
II. The papers of First Bank deposited in the Library on Feb. 29, 1984, by F. Patrick McFadden as a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3 1/2
Approximate number of items: 1499

IV. Restrictions: None

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

VI. Press release was issued on

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.


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 M35 76 has been made to this collection.M35 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. Hass, Jr. 1946.
Biographical Note cont.:

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.
MSS B-60 FIRST BANK (New Haven). RECORDS, 1796-1984

BOX 1

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

Approx. # of items

Folder A - 10
Folder B - 1
Folder C - 19
Folder D - 15
Folder E - 1
Folder F - 3

BOX 2

Folder A - Signature ledger 1863-1887
Folder E - Internal Revenue license - 1864-66
Folder F - List of bonds - 1864
Folder G - 1870 lease - First Bank & Frederick A. Gilbert of New Haven, of 33 Chapel (Austin Building)
Folder H - Cert. of officers & Directors 1882
Folder J - Currency plate - $10 & $20, New Haven Bank
Folder K - Currency plate - $1, 1, 2, 3, City Bank New Haven
Folder L - Currency plate - $5, 5, 10, City Bank New Haven
Folder M - Photos of City Bank plates
Folder N - Envelopes for currency plates, about 1863

Approx. # of items

Folder A - 1
Folder B - 16
Folder C - 13
Folder D - 7
Folder E - 3
Folder F - 1
Folder G - 2
Folder H - 1
Folder J - 1
Folder K - 1
Folder L - 2
Folder M - 5

BOX 3

Folder A - Signature ledger - 1890
Folder B - (1) N.H. clearing house certificate - 1933, (2) Blotter, (3) Cancelled checks 1909-1912, (Anna Brocksieper), (4) Account statement 1915 (Anna Brocksieper)
Folder C - Reserve Bank organization committee corresp. 1913-57, Application for stock in Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

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Folder A - 1
Folder B - 21
Folder C - 4
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BOX 4

NEW BANK BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

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<td>Contract between First Bank &amp; Fusco-Amatruda Co. 1960</td>
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<td>Barnum Lumber Co. 1960, (1) Contract with First Bank, (2) Demolition license &amp; permits.</td>
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<td>Building contracts - 1960-61, carpet damage after construction</td>
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<td>Guaranty - Warranty certificates 1961-62, #1 Church St.</td>
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<td>Photo - corner stone lay., 1959-60 newscloppings of bank</td>
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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. 1
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
Folder V - Articles of Assoc. 1865-1928 (Merchants Bank)
Folder W - Copy of Certificate of Certification - 1885 (Merchants Bank)
Folder X - Merchants Bank $20 currency plate
Folder Y - 1911 opening of New Merchants Banking House invitation
Folder Z - 1930-33 Board of Directors meeting

BOX 6

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

BOX 7

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

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

BOX 7

Folder C   Yale National Bank   1907   50 Cent Piece
Folder D   Merchants National Bank   Founders   1851 Photos   4
Folder E   BOOKLET re: MERCHANTS BANK (post 1917?)