

Abbot Low Mills Jr. papers, 1930-1951

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Mills, Abbot Low, 1898-1986
Title	Abbot Low Mills Jr. papers
Dates	1930-1951 (inclusive) 1930 1951
Quantity	10 linear feet, (8 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 205
Summary	Abbot Low Mills Jr. (1898-1986) became vice-president of the First National Bank of Portland, and vice-president and director of U.S. National Bank, Portland. The collection contains professional records including correspondence, policies, commercial client files, records of work with other banks, financial reports, annual reports, and bank purchase transactions from Mills Jr.'s work at the U.S. National Bank, Portland, as well as personal correspondence, household and estate accounts, and files of the Thomas E. Dewey Presidential campaign in Oregon committee.
Repository	University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives. UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 spcarref@uoregon.edu
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Languages	English
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Historical Note

Abbot Low Mills Jr. (1898-1986) was born in Portland, Oregon and educated at Harvard. His father, Abbot Low Mills, was president of the First National Bank of Portland. Mills, Jr. started working for the bank as a messenger in 1922 after graduating from college. He eventually became vice-president of the First National Bank of Portland, and vice-president and director of U. S. National Bank, Portland. Mills Jr. also served on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors from 1952 until 1965.

Mills Jr. also served on committees analyzing Portland's financial condition under two different mayors and was a member of the Governor's Commission on Small Business. He also served on the Merit System Council of the Oregon State Welfare Commission. Mills Jr. and his wife, the former Katherine Ainsworth, were patrons of the arts, and he was a trustee of the Portland Art Association.

Source: Oregonian obituary, May 21, 1986.

Content Description

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Banks and commercial clients include: Forest Grove National Bank, Great Western Malting Co., Inc., Imperial Hotel Co., Oregon Bankers Association, Portland General Electric Co., United States National Corp., Youngs Bay Lumber Co., California-Oregon Power Company, Multnomah County and Multnomah County School District, and Portland Community Chest.

Material also includes J. C. Ainsworth correspondence (1944-1948).

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Administrative Information

Related Materials

Other collections relating to Abbot Low Mills Jr. at Special Collections and University Archives include: Abbot Low Mills, Jr., Federal Reserve Board of Governors papers, Ax 199; Abbot Low Mills, Jr. manuscript, A 236; Abbot Low Mills papers, Ax 191.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Bankers--Oregon--Portland

Bankers--United States

Banks and banking--United States--History--20th century

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Personal Names :

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Ainsworth, J. C. (John Churchill), 1870-1943
Dewey, Thomas E. (Thomas Edmund), 1902-1971
Mills, Abbot Low, 1898-1986
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Corporate Names :

First National Bank of Portland (Portland, Or.)
United States National Bank of Oregon

Form or Genre Terms :

Annual reports
Campaign literature
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