

Western Montana National Bank (Missoula, Mont.) Records, 1889-1969

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Western Montana National Bank (Missoula, Mont.)
Title	Western Montana National Bank (Missoula, Mont.) Records
Dates	1889-1969 (inclusive) 1889 1969
Quantity	17 linear feet, (4 folders, 54 bound oversize volumes, and 3 rolls of microfilm.)
Collection Number	Mss 111 (collection)
Summary	The Western Montana National Bank was an early Missoula, Montana, bank. This collection primarily consists of large bound bank ledgers with a small set of loose bank documents.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and the University of Montana--Missoula.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for creating this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historic Publications and Records Commission. Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Following a bitter and prolonged fight among the officers and directors of the First National Bank of Missoula, Ferdinand Kennett, Gustavus A. Wolf, James H.T. Ryman, Charles Otto, Lucretia Worden, Levi J. Fisk, and August Wierich established the Western Montana National Bank on March 21, 1889. The bank charter designated Kennett, Wolf, Ryman, Otto, and Fisk as the board of directors; with Kennett as president, Ryman as vice-president, and Wolf as cashier. The enterprise began with a capital of \$75,000. The bank was first located at the corner of Main and Higgins in Missoula, Montana, but moved to the corner of Broadway and Higgins in 1910.

Content Description

This collection primarily consists of large bound bank ledgers with a small set of loose bank documents. Bound volumes range from daily transaction ledgers to individual account activity balance sheets. Included is one daily cashbook from the earliest years of the bank and several separated indices for locating client entries in the individual account volumes. Loose bank documents include promotional brochures, news articles, one undated photograph from a bank open house, and a 1929 Western Montana National Bank note.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in two series:

Series I: Administrative Materials, 0.1 linear feet, 1893-1969

Series II: Financial Records, 17 linear feet, 1889-1929

Custodial History

The records remained in the custody of the Western Montana National Bank successor companies and Ted Delaney until donation to the K. Ross Toole Archives.

Acquisition Information

Gift of First Bank Western, Missoula, 1983. Ted Delaney loaned four volumes to the K. Ross Toole Archives for microfilming in 1983. Three of those volumes were donated to the archives at a later, unknown, date.

Processing Note

The actions of the original processors are unknown. In 2003, the records were re-described.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Administrative Materials , 1893-1969

0.1 linear feet

This series consists of three folders of printed materials reflecting the Western Montana National Bank's activities and history. Contents include several bank brochures and promotional materials, newspaper clippings regarding bank activities, one undated photograph (likely associated with the 1951 open house brochure), and a 1929 bank note.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Promotional Materials	1951-1964
1/2	Clippings	1911-1969
1/3	111(I):1: Photograph of bank officials greeting customers	undated
1/4	Bank Note	1929
OS2	111(I):2: Promotional Calendar	1893

Series II: Financial Records , 1889-1929

17 linear feet

This series consists of 54 bound volumes and three rolls of microfilm. None of the volumes employ shorthand descriptions or key guides. All volumes are in fair, but delicate, condition. In 1983 four bound individual account ledgers were loaned to the archives for microfilming. Microfilmed volumes 1, 2, and 4 are copies of original bound volumes now in the collection. Duplicate microfilm volumes (mv) correspond to the following bound volumes (bv): mv 1 = bv 42; mv 2 = bv 46; mv 4 = bv 53.

The series includes several client indices, each associated with a particular ledger volume. For volumes 34 through 54, bank personnel incorporated client indices into the bound volumes.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
1	Cash Book	1889-1892
2	General Balance	1909-1913
3	General Balance	1913-1917

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4	General Balance	1917-1920
5	General Balance	1921-1924
6	General Balance	1924-1928
7	General Ledger	1889-1894
8	Index to volume 10	
9	General Ledger	1894-1899
10	General Ledger	1902-1905
11	General Ledger	1905-1907
12	General Ledger	1908-1909
13	General Ledger	1911-1912
14	General Ledger	1913-1914
15	General Ledger	1914-1917
16	General Ledger	1917-1919
17	General Ledger	1919-1921
18	General Ledger	1921-1929
19	Individual Balances	1889-1891
20	Individual Balances	1891-1892
21	Individual Account Ledger	1889-1892
22	Index to volume 21	
23	Individual Account Ledger	1892-1894
24	Index to volume 23	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
25	Individual Account Ledger	1894-1896
26	Individual Account Ledger	1896-1897
27	Index to volume 26	
28	Individual Account Ledger	1897-1899
29	Index to volume 28	
30	Individual Account Ledger	1899-1901
31	Index to volume 30	
32	Individual Account Ledger	1901-1902
33	Index to volume 32	
34	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1902-1903
35	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1902-1903
36	Individual Account Ledger, A-K (includes index)	1904-1905
37	Individual Account Ledger, L-Z (includes index)	1904-1905
38	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1906-1907
39	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1906-1907
40	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1909-1910
41	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1909-1910
42	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1910-1912
43	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1910-1912
44	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1912-1913
45	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1912-1913

Container(s)	Description	Dates
46	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1913-1915
47	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1913-1915
48	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1915-1916
49	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1915-1916
50	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1916-1917
51	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1916-1917
52	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1917-1919
53	Individual Account Ledger, A-L (includes index)	1919
54	Individual Account Ledger, M-Z (includes index)	1919

Microfilm: Four volumes of individual account ledgers on three rolls of microfilm.

Reel

1	Volume 1, 1910-1912, A-L; Volume 2, 1913-1915, A-Foster
2	Volume 2, 1913-1915, Fowler-L; Volume 3, 1917-1919, A-Knights
3	Volume 3, 1917-1919, Knowles-L; Volume 4, 1919, A-L

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

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