

Title: Second Ward Savings Bank

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Abstract: The Second Ward Savings Bank on the corner of West Kilbourn Avenue and North Third Street, an elaborately detailed neoclassical revival structure, was completed in 1913 after two years of construction. An early financial institution, the bank was incorporated in 1855 and reorganized in 1866. Its board members included the famous brewers, Phillip Best, Valentine Blatz, and Joseph Schlitz, which led to the bank’s moniker, the “Brewers” Bank.”

The First Wisconsin National Bank purchased the building in 1928 and continued a long tradition of banking service for another 37 years. In 1965, First Wisconsin turned the building over to Milwaukee County to serve as a center for the study of local history and a headquarters for the activities of the Milwaukee County Historical Society.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, scrapbooks, and blueprints of the bank prior to it becoming the Historical Society.

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Safekeeping Register, 1927-1936	ER, Sh. 214
Daily Statements of Condition for the Year 1913	ER, Sh. 214
Daily Statements of Condition for the Year 1920	ER, Sh. 214
Signatures, #20,919-25,005 (1884-1886)	ER, Sh. 214
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OVERSIZE ITEMS	
Certificate showing the bank as a contributing honorary member of the Wisconsin National Guard, 4 th Infantry, Undated	OS SM "S"