The Filson Historical Society

Ohio River Valley Business Collection, 1788-1961

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Size of Collection:
20 cu. ft.

Locator Number:
Mss./BB/O36

Historical Note

The Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company dates back to the Fidelity Trust Company founded in 1882. Two years later, the Fidelity Trust Co. merged with the Louisville Safety Vault Company and formed the Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Company. The Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Co. was the first company in Louisville to act as trustee and agents for trusts and wills.
In 1912, the Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Co. merged with the Columbia Trust Company and formed the Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company. The Fidelity and Columbia continued to service the Louisville area in banking and trust needs. In 1944, Fidelity and Columbia merged with the Citizens Union National Bank creating the Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust Company. In 1987, PNC Financial Corporation took control of Citizens Fidelity Bank.

Scope and Content Note

Collection regards trusts held by the Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company for local and regional businesses and individuals in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Examples of documents in these files are leases, deeds, land surveys, estate records, and financial and business records for realty companies, railroads, manufacturers, farms, and individuals. The collection also contains 11 company minute books, 1889-1944. See inventory for folder list and outline of folder contents.

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Added entries

Agriculture – Indiana.
Agriculture – Kentucky.
Agua Pura (Las Vegas, N.M.)
Anderson, Mary, 1859-1940.
B.F. Avery & Sons.
BancoKentucky (Louisville, Ky.)
Banks and banking – Kentucky.
Barrett family.
Belknap family.
Belknap Hardware and Manufacturing Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Bernheim family.
Bingham family.
Bloom family.
Bloom Realty Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Bonnie, William O., d. 1923.
Brandeis, Florence – Estate.
Bridges – Illinois – Cairo.
Bridges – Kentucky – Owensboro.
Buses.
Business enterprises.
Caperton, John Hayes, 1857-1923 – Estate.
Castleman, John Breckinridge, 1841-1918 – Estate.
Cave Hill Cemetery Company.
Charities.
Clark family.
Columbia Finance and Trust Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Cox family.
Darby family.
Distilleries – Kentucky.
Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Finance – Kentucky.
Fink, Albert, 1827-1897 – Estate.
First Unitarian Church (Louisville, Ky.)
Fort Knox (Ky.)
Gaulbert, J. William.
Gaulbert Realty Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Gheens, C. Edwin, 1878-1961.
Grainger, Charles, 1854-1923.
Green family.
Guthrie, James, 1792-1869.
Helm, John Larue, 1802-1867 – Estate.
Henning family.

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Added entries (con't)

Henry family.
Heyburn, William, 1861-1934.
Heyburn Building (Louisville, Ky.)
Hilliard, John James Byron – Will.
Home for Friendless Women (Louisville, Ky.)
Home of the Innocents (Louisville, Ky.)
Immigrants – Kentucky.
Industries – Kentucky.
Kentucky Hotel Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Kentucky Military Institute (1845-1971)
Lincoln Institute of Kentucky.
Louisville Gas and Electric Company.
Louisville Railway Transit Company.
Majestic Theater (Louisville, Ky.)
Mechanics Bank and Trust Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Miller family.
Mines and mineral resources – Colorado.
Mockingbird Valley (Ky.)
Morgan Packing Company (Austin, Ind.)
Norton, Eckstein, 1831-1893.
Owen County (Ky.)
Pirtle, James B. – Estate.
Railroads – Kentucky.
Railroads – Louisiana.
Real estate business – Kentucky – Louisville.
Real estate development – Kentucky – Louisville.
Religious institutions.
S. Zorn and Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Sackett, Frederic Moseley, 1868-1941.
Speed family.
Springfield Railway and Light Company.
Susan Speed Davis Home (Louisville, Ky.)
Trust companies – Kentucky – Louisville.
United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States. Army of the Cumberland.
Universities and colleges – Kentucky.
University of Louisville.
Vertes, Alexandre, d. 1935 – Estate.
Walnut Street Land Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Warren family.
Wasco Realty (Louisville, Ky.)
Watterson, Henry, 1840-1921 – Estate.

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Added entries (con't)

Weissinger, Henry, 1843-1915 – Estate.
Weissinger-Gaulbert Realty Company (Louisville, Ky.)
Westholme (Louisville, Ky.)
Whallen, James P., 1856-1930 – Will.
Willow Terrace Apartments (Louisville, Ky.)
World War, 1939-1945 – Food supply.
Yandell, Enid – Estate.