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Emigrant Savings Bank records

1841-1945 [bulk 1841-1923]

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Summary

Creator: Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank

Title: Emigrant Savings Bank records

Date: 1841-1945 [bulk 1841-1923]

Size: 16.2 linear feet (2 boxes, 58 v.); 59 microfilm reels

Abstract: The Emigrant Savings Bank was established in New York City in 1850 by the Irish Emigrant Society which was founded in 1841 for the protection of immigrants from Ireland. The bank offered a safe place to keep the immigrants' money and a way to send money home to destitute relatives. The society's officers also served as officers of the bank, and the society sent remittances overseas through the agency of the bank. The official business of the society, still extant although inactive, is conducted by the bank. Collection consists of selected records of the Emigrant Savings Bank, particularly records pertaining to the Irish Emigrant Society and data about the bank's depositors and borrowers. Irish Emigrant Society records, 1841-1933, include minutes of the board of trustees and finance committee, and an account ledger. Bank records contain information about deposit accounts, real estate, buildings, and investments. Society and bank records document the social history of Irish immigrants on either side of the Atlantic, with occasional references to German and French immigrants. Deposit accounts often contain detailed personal and genealogical information about individual depositors.

Access: Advance notice required.

Alternative Form Available: Reels 1-20, 25-30 and 40-41 available in the Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy; call number *R-USLHG *ZI-815. Contents of reels 1-20 also available online as New York Emigrant Savings Bank, 1850-1883; Ancestry.com Immigration Collection; on-site access at all NYPL locations via Ancestry Library Edition. Entire collection (59 reels) available on microfilm in the Manuscripts and Archives Division; New York Public Library; *ZL-260

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Creator History

The Emigrant Savings Bank was founded by officers of the Irish Emigrant Society as an outgrowth of the society's concern for the welfare of Irish immigrants. The bank's opening in 1850 coincided with the waves of immigration that followed in the wake of the Irish Famine. The President of the Society, Gregory Dillon, was also the Bank's first president, and for decades there were members of the society's Board of Trustees serving on the bank's Board of Directors. From the start the bank's business was very closely related to the work of the Society. As a result many of the volumes in the collection are personal and family chronicles as well as records of banking transactions. Collectively these volumes rank with the richest sources to be found on either side of the Atlantic for the study of Irish emigration.

Scope and Content Note

There are fifty-nine volumes in the Emigrant Savings Bank Records.

Arrangement: Seven series: I. Irish Emigrant Society; II. Deposit Accounts; III. Real Estate; IV. Real Estate Finances; V. Main Branch; VI. Bank Buildings; VII. Investments

Key Terms

Subjects

Banks and banking -- New York (State) -- New York
Immigrants -- United States
Irish -- United States
Irish Americans -- Societies, etc
Real estate investment -- New York (State) -- New York

Geographic Names

Ireland -- Emigration and immigration
Ireland -- Social conditions
United States -- Emigration and immigration

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Maps

Names

Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank
Emigrant Savings Bank
Irish Emigrant Society of New York

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