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**AMERICAN FLETCHER NATIONAL BANK
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	13 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize manuscript box, 1 box photographs, 3 cold storage photo folders, 2 OVB photo folders, 2 photo albums, 2 printed items, 19 bound volumes, 1 artifact
COLLECTION DATES:	1870–2004
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

S.A. Fletcher & Company Bank, often called Fletcher's Bank, was established in 1839 in Indianapolis by Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr. as a private bank. The bank was chartered in 1898. In 1909, Stoughton J. Fletcher, the founder's son and majority shareholder, died. This left his own son, Stoughton A. Fletcher II, in charge of the bank, which had changed its name at some point to **Fletcher National Bank**.

In 1901, **American National Bank (ANB)** was founded by a group of Indianapolis businessmen. On September 3, 1910, American National Bank merged with Fletcher National Bank. The new company was called **Fletcher American National Bank (FANB)**. At the time Stoughton A. Fletcher II was president. At some point, the Fletcher American Bank and Company chartered the Indianapolis Joint Stock Land Bank, also known as the **Fletcher Joint Stock Land Bank**. The company was created to provide loans which had to "be used for the purchase, improvement or operation of farm property."

In 1912, two other financial institutions, **German-American Trust Company** (1895) and **Marion Trust Company** (1906), consolidated to form **Fletcher Savings and Trust Company**. In 1931, the bank's name was shortened to **Fletcher Trust Company**.

In March 1933, Fletcher American National Bank went bankrupt. The company closed for a bank holiday and never reopened. A plan was made to liquidate the bank. Later that year, the assets were reorganized into a new bank, **American National Bank at Indianapolis (ANB)**, under federal trusteeship. The trustees advertised portions of the property for sale to the highest cash bidders. All assets were not liquidated until the 1950s.

On December 31, 1954, American National Bank merged with the Fletcher Trust Company to form the **American Fletcher National Bank (AFNB)**, the second largest bank in Indiana. Only four years later, on July 31, 1959, American Fletcher National Bank and **Fidelity Bank & Trust Company** merged, keeping the name American Fletcher National Bank.

In 1968, the **American Fletcher Corporation (AFC)** was established as a bank holding company. Growth continued under the leadership of Frank E. McKinney, Jr., president and chairman of the board of the AFC, until the company became the largest bank holding company in Indiana. In 1986, AFC had obtained four banks in the state. On May 11, 1986 AFC announced a merger with **Banc One Corporation**, with McKinney as chairman and later chief executive officer of Banc One, Indiana. American Fletcher National Bank was renamed Banc One, Indianapolis and in 1992 it was the largest bank in the state. Around 1998, Banc One changed its name to Bank One. In July 2004, Bank One merged with **J.P. Morgan Chase and Company**.

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Collection materials.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection addition contains materials related to American Fletcher National Bank and materials related to other financial institutions which helped to form or were later iterations of American Fletcher National Bank.

Series 1: Annual and Quarterly Reports

This series contains annual and quarterly reports published by the following companies: American Fletcher Bank (Suisse), Switzerland, American Fletcher Corporation, American Fletcher National Bank, Banc One, Carmel Bank, First National Bank of Bloomington, Fletcher Savings & Trust, Fletcher Trust Company, and the Trust & Asset Management Group. Reports are organized alphabetically, first by company, then by title.

Series 2: Administrative Records

The administrative records are ordered alphabetically by the following categories: buildings, clubs, histories, mergers, and personnel. After these subjects, administrative records outside the categories are arranged alphabetically.

Series 3: Bank Publications

This series contains bank publications from the following companies: American Fletcher Corporation, American Fletcher National Bank, American National Bank, Banc One, Chase, and Fletcher Trust Company. Publications are organized alphabetically, first by company, then by title.

Series 4: Scrapbooks and Memorabilia

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