, (3) Analysis for heating etc., space required, advantages of site chosen	17
Folder G - Building contracts - 1960-61, carpet damage after construction	29
Folder H - Construction - repair costs - 1960-63, corresp. with office of Douglas Orr - architect, 111 Whitney, & Fusco-Amatruda Co. (Construction contractor)	88
Folder I - Guaranty - Warranty certificates 1961-62, #1 Church St.	9
Folder J - Photo - corner stone lay., 1959-60 newsclippings of bank	12
Folder K - Gift of bowl, 1963 - Bank of New Haven, c. 1810, appraiser - Carroll Alton Means, Woodbridge, Ct. Photo of bowl & corresp.	5

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Folder L - Exhibit labels & 2 seals	14
Folder M - Legal docu. - re - 55 Church St. associates 1972-74	14
Folder N - Articles of incorporation 1977 - Name change certificate of approval from state of Ct. (changed to State Bank)	3
Folder O - Corresp. 1956-60 - 1956 claim against bank (2) 1960 (Sept) building permit for teller window (3) List of officers & employees for future training (N.D.)	98
Folder P - Corresp. 1961 - 1964 - (1) Application form (N.D.) (2) Obituary of F. R. Hoadley (3) 2 decisions 3-8-62 (4) 5th supplemental indenture 5-1-61	45

BOX 5

Folder A - Clippings (new) of First Bank, 1960-62	50
Folder B - Copies of Folder A	67
Folder C - Photos of: First home of Bank - "Cutter Building" - 1863-66; (Church & Chapel) #1 Church, under construction; two founders of 'First' - Harmanus Welch (Mayor of New Haven) & James English; moving vault from 42 Church to #1 Church, 1960-61; Yale National safe deposit vault; fourth home of First Bank - 42 Church 1895-1961	8
Folder D - Bradley property - 1959-61 215 Church. (Center town branch) 1809 New Haven Bank purchased lot from A. Bradley. 1 pencil showing Bradley building.	3
Folder E - Bradley corresp. 1959-61	21
Folder F - 1934 Centerville branch picture (2297-2305 Whitney)	1
Folder G - East Haven Bank & Trust charter permit & fee, 1929, opened 1948 at 170 Main St.	
Folder H - Milford-Bauer/Rosoff 1956-57, Taylor library right of way. Miriam L. Bauer (N.Y.) referred to as Rebecca L. Rosoff. Photos of Old Milford Trust Co. building - 1960 (moved to 21 Broad)	3
Folder I - Milford-Bauer/Rosoff lease/sale corresp. 1958-59	3
Folder J - Milford Post Rd. lease, (Ryder) 1958-59, 1201 Boston Post Rd. (Ct. Post shopping mall)	8
Folder K - Milford lease - 122 River; Architect drawing, 1960-64	12

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Folder U - Merchants Bank - original certificates 1865-1903	3
Folder V - Articles of Assoc. 1865-1928 (Merchants Bank)	19
Folder W - Copy of Certificate of Certification - 1885 (Merchants Bank)	6
Folder X - Merchants Bank \$20 currency plate	1
Folder Y - 1911 opening of New Merchants Banking House invitation	1
Folder Z - 1930-33 Board of Directors meeting	93

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Folder A - Merchants Bank - Executive Committee 1931-32	36
Folder B - Merchants ledger cover - 1932	1
Folder C - Financial statements - Aug. 5, 1932 to June 25, 1932	53
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Folder F - Quinnipiac Bank - 1865, original certificate, names & residence of stock holders	3
Folder G - Yale National Bank - 1904 re-extension of charter; amendment to Articles of Assoc.	2
Folder H - Yale Bank - Article of Assoc. 1905-25 amendment to Art. of Assoc., includes names of stock holders	4
Folder I - Milford Trust Co. - 1955, agreement of sale assets	18
Folder J - Milford Trust, 1956-60, Power of Attorney	50
Folder K - New Haven Bank - 1957 proposed merger of 'First Bank' & New Haven Bank N.B.A., corresp.	15
Folder L - 1957-58 consolidation of 'First Bank' & N.H. Bank N.B.A.	6
Folder M - Branford Trust, 1958-64, re-insurance	18
Folder N - Branford Trust - 1964, copy of merger approval	2
Folder O - Union & New Haven Trust - proposed consolidation agreement, corresp. 1959 - (First Bank & Union) Oct. shareholders meeting minutes	19
Folder P - Continuation of Folder O	4
Folder Q - Guaranty Trust corresp, 1959	7
Folder R - Consolidation of Morris Plan Bank of New Haven & First Bank, 1960	1

BOX 7

Folder A - Merchants Bank Board of Directors meetings, 1851-1909 (ledger has key)	1
Folder B - Merchants Bank Board of Directors meetings, 1910-1929 (ledger has key)	1

1 oversized item - frame for First Bank's original charter

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Folder C Yale National Bank 1907 50 Cent Piece

Folder D Merchants National Bank Founders 1851 Photos 4

Folder E BOOK LET re: MERCHANTS BANK (post 1918?)