

Records of the Savings Bank of Tolland,
the Tolland County Bank and the
Tolland County National Bank, 1828-1912

Introduction

The Tolland County Bank was established August 4, 1826, in a meeting of leading citizens.* A charter was obtained and the bank opened for business on March 18, 1829. In 1865 the bank obtained a charter as the Tolland County National Bank, but when this expired in 1885, the bank went out of business.

The premises, furniture and fixtures were sold in 1886 to the Savings Bank of Tolland, which had been chartered on April 30, 1841, and had operated since that date in the same building and often with the same officers as the commercial bank.

These records were among the contents of "10-15 burlap bags" received by the Connecticut State Library from a source now unknown, some time prior to April 1935. When they were examined early in 1981, they were found intermingled with Tolland town records, Tolland County records, personal files of Frank T. Newcomb, and a few Farmington town papers. Newcomb had served as cashier and treasurer of both banks, town clerk, town treasurer, county treasurer, etc.

Some records of the banks - cancelled checks, savings books, orders, bills, receipts, etc. - have been discarded. See Disposal Inventory 64.

List of records

TOLLAND COUNTY BANK

1. List of subscribers to shares in the Tolland County Bank, June 23, 1828. Box 1
1 notebook. 1/4 inch.
2. Register of stock notes receivable, August - October 1828. Box 1
1 volume. 1/2 inch.
3. Individual accounts books: Box 1
Phoenix Bank, 1829-31
Suffolk Bank, 1829-30
Benson, Howard and Co., 1831
Elisha Stevens, 1829-32
4 notebooks. 1/2 inch.
4. Memorandum books of notes taken and paid, 1831-36. Box 1
2 notebooks. 1/4 inch.

*Material in the first two paragraphs comes largely from an account of "Tolland's Banks" by Mrs. George Cook, in Tolland, an old Post Road Town, compiled by Harold Weigold and published, 1971, by the Pequot Press, Chester, Ct.

5. Blank forms, undated. Box 1
 Stock share forms, deposit slips, payment orders,
 etc. 1 folder. 1/2 inch.
6. Bills, receipts and other papers pertaining to construction Box 1
 of the bank building, 1828-31.
 1 package. 1 1/2 inches.
7. Revolutionary War pension claim applications, c. 1831. Box 1
 Approved applications were paid through the bank.
 1 package. 1 1/2 inches.
8. Papers relating to Erastus Stebbins claims, 1830-32. Box 1
 1 package. 1 inch.
9. Papers pertaining to Boston real estate owned by the bank Box 1
 and the Tolland County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., 1873-79.
 1 envelope. 1 1/2 inches.
10. Promissory notes, 1872-84. Box 1
 1 package. 1 inch.
11. Accounts current with other banks, 1837-55. Box 2
 Statements from Mechanics Bank, New York, 1837-55;
 Farmers and Mechanics Bank, 1854-55; and Mercantile
 Bank, 1854.
 1 package. 3 inches.
12. Quarterly statements of the bank's assets and liabilities, Box 2
 1855-67 (incomplete).
 2 1/2 inches.
13. "Protests," 1839-53. Box 2
 Notarized statements of the refusal to pay notes, drafts,
 or bills of exchange. 1 package. 4 inches.
14. Correspondence, notes, memoranda and miscellaneous Box 2
 papers, 1829-65.
 1 package. 2 inches.
15. Checks, October 1835 - October 1836 Box 5

SAVINGS BANK OF TOLLAND

15. Cash account books, Jan. 1843 - March 1848. Box 3
 3 volumes. 1 1/2 inches.
16. Individual deposit balance list for January 1886. Box 3
 Includes also undated fragments of similar lists.
 1 folder. 1/4 inch.

17. Deposit books, 1841-65. Box 3
These are samples selected at random from an accumulation of several thousand (c. 8 cubic feet) destroyed in 1981 as not worth continued preservation. One of those kept is the earliest one found, beginning 21 August 1841. 11 volumes. 1 inch.
18. Notes receivable lists, 1855-64. Box 3
1 package. 1 1/2 inches.
19. "Contract and other papers pertaining to the construction of dam at Stafford Hollow for the Savings Bank of Tolland by Jas. E. Batchelder during the summer of 1847." Box 3
1 envelope. 1/4 inch.
20. Statements of the Bank, May 31, 1904 and May 31, 1906. Box 3
1 folder. 1/4 inch.
21. Bye Laws of the "Savings Bank of Tolland." Box 3
Undated. 1841? 1 folder. 1/4 inch.
22. Savings account signature cards, 1903. Box 3
1 package. 3 inches.
23. Bank advertising cards, no date. Box 3
c. 20 copies. 1/2 inch.
24. Statements and cancelled checks of the bank's accounts with the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Jan. 1920, and The Hartford Trust Co., June 1919. Box 3
1 package. 1 inch.
25. Deeds, mortgages, appraisals, trustee and administrator appointments, insurance policies, etc., 1845-1912. Box 4
1 foot, 3 inches.
26. Miscellaneous correspondence, notes, memoranda, etc., Box 5
c. 1845-1912.
Also two leather wallets and an unidentified index book. 5 inches.
27. Incoming letters, 1864-94. Boxes 6-16
(RC)
The file is incomplete and consists mainly of routine acknowledgments and transmittal letters.
20 feet.

Reference Restrictions

None.

Related Records

RG 60	County records, Tolland
RG 62	Town records, Tolland
RG 69:98	Frank Turner Newcomb papers