

CHARLOTTE BANK COLLECTION, 1884-1968

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ABSTRACT

The Charlotte Bank Collection includes information on several of the early banks in Charlotte, including the First National Bank of Charlotte, Wachovia National Bank, Charlotte National Bank, and Union National Bank.

The First National Bank of Charlotte was established by John Wilkes (1827-1908) in August 1865. It was the first of Charlotte's national banks, and was also the first bank in North Carolina to receive a charter to print national bank notes. Due to a variety of circumstances, on December 4, 1930, the First National Bank of Charlotte closed.

Wachovia National Bank was founded in Winston-Salem in 1879 by William A. Lemly. Wachovia National Bank merged with the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company in 1911 to form the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. After years of expansion, Wachovia eventually suffered losses, and Wells Fargo purchased the bank in 2008.

The Charlotte National Bank began in 1897, and continued in business until it was bought by Wachovia Bank and Trust in 1939. The first President of the bank was Benjamin Dawson Heath, a prominent banker and businessman in the community, with William H. Twitty was the first Cashier.

H.M. Victor founded the Union National Bank in 1908, in Charlotte, North Carolina. A series of mergers eventually made it the second-largest bank in North Carolina. By 2001, the bank had merged with Wachovia, and was included in Wachovia merger with Wells Fargo in 2008.

This collection includes documents.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charlotte Bank Collection is a small collection formerly from the Ephemera Collection. It consists of advertisements, correspondence, financial documents, and histories. The bulk of the collection dates from the 1920s-1930s, and 1950s-1960s, with a few earlier items.

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