First National Bank Collection

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Accession Number

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Title

First National Bank Collection

Extent

Three document boxes.

Dates

1880's-1960's [inclusive]

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

This collection documents the founding and history of the First National Bank of Red Hook, and it's transformation over many years (eventually to become Key Bank). Framed photos of bank presidents include biographies on the backs of some. The bulk of the collection spans the earlier years including major physical renovations.

Box 1:

- 3-ring album: newspaper articles, memorabilia, biographical sketches, photographs
- 2 framed photos: Lloyd W. Hapeman (1974-1984), Unidentified man
- 3 file folders with 1960 newspaper, condition statements, photographs

Box 2:

5 framed photographs: Jacob Elseffer, 1st President(1865-1866), William Chamberlain, 2nd President (1866-1875), Robert L. Massonneau (1875-1898), Benjamin Beekman Hoffman (1898-1901), John N. Lewis (1901-1912), Albert Kerley, Cashier and Vice-President 1960, Employee of the bank since 1904.

Box 3: (originally 2015.010)

• First National Bank Ledger 1915-1919- includes financial records (water works bonds

from 1915)as well as letters, meeting notes895-1920s.

Biographical/Historical Note

The founders and leaders of the First National Bank of Red Hook were surnames mostly well recognized in the Red Hook community for generations, including Massonneau, Cookingham, Budd, Hoffman and others.

This collection reflects the changing needs of the community of Red Hook as the bank was founded, and renovated over the years.

Provenance

There are two deeds of gift signed by Mary Bayer, one dated July 11, 2000 and an earlier one dated August 10, 2015.

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