

**Title:** Northwestern National Insurance Company Collection

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**Abstract:** The Northwestern National Insurance Company (NNIC) was a pioneer Milwaukee insurance company organized in 1869. Until 1930, NNIC’s business was limited to fire and allied forms of insurance, but that year it entered casualty lines of business through its subsidiary, Northwestern National Casualty Company.

In February 1968, NNIC's board of directors and management organized NN Corporation (NNC) under Delaware statutes as a holding company with general business purposes. In July 1986, an exchange offer was made to NNIC stock for NNC stock on a one-for-one basis. NNC then merged with and into Armco Financial Services Corporation effective December 1, 1980. NNIC ceased writing new individual health policies in February 1975. Group and association health insurance business was terminated in April 1977. NNIC went into run-off on January 1, 1986 with the exception for mandatory writings of their guaranteed renewable accident and health policies. Thereafter, the company underwent several mergers, rehabilitation events and restructuring. In 2017, Sandell Holdings Ltd. acquired controlling interest in NNIC and liquidated the company assets in May 2019.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of ledgers, cash books, minutes of board meetings, statistical books, photographs and other ephemera detailing the company’s history. Also included is material pertaining to the Ensign Insurance Company and Dominion Insurance Company, Canadian affiliates of NNIC, as well as the Northwestern National Casualty Company, and the Northwestern Underwriters Agency, a division of NNIC.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

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**Arrangement:**

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Northwestern National Insurance Co. Section		
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#9 Dec 1870 - Dec 1871		
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#12 Sep 1957 - Jul 1965 {out of chronological sequence}		
#13 Jun 1883 - Oct 1888		
#14 Oct 1888 - Nov 1892		
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<b><u>EXECUTIVE &amp; JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES &amp; RECORDS</u></b> #40 Mar 1877 - Dec 1914 #41 Dec 1914 - Dec 1921 #42 Dec 1921 - Dec 1927 #43 Jan 1928 - Nov 1933 #44 Nov 1933 - Jun 1937 #45 Jul 1937 - Jun 1940		
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<b><u>VARIOUS RECORD LEDGERS</u></b> #57 Amounts written, premiums received, & losses paid 1896-1911 #58 Gross net writings by branches & fields, net writings by branches, net writings and net losses & misc. ratio 1930-1936 #59 Gross premiums & gross losses paid, branches & fields 1930-1937 #60 Net underwriting results by states 1926-1935 #61 Gross net writings by branches & fields 1941-1945 #62 Gross net writings by branches & fields 1936-1940 #63 Net results, branches, fields, misc. & states 1936-1940 #64 Net results, branches, fields, misc. & states 1941-1945 #65 Net results by states 1911- 1950 #66 Real estate Investment Record #67 NNIC historical & cumulative financial records & records of Regional and city operations 1960-1962  #68 General Ledger 1869-1873 #69 Agencies Ledger 1875-1876 #70A Records of transfers of stock certificates 1871-1924 #70B Records of transfers of stock certificates Nov 1876-Oct1927 #71 Postage stamp record Jan 1907 - Sep 1933		
<b><u>PREMIUMS AND LOSSES</u></b> #72 Home Office fire premium cash book Jan 1876 - Jun 1883		

<p>#73 Home Office fire premium cash book Jul 1883 - Aug 1886</p> <p>#74 Agency fire premiums &amp; losses 1901-1907</p> <p>#75 Profits and Losses 1869-1901</p> <p>#76 Profits and Losses 1891-1905</p> <p>#76A Summary of Premiums and Losses 1894-1924</p> <p>#77 Premiums and Losses by states 1911-1914</p> <p>#78 Premiums and Losses by states 1925-1944</p> <p>#79 Survey of gross net premiums 1939</p> <p>#79A Survey of gross net premiums 1940</p> <p>#79B Survey of gross net premiums 1941</p> <p>#79C Survey of gross net premiums 1942</p> <p>#80 Results of branches and fields 1939</p> <p>#80A Results of branches and fields 1939</p> <p>#81 Results of branches and fields 1940</p> <p>#81A Results of branches and fields 1940</p> <p>#82 Results of branches and fields 1941</p> <p>#82A Results of branches and fields 1941</p> <p>#83 Results of branches and fields 1942</p> <p>#83A Results of branches and fields 1942</p> <p>#84 Results of branches and fields 1943</p> <p>#85 Fire loss register Sep 1869-Dec 1883</p> <p>#86 Fire loss register Jan 1884-Jun 1888</p> <p>#87 Fire loss register Jun 1888-Jan 1892</p> <p>#88 Fire loss register Jan 1892-Jun 1894</p> <p>#89 Fire loss register Jul 1894-Mar 1896</p> <p>#90 Fire loss register Apr 1896-Jan 1898</p> <p>#91 Fire loss register Jan 1898-Mar 1899</p> <p>#92 Fire loss register Mar 1899-May 1900</p> <p>#93 Fire loss register May 1900-Jun 1901</p> <p>#94 Fire loss register Jun 1901-Apr 1902</p> <p>#95 Fire loss register Apr 1902-Apr 1903</p> <p>#96 Fire loss register Apr 1903-Aug 1904</p> <p>#97 Fire loss register Aug 1904-Oct 1905</p> <p>#98 Fire loss register Nov 1905-Aug 1907</p> <p>#98A Fire loss register Mar 1906-Nov 1908 (covers period of San Francisco earthquake and payments made)</p> <p>#99 Fire loss register Sep 1907-Mar 1909</p> <p>#100 Fire loss register Apr 1909-Aug 1910</p> <p>#101 Fire loss register Sep 1910-Jan 1912</p>		
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#102 Tornado loss register Jun 1902-Dec 1906 #103 Tornado loss register Jan 1907-Jun 1912 #104 Register of Marine & Inland losses Oct 1869-Oct 1891 #105 General loss register by states Jan 1904-Dec 1906		
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<i>Insurance Co. 1848-1948</i> - <i>Old Ironsides</i> pamphlet by NNIC - <i>The Act of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Northwest National Insurance Company</i> Feb. 20, 1869 - <i>Biography of a Bank: The Story of the Bank of America</i> 1954 - <i>San Francisco in Ruins</i> 1906 - <i>Book of Instructions</i> for agents of NNIC 1874 (2) - <i>Final Report of the General Loss Committee of Fire Insurance Companies on the Baltimore Conflagration</i> Feb. 7-8, 1909 - <i>100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1869-1969</i> booklet NNIC - <i>Semi-Centenary of the Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin</i> , 1919		
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<b><u>Loose Wrapped Items Added June 1998 SD (donated by Krista Jautz June 1998)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– NNIC fire policy issued Aug. 6, 1881 to Alexander Peddie of Emmetsburg, Iowa (matted and framed)</li> <li>– Four premium payment books for NNIC and Northwestern National Underwriters Agency with artwork on covers Jan. 1895, Jan. 1898, Jan. 1899 (matted and framed)</li> <li>– Early 1900s NNIC fire mark authenticated, and NNIC automobile radiator medallion (matted and framed)</li> <li>– Policy of assurance #9026 issued in Mass. on Sept. 8, 1797 to Captain Thomas Brown of Newbury Port, Mass. to insure his brig "Hannah" and cargo (matted and framed)</li> <li>– Post card of NNIC building, advertising card for Northwestern National Underwriters Agency, advertising card for tornado policies issued by NNIC, and small NNIC wall calendar from 1875 (matted and framed)</li> </ul>		



<b>OVERSIZE ITEMS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Resolution adopted and signed Dec. 30, 1968 by Mayor Henry Maier and other city officials congratulating NNIC on the anniversary of 100 years of service which will take place Feb. 20, 1969	OS LG "N"
New Designs for NNIC Building & Designs for New Executive Offices (2 oversize packets)	WHS, Sh. D035
<b>Photos : See M-254B</b>	
<b><u>Oversize Photos</u></b> OS #1973 - Early 1900s interior view of NNIC on E. Wisc. Ave. showing employees at work OS #1974 - NNIC directors group portrait from 1869-1916 OS #1975 - NNIC employees who marched in a parade standing in front of NNIC building on E. Wisc. Ave. OS #1976 - Exterior view of a NNIC branch office, and an interior view of agent's office with employees	