

# Savannah Bank and Trust Company records

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Savannah Bank and Trust Company (Savannah, Ga.)
<b>Title:</b>	Savannah Bank and Trust Company records
<b>Dates:</b>	1869-1982
<b>Extent:</b>	2.5 cubic feet (4 boxes)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1882

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## Biographical/Historical Note

The Savannah Bank and Trust Company was established in Savannah, Georgia on 1 July 1869 after several banks failed as a result of the Civil War (1861-1865). It first occupied a building on the southwest corner of Bay and Drayton Streets in Savannah, until a new building was built in 1912. The new Savannah Bank and Trust Company building was located on the corner of Bryan and Bull streets and was one of the earliest skyscrapers in Savannah.

In January 1950, the Savannah Bank and Trust Company completed a merger with the Citizens Bank and Trust Company. The Citizens Bank and Trust Company was established in 1906 and was located on Bay and Bull Streets in Savannah. The merger of these two successful financial institutions made Savannah Bank and Trust Company a powerful banking house in Savannah.

On 17 February 1987, the Savannah Bank and Trust Company changed its name to First Union after their parent company, First Railroad and Banking Company, merged with First Union Corporation. By this time, the bank had extended their banking services throughout Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, stock certificates, microfilms with board minutes, artifacts, and other miscellaneous records from the Savannah Bank and Trust Company in Savannah, Georgia from 1869 to 1982. Included within this collection are materials regarding the bank's merger with the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Savannah in January 1950.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 4 boxes:

Box 1: Annual reports, Act of Incorporation, four microfilms with board minutes and bylaws, hand held mirror, 1872-1979

Box 2: Original subscriptions to the capital stock of the Savannah Bank and Trust Company, correspondence and reports regarding Citizens Bank and Trust Company, photograph album, three framed stock certificates, paperweight, 1869-1982

Box 3: Correspondence, reports, ballots, memorandums, and clippings regarding merger with Citizens Bank and Trust Company; stock certificates, 1869-1955

Box 4: Metal box, Savannah Bank and Trust Company seals, ca. late 19th century

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## **Index Terms**

Annual reports.  
Artifacts (object genre)  
Bank mergers--Georgia--Savannah.  
Banks and banking--Georgia--Savannah.  
Bylaws (administrative records)  
Citizens Bank and Trust Company (Savannah, Ga.)  
Clippings (information artifacts)  
Letters (correspondence)  
Microfilms.  
Minutes (administrative records)  
Paperweights.  
Photograph albums.  
Reports.  
Savannah Bank and Trust Company (Savannah, Ga.)  
Stock certificates.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Processing Information**

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## **Restrictions**

### **Access Restrictions**

The collection is open for research.

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