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**AMERICAN FLETCHER NATIONAL BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS
ADDITION, CA. 1953–1998**

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

S.A. Fletcher & Company Bank, often called Fletcher's Bank, was established in 1839 by Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr. The company's successor, Fletcher National Bank, merged with American National Bank on September 3, 1910. The new company was called Fletcher American National Bank. At the time Stoughton Fletcher II, grandson of the founder, was president.

In 1933, Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis went bankrupt. A plan was made to liquidate the bank. The assets were reorganized into a new bank, American National Bank at Indianapolis, under federal trusteeship. Primary Liquidating Trustees included Otto J. Feucht, John P. Collett, and William N. Fleming, Jr. The trustees also advertised offering 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 AFNB 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. AFNB was renamed Banc One, Indianapolis and in 1992 it was the largest bank in the state.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is an addition to the American Fletcher National Bank collection. It contains some of the American Fletcher Corporation's publications, including the *American Fletcherline*, the *American Fletcherline Bulletin*, *The Benefit Update*, *The H.R.D. Update* and some of Banc One, Indiana's publications, including *The Wire, Indiana Edition*, and *The Wire, Indianapolis Edition*. This addition also contains materials related to AFNB's singing group, the Banks Notes, such as membership lists, set lists, programs, correspondence, sheet music, photos, and materials on the United Way trio. The addition contains annual dinner programs, a 1997 annual report, and club histories of AFNB's Twenty-Year Club. Other materials found in this addition are an ADP Referral Program pamphlet, the 1986 Banc One affiliation press release, a 1987 Bank One, Indianapolis Annual Report, two Christmas on the Circle Appreciation Awards, a 1984 Employee Activity Council election announcement, photocopies of sections of the U.S. Banking Code, Trust and Asset Management Group staff biographies, and miscellaneous news clippings.

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