



The following is the finding aid for the Spring Bank Company collection located at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives. A finding aid is a catalog tool used in archives that briefly describes the material found in a collection. These records are not available digitally unless otherwise noted.

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**The Spring Bank Company
Records, 1896-1928
MC 188**

Volume

0.3 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted.

Historical Note

The Spring Bank Company was formed by a group of Catholic laity in 1910. Its members sold bonds in order to raise money for the purchase and improvement of the Spring Bank resort area in Waukesha, Wisconsin. This land was meant to provide a permanent home for the Western Catholic Chautauqua summer school sessions. The Chautauqua movement was a movement that began on the East Coast in the late nineteenth century. Within the movement groups of Catholic lay people would invite prominent religious and scientific scholars to speak at weeks-long summer lectures series. Archbishop Messmer, who was instrumental in bringing the Catholic Chautauqua movement to the Midwest, served on the Board of Directors. The land in Spring Bank was sold after interest in the Catholic Chautauqua movement declined in the early 1920s.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

This collection contains the ledger book of the Spring Bank Company and the policies for several mortgages and loans taken out by the company and its members in the early twentieth century (1896-1928). The ledger contains the By-Laws, a list of the company's stockholders as well as the meeting minutes for the meetings of the Board of Directors and the annual stockholders' meetings from 1912-1915.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged chronologically.. "B" is an abbreviation for box and "F" is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1		Ledger Book, 1912-1915
B 1	F 1	Mortgage of David Dickson and May A. Dickson, 1896-1928
B 1	F 2	Mortgage of Henry Schoellkopf, 1912-1924
B 1	F 3	Mortgage of The Spring Bank Company, 1922
B 1	F 4	Stock Subscriptions and Agreements, 1910