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Overview of the Collection

Creator Bill J. Anderson
Title The Bill J. Anderson Collection
Dates 1880-1986
Quantity .5 linear foot
Collection Number MS 203

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Languages English

Biographical Note The Bank of Pittsburg was founded in 1880 by E. G. Chapman and H. Adams from Girard, Kansas. In 1882 their interests were bought by S. H. Lanyon, Frank W. Lanyon, H. C. Willard, and James Patmore. The Bank of Pittsburg became incorporated in 1886 and was renamed the National Bank of Pittsburg. S.H. Lanyon became the first president of the bank. The first building to house the bank was between Third and Fourth streets. The need to expand caused the bank’s location to be moved to Fourth and Broadway, then the Rhodes Opera House, in 1896. In 1911 the basement of the National Bank Building became a ladies lounge opened by the Pittsburg City Federation of Women’s Clubs. The bank moved once more to a location on Third and Broadway in 1966. Throughout its career and after moving to the Third and Broadway location, the National Bank Building was occupied by law offices,
dentists, physicians, real estate agents, and mining companies. The National Bank has since been absorbed by other banks. The National Bank Building sat vacant from the mid-1990s until the Colonial Fox Foundation acquired it in 2011. The National Bank Building, along with other historic buildings nearby, is now owned by Pittsburg State University for student housing for the Block 22 project.

Bill J. Anderson began working for the National Bank of Pittsburg in 1947 as a collection teller. He became assistant cashier in 1959, cashier in 1968, was the vice president of Crawford County banks and cashier in 1977 and vice president and auditor 1982 to 1986.

Content Description

This collection is primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series:

1. Checks
2. National Bank of Pittsburg
3. By Laws

Processing Note

Collection formally processed in February 2018,

Detailed Description of Collection

Series 1: Checks

F. 1 Houstonia Bank 1885, 1888, 1889, 1891; Sedalia, Missouri 1893, 1898, 1899; La Monte, Missouri 1900, 1901; Bank of Sweet Springs 1889 and a blank; Scofield, Shurmer and Teagle 1891, Elizabeth Taylor 1885; D. E. Lougan 1889; Ridenour-Baker Grocery Co. 1889; Brownsville, Missouri 1883 (20 total checks); Sweet Springs postcard 1890; bill 1893; tax sheet 1883

Series 2: National Bank of Pittsburg

F. 2 Newspaper articles about the history of the National Bank of Pittsburg; newspaper clippings about Bill J. Anderson’s career at the bank; photocopies of a ten dollar bill from the National Bank of Pittsburg; souvenir newspaper from 1966 celebrating the bank’s history and move to a new building

F. 3 Handwritten copy of the By Laws of The National Bank of Pittsburg, circa 1880; photocopies of by laws