

C Farmers Bank, Mt. Vernon, Missouri, Papers, 1844-1931
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INTRODUCTION

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

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the University of Missouri by C.E. Ginn on 17 January 1945 (Accession No. 194).

INSTITUTIONAL SKETCH

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.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records have been arranged into two series: **Subject Files** and **Bank Books**. More complete descriptions of the series are in the folder list.

FOLDER LIST

Subject Files Series

- f. 1-5 Bank Statements and Checks, 1906-1915. Accounts of Farmers Bank with Halland Banking Co., Springfield, Mo., Merchants-Laclede National Bank, St. Louis, National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, Mo.
- 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. 110-113 Deposit Slips, 1903-1926. Records of deposits with the Farmers Bank.
- f. 114-132 Documents, 1844-1930. Deeds, contracts, etc., deposited for safe keeping at the 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. 183-197 C.C.C. Mining Co. Papers, 1897. Letters and Papers of a mining company of Pax, Missouri. H.C. Lows, manager.
 - f. 198-201 Davis, Johnson and Brumback Mining Co. Papers, 1898-1904. Letters and papers of a mining company near Mt. Vernon, Missouri. J.B. Davis, W.H. Johnson and Henry Brumback. See also Davis, Johnson and Brumback Mining Co. account book in the **Bank Books** series.
 - 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.

Subject Files Series (con'd)

- f. 206-210 Minutes of Directors Meetings, 1905-1915. Records of the business meetings of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Bank.
- f. 211-216 Miscellaneous. Papers concerned with county revenue warrants, 1893-1894, Liberty Bonds, 1918-1920, etc. Newspaper clippings of nearby banks.
- f. 217-218 Mt. Vernon School District Papers, 1897-1929. Report of bonded debt, 1897. Three letters to W.S. Kindall, Sec., about school bonds, 1916; accounts and miscellaneous papers. Also a notice of a meeting of Jackson County voters to issue bonds for a new school building and a report of the meeting, 1910. See also Mt. Vernon School District Treasurers book in **Bank Books** series.
- f. 219-248 Mt. Vernon Water and Light Dept. Papers, 1898-1909. Letters, accounts, receipts, etc. concerned with operation of the department. Early letters, 1898, are mainly bids for the job of electrifying Mt. Vernon. Western Electric Supply Co., St. Louis; Dunlap Bros., Springfield, Mo.; U.S. Water & Steam Supply Co., Kansas City; Waters Pierce Oil Co., St. Louis. See also Davis, Johnson and Brumback account book in **Bank Books** series.
- 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. 271-275 Promissory Notes, 1859-1930. L.M. Anderson; Holland Banking Company, Springfield, Mo.; Traders National Bank, Kansas City; George McCanse.
- f. 276 Protest Notices, 1893. Notices sent out by a bank informing of an overdrawn account.
- f. 277 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.
- f. 278-279 Tax Receipts, 1898-1930. Miscellaneous receipts for state, county, and city taxes.

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- f. 280 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 Brumback 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. 1 Cash book, 1921-1923, 639 p.
v. 2 Collection Book, International Harvester Co., 1904-1919, 150 p.
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, Brumback 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. 14 Discount Register 1920-1922, 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. 19 Draft Register 1912-1916, 175 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. 23 Ledger, Wright, W.E., Estate, 1901-1906, 183 p.
v. 24 Minute Book 1890-1905, 144 p.
v. 25 Minute Book 1905-1915, 150 p.
v. 26 Minute Book 1915-1925, 199 p.
v. 27 Minute Book 1925-1930, 200 p.
v. 28 Mt. Vernon Board of Road Commissioners minute book, 1900-1913, 152 p.
v. 29 Mt. Vernon Mercantile account book, 1911-1912, 117 p.

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- 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. 31 Mt. Vernon Special Road District Treasurer book, 1904-1912, 25 p.
- v. 32 McCanse and Kendall account book, 1861-1875, 700 p. (Daily mercantile accounts until 1862 then scattered entries. Geo. W. Kendall sold his share to Wm. A. McCanse in 1875.); Wm. A. McCanse and Co. Accounts, 1876-1879.
- 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. 34 Bray, McCanse & Paris account book, 1869-1873, 101 p. Wm. A. McCanse & Co. account book, 1887-1890, 23 p. (Daily entries, mercantile, hardware, groceries)
- 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. 43 Stud Books, 1910-1915, 50 p.
- v. 44 Subscription List, State Sanitarium, 1905-1906, 11 p.
- v. 45 Trial balance, 1893-1896, 125 p.
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