

Inventory of the

**First National Bank of Wilmington**  
Wilmington, Illinois

Records

In the  
Regional History Center

**RC 201**

## INTRODUCTION

Lawrence Bitterman, President of the First National Bank of Wilmington, donated the Bank's records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on January 18, 1990.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The First National Bank of Wilmington Records consists of a complete run of minutes dating from December 2, 1863 to December 31, 1945. Four ledgers, three journals, a mortgage loan register, a daily statement volume, and a volume of correspondence add support material while the historical information concludes the collection.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

On December 2, 1863, Andrew Whitten, sons James and John, sons-in-law, A.J. McIntyre and J.W. Stewart formed the First National Bank of Wilmington under the National Currency Act. Charter Number 177 was issued to the Bank on December 18, 1863 authorizing the men to proceed with their business. The organizers formed the Board of Directors with A.J. McIntyre as President, John W. Stewart as Vice President, and James Whitten as Cashier.

The original quarters consisted of rooms set aside in the General Store operated by Andrew Whitten and his sons. In August, 1864, the construction of the bank's first building began with an addition being added in 1953. A present building was completed in November, 1964 and an addition was added in 1972.

As of 1989 the First National Bank of Wilmington was the third oldest bank in Illinois. Only Chicago and Peoria were chartered earlier and remain in business.

## SUBJECT TRACINGS

Banking  
First National Bank of Wilmington  
Wilmington

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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1	1	Historical Sketch, 1863-1988
	2	Bank Robbery, 1931-1935
	3	Historical Information, 1864-1939, n.d.
	4	Newspaper Clippings, 1914, 1917, 1983
	5	Correspondence, March 1910-July 1912
2	1-4	Minutes, December 2, 1863-December 31, 1945
	5	Mortgage Loan Register, July 25, 1888-June 1, 1915
Oversize	2 volumes	Deposit Ledger A with index, May 1866-November 1871
	1 volume	Journal, October 23, 1866-March 3, 1868
	1 volume	Ledger B, September 19, 1867-April 14, 1873
	1 volume	Journal D, March 3, 1868-June 1, 1869
	1 volume	Journal E, June 2, 1869-February 6, 1871
	1 volume	Ledger E, April 12, 1882-March 1887
	1 volume	Ledger F, December 15, 1888-May 2, 1898
	1 volume	Daily Statements, July 1912-April 2, 1918