

BROOKVILLE BANK RECORDS, 1886-1897

Collection #
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 bound volume
COLLECTION DATES:	1886-1897
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
RELATED HOLDINGS:	(M 0115, Goodwin Family Papers, Boxes 8, 10, 11
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Brookville Bank (1879-1905) was one of a succession of banks under related management which served the town of Brookville for over sixty years. It was the immediate successor of the Brookville National Bank, which underwent voluntary liquidation in 1879 as a result of hard times following the Panic of 1873.

The founding partners of the Brookville Bank were Dr. John R. Goodwin and his son Charles F. Goodwin. Dr. Goodwin died in 1880. The next year his son took into the bank John C. Shirk, a recent graduate of Indiana University. Goodwin and Shirk were partners from 1884 to 1896 when Goodwin died. The bank then continued until 1905 as a partnership between Shirk and his sister, who was Goodwin's widow.

In 1905 the bank was reorganized as National Brookville Bank.

Source: Reifel, *History of Franklin County* (1915), pp. 325-326

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one bound volume, an account book of the Brookville Bank from 1886 to 1897, approximately the duration of the partnership of Charles F. Goodwin and John C. Shirk. In 1907 the bank was sued by the State of Indiana for back taxes for 1881-1883. During the trial, Shirk testified that, when the bank was reorganized in 1905, he had taken the old bank records to the basement and burned them in the bank furnace. This part of the records apparently escaped the holocaust.

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