Farmers Bank (Mt. Vernon, Mo.) Records
(C0044)

Collection Number: C0044

Collection Title: Farmers Bank (Mt. Vernon, Mo.) Records

Dates: 1844-1931

Creator: Farmers Bank (Mt. Vernon, Mo.)

Abstract: Records of a bank organized in 1890 and liquidated in 1930. Also records of local businesses and schools.

Collection Size: 5 cubic feet, 28 oversize volumes
(280 folders, 19 volumes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Farmers Bank of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, was organized by William A. and George A. McCanse on 14 June 1890. William A. McCanse was an early Missouri merchant doing business under the names of McCanse and Kendall (1861-1875); Bray, McCanse, and Paris (1869-1873); and Wm. A. McCanse and Co. (1876-?). He was also the largest land owner in Lawrence County, Missouri. His sons operated a mercantile firm from 1890 to 1900 under the name of McCanse Brothers. George A. McCanse was Lawrence County treasurer in 1890. He also had been cashier for the Mt. Vernon Bank, but left that position when he and his father founded the Farmers Bank. The officers of the bank were William A. McCanse, president; R.H. Landrum, vice president; and Joseph B. Kindsay, cashier. George A. McCanse later became the cashier, and he and his father retained their positions for many years.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Subject Files
Bank Books

Scope and Content Note:

More complete series descriptions are in the container list.

Container List:

Subject Files Series


f. 6 Chautauqua Papers, 1918-1926. Letters to Geo A. McCanse concerned with getting a Chautauqua started at Mt. Vernon. Also contracts for performances.

f. 7-109 Correspondence, 1892-1931. Concerned with the business of the bank. Early letters contain material on local banks failures (Bank of Springfield). Later letters discuss organizing Monette Bank, Liberty Bond promotion, and liquidation of Farmers Bank.


f. 133-151 Documents, Wm. A. McCanse, 1851-1910. Deeds for property bought, trust deeds, contracts, agreements, leases, and other material of personal interest to Wm. A. McCanse.

f. 152-155 Election of Directors, 1895-1917. Papers concerned with elections of Farmers Bank directors: certificates of election inspectors, election returns, lists of stockholders, notices to directors-elect, bonds, notices of proxy voters, etc.

f. 156 First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Papers, 1893-1902. Papers concerned with the erection of a Mt. Vernon, Mo. Church. Minutes of building committee meetings, bids for contract of job, subscription list, promissory note to Farmers
Bank, petition for incorporation, three letters to Geo. W. McCanse about building of church.

f. 157-182 Liquidation Claims, 1931. Claims against bank for time and demand deposits, proof of claims and affidavits for offsets. Also list of claims filed.

f. 183-205 Mines


f. 202-204 Mt. Vernon Mining Company Papers, 1903-1904. Letters and papers of a Mt. Vernon, Mo. Mining company of which George McCanse was president. Material on installing a pump.

f. 205 Green Land, 1907-1913. Records from an account book of the expenses and profit of a mine.


f. 211-216 Miscellaneous. Papers concerned with county revenue warrants, 1893-1894, Liberty Bonds, 1918-1920, etc. Newspaper clippings of nearby banks.


f. 249-266 McCanse, George A., Papers

f. 249 Bank Books, 1886-1888. Four small records of deposits in Lawrence County (Mo.) Bank.

f. 250-253 Correspondence, General, 1890-1920. Concerned with personal life of McCanse, in regard to health, family life, investments, etc.

f. 254-264 Correspondence, Political, 1894-1909. Concerned with Republican state and county committees, campaign organization, appointments, “Roosevelt, 1904, Republican Clubs,” etc.

f. 265 Correspondence, Railroad, 1895, 1903-1904. Concerned with attempts to get a railroad line to Mt. Vernon.

f. 266 Miscellaneous Papers. Checks, receipts of Emery Hill Investment Company, Lawrence County Treasurer, A.F. and A.M. Lodge, etc.

f. 267-270 McCanse, Wm. A., Papers, 1861-1915. Concerned with land investments. McCanse was largest landowner in Lawrence County. Six letters; 1887-1888, from C.P. Johnson, St. Louis lawyer, about a murder trial.


f. 276 Protest Notices, 1893. Notices sent out by a bank informing of an overdrawn account.
Subscription Lists. Lists of Mt. Vernon subscribers for: canning factory; flour mill; state sanatorium, 1905-1906; steam drill, 1899; and Stotts City Road, 1898-1899.

Tax Receipts, 1898-1930. Miscellaneous receipts for state, county, and city taxes.

Wright, W.E. Estate, Papers, 1901-1912. Concerned with the settlement of an estate of which George A. McCanse was curator. See also Wright, W.E. Estate ledger in Bank Books series.

Bank Books Series

Records of the Farmers Bank of Mt. Vernon, Missouri. Also account book of Davis, Johnson and Brumbauck Mining Company, minute book of Mt. Vernon Board of Road Commissioner, account books of Mt. Vernon School District, special Road District and an unidentified mercantile firm, two account books of William A. and George A. McCanse mercantile firms, and a list of subscribers to a State Sanitarium in Mt. Vernon.

v. 3 Daily Cash statements 1906-1907, 200 p.
v. 4 Daily Cash statements 1909-1910, 200 p.
v. 5 Daily Cash statements 1910-1911, 200 p.
v. 6 Daily Cash statements 1913-1915, 200 p.
v. 7 Daily Cash statements 1915-1916, 200 p.
v. 8 Davis, Johnson, Brumbauck and Noel Mining Co. account book, 1899-1906, 19 p. Record of disbursements, 1899-1900, 9 p. (Also contains a copy of report of Commissioners of the Mt. Vernon Special Road District, 1905-1906, 10 p.)
v. 9 Deposit receipt books, 1892-1913, 200 p.
v. 10 Discount Register 1894-1898, 150 p.
v. 11 Discount Register 1909-1912, 150 p.
v. 12 Discount Register 1912-1915, 150 p.
v. 13 Discount Register 1917-1920, 150 p.
v. 15 Discount Register 1922-1926, 150 p.
v. 16 Draft Register 1890-1895, 150 p.
v. 17 Draft Register 1895-1898, 200 p.
v. 18 Draft Register 1898-1902, 200 p.
v. 20 Draft Register 1914-1917, 150 p.
v. 21 Draft Register 1920-1922, 175 p.
v. 22 Draft Register 1928, 26 p.
v. 24 Minute Book 1890-1905, 144 p.
v. 27 Minute Book 1925-1930, 200 p.
v. 28 Mt. Vernon Board of Road Commissioners minute book, 1900-1913, 152 p.
v. 30 Mt. Vernon School District Treasurer Book, 1896-1916, 195 p. (Geo. A. McCanse was treasurer from 1896 to 1912, and T.H. Maberry from 1912-1916.)

v. 33-36  McCanse Mercantile Books
   v. 33  Wm. A. McCanse & Co. account book, 1883-1887, 196 p. (Daily entries of hardware sales. Seven pages of names of purchasers and the prices of Mt. Vernon, Missouri lots, July 7, 1845)
   v. 35  Wm. A. McCanse account book, 1890-1899, 301 p. (Contains personal records, mercantile accounts, and entries of bank nature)
   v. 36  Geo. A. McCanse account books, 1890, 100 p. (Contains personal accounts, records of the County Treasurer, 1890, memoranda of Mrs. C.M. Kelton’s business, real estate accounts and mining speculation)

v. 37  Note Register, 1890-1894, 150 p.
v. 38  Remittance register, 1895-1898, 250 p.
v. 39  Remittance register, 1899-1901, 300 p.
v. 40  Remittance register, 1901-1902, 250 p.
v. 41  Signature book, 1897-1911, 150 p.
v. 42  Stock Ledger, 1891-1911, 70 p.

v. 45  Trial balance, 1893-1896, 125 p.
v. 46  Trial balance, 1896-1898, 125 p.

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