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Inventory of the Bank of Charleston Records, 1837-1874

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Bank of Charleston records
Date(s)	1837-1874
Creator:	Bank of Charleston
Abstract:	Records of the Bank of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina. Materials relate to the daily operations and financial transactions of the Bank of Charleston. Collection includes ledgers, journals, and receipt books containing records of general accounts, deposits, loans, and exchange rates. Also included are ledgers containing the business accounts of Merchants National Bank, Savannah, Georgia, and the Bank of Liverpool.
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Call Number:	Mss 0004
Language of Material:	Materials predominately in English; Some accounts in French.

Historical Note

In 1836, the newly chartered Bank of Charleston purchased the building at 16 Broad Street after the previous occupants, the Second Bank of the United States, failed to have its charter renewed. By 1848, the Bank of Charleston had affiliates in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana. In 1887, having financially survived the Civil War and the Reconstruction, the bank recovered sufficiently enough to become a Federal Depository. In 1926, the Bank of Charleston merged with the Carolina National Bank, Columbia, South Carolina, and the Norwood Bank, Greenville, South Carolina to form the South Carolina National Bank, eventually being absorbed by Wachovia in the mid-1990s.

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Collection Arrangement

The collection is described at the item level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

See also: Bank of Charleston records, 1830-1921, South Carolina Historical Society, 100 Meeting Street Charleston, S.C.

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

- Bank of Charleston
- Bank of Liverpool
- Merchants National Bank (Savannah, Ga.)

Subjects

- Banks and banking--South Carolina--Charleston
- Account books--South Carolina--Charleston

Places

- Charleston (S.C.)

Types of Material

- Ledgers (account books)
- Journals (accounts)
- Receipts (financial records)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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Inventory

Volume 1	Ledger, 1837-1861	Ledger contains the yearly suspended debts related to bonds, mortgages, stocks, protested discounted notes, discounted notes past due, and protested domestic exchanges. Entries also include losses chargeable to the contingent funds, state, and corporate bonds.
Volume 2	"Daily Committee" account ledger, 1843	Account ledger contains the daily entries of bills, rates, and committee members.
Volume 3	"Discount New" ledger, 1855-1865	Ledger contains the general accounts of the Bank of Charleston including the percentage of discount given to each account on that day.
Volume 4	"British Exchange Purchased" journal, 1856-1865	Journal contains the daily amounts drawn in British sterling and exchanged for American dollars from the Bank of Charleston. Entries also include for who, from whom, and the city from where the sterling was drawn from. Also included are exchange rates and British sterling amounts in dollars.
Volume 5	"Register of Collaterals" ledger, 1857-1863	Ledger contains alphabetized individual business accounts.
Volume 6	Daily ledger, 1860-1870	Journal contains the daily records of account with businesses, institutions, and banks. Banks include the Philadelphia Bank, the Bank of the State of New York, the Farmers Bank of Virginia, the Merchants Bank of Richmond, and the Bank of Liverpool.
Volume 7	"Bank of Liverpool Account with Bank of Charleston" ledger, 1860-1863	Ledger contains the daily account records with the Bank of Liverpool.
Volume 8	General accounts ledger, 1861-1871	Ledger contains separate account records, showing their beginning and ending balances. Accounts listed include cash, foreign premium accounts, expense accounts, interest accounts, and debt accounts.
Volume 9	"Our account with other agencies" ledger, 1862-1865	Ledger contains the weekly balances of the Bank of Charleston's accounts with other agencies. Accounts listed include various banks, agents, and individuals.
Volume 10	"Receipts for Confederate Bonds" book, 1864 April 1	Receipt book of Confederate Bonds purchased from the Bank of Charleston. Receipts include names of individuals and companies making purchases. Several receipts are marked "redeemed."

- Volume 11** **John C. Phillips account ledger, 1864-1865**
 Account ledger of the John C. Phillips account with the Bank of Charleston.
- Volume 12** **Cash daybook, 1865-1866**
 Daybook recording all the money received and paid out for the Bank of Charleston.
- Volume 13** **"Cash book and journal," 1868-1871**
 Journal contains monthly cash and general accounts of the Bank of Charleston. Also included is an 1871 Board of Directors report.
- Volume 14** **"Merchants National Bank [Savannah, Ga.] in account with the Bank of Charleston" ledger, 1871-1872**
 Accounts ledger listing the Merchants National bank, Savannah, Georgia, account with the Bank of Charleston.
- Volume 15** **"Foreign investment information" journal, 1873-1874**
 Journal contains foreign investment information related to individuals and companies. Entries also include credit status, amount of cotton bales on credit, and standing in regards to the Bank of Charleston. Some entries in French.