

## **Record Group 38 Plymouth National Bank**

1872-1983

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Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth, MI

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- Acquisition:** The Plymouth National Bank records were deposited in the archives in 1982.
- Language:** Materials in English
- Access:** Records are open for research
- Use:** Refer to Archives Reading Room Guidelines
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### **Abstract**

The Plymouth National Bank opened for business on February 11, 1884, with Theodore C. Sherwood as president. In 1890 Plymouth National voluntarily liquidated to become Plymouth Savings Bank. In 1903, Plymouth Savings merged with a bank that started out as First National Exchange Bank. First National Exchange started out as First National Bank. In 1891, First National was reorganized and became First National Exchange Bank with George Starkweather as president. The 1903 bank consolidation between First National Exchange and Plymouth Savings Bank resulted in a bank called Plymouth United Savings Bank. Finally, in 1952 Plymouth United Savings Bank to merge with National Bank of Detroit.

### **Scope and Content**

The Plymouth National Bank Collection consists of official bank documents and newspaper articles. The official bank documents include information on shares and a share register. The meeting minutes of the bank included in the collection date from 1944-1950. The collection also hold internal company papers, with condition reports, history notes, and other documents that date from 1872 to 1952. The newspaper articles are from various newspapers, such as the Plymouth Mail, the Observer and Eccentric, and others, with dates ranging from the 1920s-1980s.

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## **Important Subjects**

Bank Shares  
Banking records—20<sup>th</sup> century  
Local History—Plymouth MI  
Meeting Minutes—Plymouth National Bank

## **Box 1, Shelf 56**

### ***Entry 1: Share Register***

Records of the First National Exchange Bank of Plymouth (Acc #82.13.21L)

### ***Entry 2: Minutes***

National Bank of Plymouth, Directors Minute Book, 1944-1950 (Acc #82.13.12L)

### ***Entry 3: Newspaper Articles***

“Bank’s grand opening on Halloween Sunday,” *Plymouth Observer*, 25 October 1976

“Plymouth Banks to Consolidate with Detroit National to Care for Tremendous  
Expansion” *Plymouth Mail*

“New Plymouth Bank Receives Preliminary OK,” *Plymouth Community Crier*, 12 June  
1974

“1<sup>st</sup> National is now First,” *Community Crier*, 8 June 1983

“Floyd A. Kerhl, banker, dies,” *Plymouth Observer*, 6 November 1975

“First National Bank of Plymouth Announces Six-Member Board of Directors,”  
*Plymouth Community Crier*, 9 October 1974

“Bank Merger Effective as of Yesterday,” *Plymouth Mail*, 2 October 1952

“Four Area Banks to Merge,” *Detroit Free Press*, 14 August 1952

“National Bank in Merger”

“Plymouth’s bank moves into permanent Main St. home”

“Floyd Kehrl: a man who left his mark,” *The Observer & Eccentric*, 20 November 1975

“Mergers are key to banks’ history,” *The Observer & Eccentric*, 25 December 1975

“Peoples State Bank will Become First National Bank,” *Plymouth Mail*, 25 June 1926

“Plymouth Robbery Victims”

“Robbed a Bank? He’s No Gentleman”

“Floyd Kehrl...,” *Northville Record*, 12 November 1975

### ***Entry 4: Company Papers***

Depositor’s Agreement of the First National Bank of Plymouth, dated 1932

Report of Condition, First National Bank in Plymouth, 31 December 1938 (Acc #L462)

Report of Condition, First National Bank in Plymouth, 30 June 1947 (Acc #L464)

Report of Condition, First National Bank in Plymouth, 5 September 1952 (Acc #L463)

First National Bank of Plymouth, Bank Services

Portrait of Bank Robber Willard Long (Acc #L465)

Letter to First National Bank from IRS, Treasury Department, dated 24 August 1931  
Notes on history of Plymouth National Bank (Acc #L318)  
Liquidating Dividend  
Three checks written by Abraham Fisher in 1872 (Acc #651B)

**Box 2, Shelf 56**

***Entry 5: Shares***

Geo. A. Starkweather, 10 shares, dated 20 September 1902  
Myron J. Anderson, 10 shares, dated 16 March 1951  
Blank share certificate  
E. K. Starkweather, 20 shares, dated 11 February 1884  
Laban D. Shearer, 15 shares, dated 28 March 1872 (copy)  
J. D. Packard, 5 shares, dated 24 December 1879  
Plymouth National Bank Share book, 11 February 1884-4 September 1901 (Acc  
#82.13.20L)  
First National Bank in Plymouth, Stock Certificate Book, 16 March 1951 to 31 July 1952  
(Acc #82.013.31L)  
First National Bank in Plymouth, Stock Certificate Book, 18 July 1947 to 16 March 1951  
(Acc #82.013.30L)

**Photograph:**

Interior of Bank on Grand Opening, 24 May, 1924  
See RG 36, Entry9, Box 1, Shelf 39, Business and Commerce