

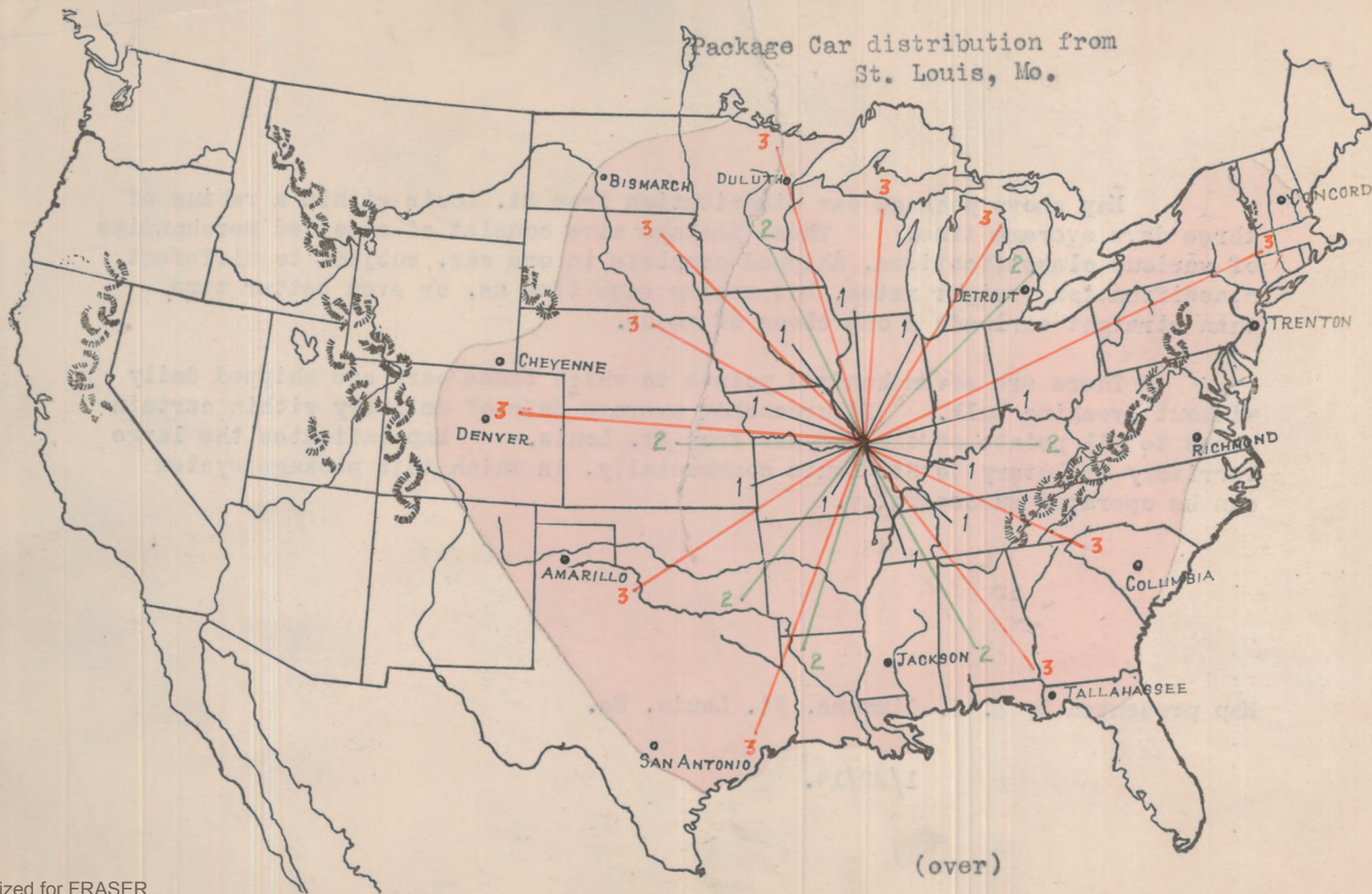
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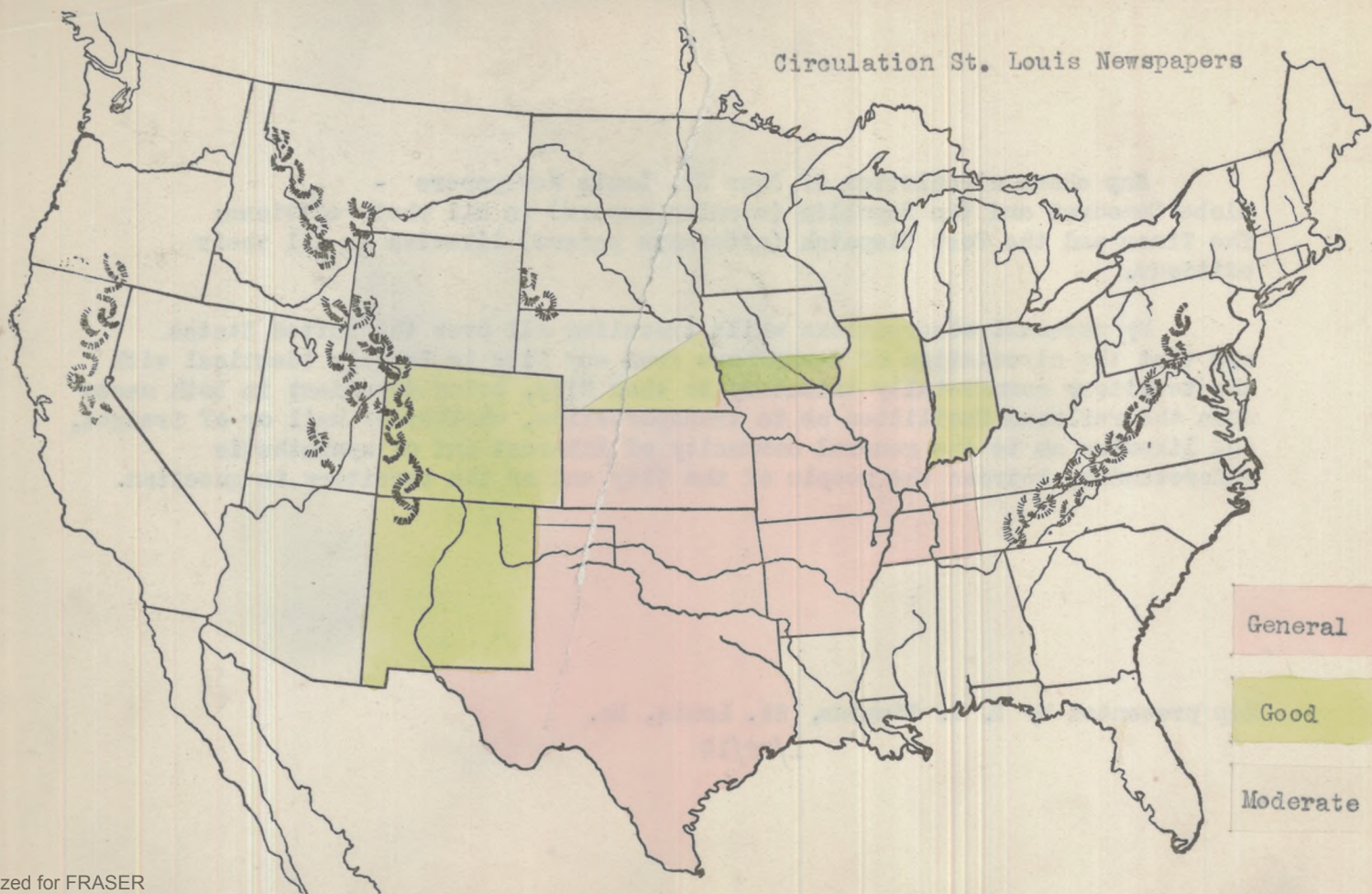
Map shows package car distribution from St. Louis within a radius of three days average time. These package cars consist of assorted merchandise of various classifications, shipped complete in one car, subject to different classification freight rates, but making same time as, or even better time than straight carloads of one class of goods.

There are seven hundred points to which these cars are shipped daily without breaking bulk. Figures show average date of delivery within certain zones to all points of the compass from St. Louis. Map indicates the large territory tributary to St. Louis commercially, in which this package system can be operated successfully.

Map presented by E. C. Simmons, St. Louis, Mo.

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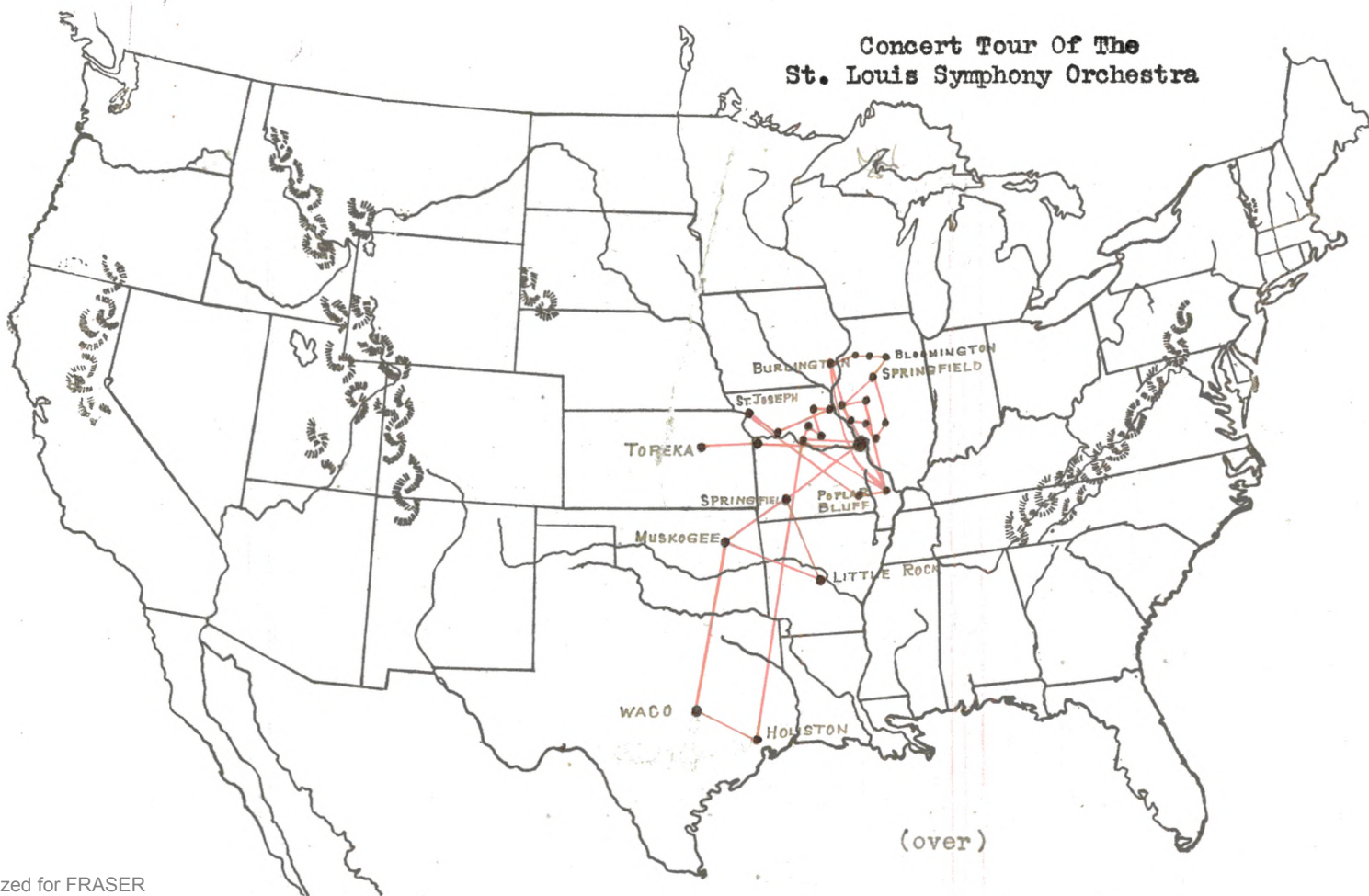


**Map shows circulation of four St. Louis Newspapers -  
Globe Democrat and the Republic (morning papers) in all their editions;  
The Times and the Post Dispatch (afternoon papers) likewise in all their  
editions.**

**My personal observations while traveling all over the United States  
are that the circulation of newspapers from any City is largely identical with  
the territory commercially tributary to that City, being dependent in both cases  
upon the railroad facilities as to transportation, whether of mail or of freight,  
and likewise as to the general community of interest and of sympathetic  
understanding between the people of the City and of the territory in question.**

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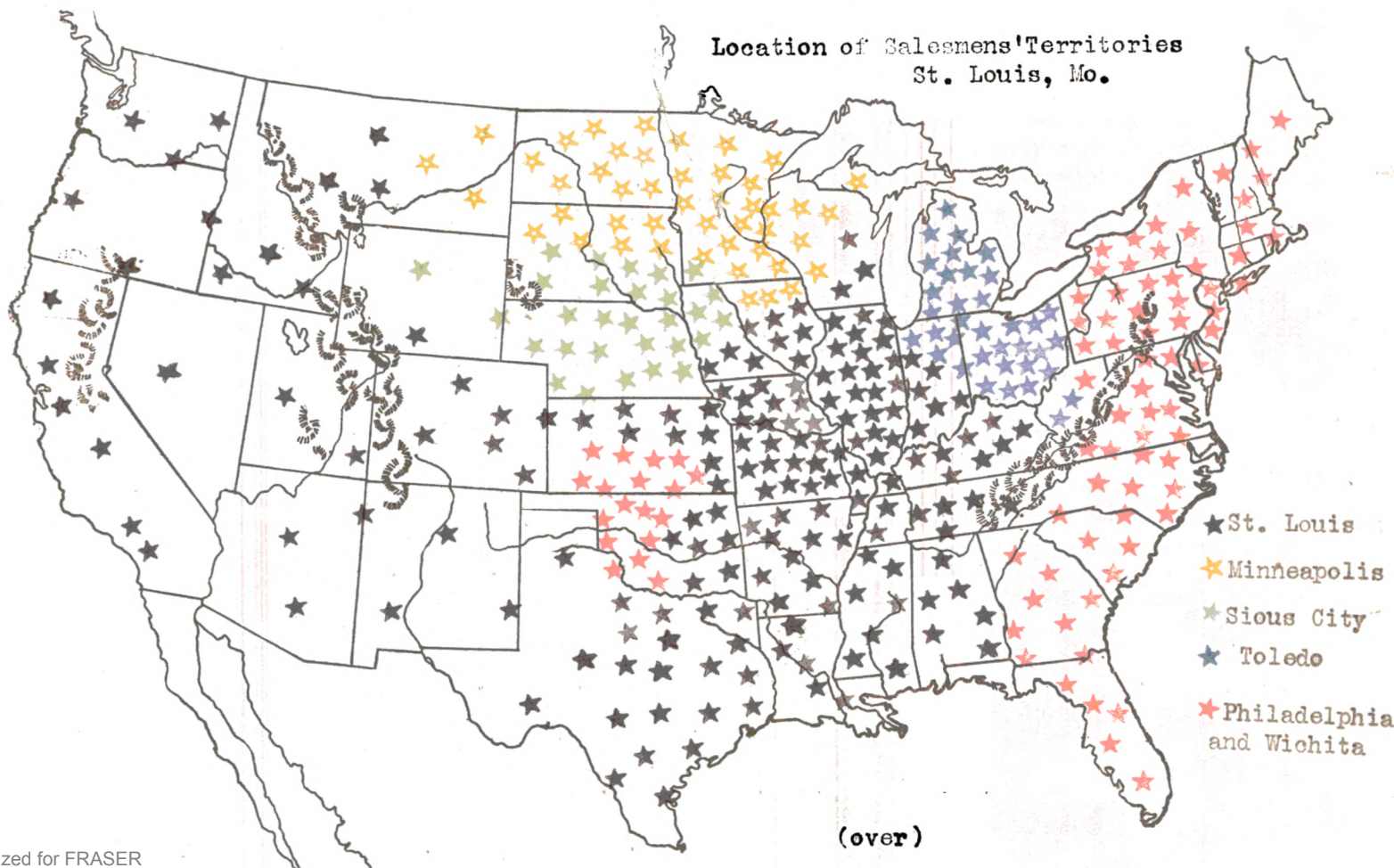
Map represents Concert tour of St. Louis Symphony Society showing places visited during the past few years. A Symphony Orchestra is now as much a distinguishing feature of the intellectual and artistic life of a metropolitan city as are its commercial institutions. The smaller towns and cities being unable to afford the great expense of a Symphony Orchestra, which ranges from \$75,000.00 per annum upwards, naturally look to a few metropolitan cities for this form of musical entertainment and education.

Everywhere that it has gone, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra has been received with great enthusiasm and cordiality; and everywhere there has been the natural and spontaneous expression that the cities and towns visited, looked largely to St. Louis for inspiration in music. These tours are making St. Louis a musical center to which music students are sent from all the territories tributary to St. Louis.

The red lines indicate that the territory visited by the Orchestra is largely identical with that which is commercially tributary to St. Louis.

Map presented by E. C. Simmons of St. Louis, Mo.

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Map shows territory covered by salesman from different local houses of Simmons Hardware Company. Name on the map against the different colored stars show the particular local house represented by these salesman. Each of the stars represents a salesman. In some states it was necessary to omit some of the stars.

In the case, for instance, of red stars (Wichita House) the goods sold to territories covered by Wichita salesman are shipped from Wichita house. It will be noted that St. Louis salesman cover much the larger territory. The basis as to choice of the point of shipment is solely that of convenience and advantage of the customer to whom the goods are shipped. If, for instance, customers in Eastern Oklahoma, the Panhandle of Texas, Eastern and Northern Kansas and Colorado, are better served as to quick shipment and prompt deliveries from St. Louis than from Wichita, shipment is accordingly made from St. Louis. Likewise, if customers in Southern Wyoming and all sections of the Pacific Coast and the extreme Southwest are better served from St. Louis than from Sioux City, or Minneapolis, shipment is accordingly made from St. Louis.

Map indicates the advantage of St. Louis as a natural distributing territory as compared, in many instances, with distribution centers nearer the point to which the goods are distributed, than is St. Louis.

Map Presented by E. C. Simmons, St. Louis, Mo.

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Decatur Ala., Jan 20-14

F. O. watts,

Prest Third Nat'l Bank, St. Louis.

You may inform the commission that the following banks favor St. Louis first and Cincinnati second as the location for the Federal Reserve Bank for this district. The Largest volume of business from this section flows northward.

Tennessee Valley Bank,

Decatur Ala. by S. S. Broadus

Prest, The City Nat'l Bank by A. E. Jackson, Cashier.



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# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF ALBION.

CAPITAL \$ 50,000.00 SURPLUS ~~\$ 7,000.00~~ 10,000.00

ALBION, ILLINOIS. January 20th, 1914.

National Bank of Commerce,

St Louis, Mo.

Gents:-

It is our desire to be placed in the St Louis district as established by the Organization Committee under the new Banking law as this will be more convenient for us than otherwise.

Very truly yours,

*Charles Emerson*

Cashier.

JOHN F. STEWART, President.

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# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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ALBION, ILLINOIS. February 2nd, 1914.

The Chicago Clearing House Committee,

Chicago, Ill.

Gents:-

In reply to yours of the 31st ultimo we have to say that our vote has been cast for St Louis as our first choice and Chicago as our second choice for the new regional reserve Bank.

Very truly yours,

*Charles Emerson*  
Cashier.



# The Hogan State Bank

M. E. HOGAN, *President*    T. E. HOGAN, *Vice President*  
F. GIESEKING, *Cashier*

Altamont, :: Illinois

February 3, 1914.

Mr. W. D. Street, Mgr.  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir: In reply to your circular letter of date, January 31st, will say that we note what you say concerning the Federal Reserve Bank to be located at Chicago. As we are so near situated to St. Louis, we, rather feel, if we would take any side in this case, we would decide to be in the St. Louis district. We, of course, know as you state that we take a pride in Illinois but it is not that we are opposed to Chicago, for any reason only, that we are so near to St. Louis.

Hoping that this explanation will be satisfactory we are,

Very truly yours,

THE HOGAN STATE BANK.

By F. Gieseking, Cashier.

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ALTON, ILLINOIS, Jan. 19, 1914.

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To the Organization Committee,  
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Gentlemen:-

The Alton Board of Trade at a meeting of  
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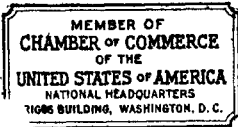
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WHJ-LMB.

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Sherman E. Wilson, Secretary-Manager,  
East St. Louis Commercial Club,  
East St. Louis, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

In reference to your letter of the  
fifteenth to President Rodgers, we are today sending  
copy of resolution and personnel of committee to  
the Business Men's League of St. Louis.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Manager.

WHJ-LMB.

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The Business Men's League,  
510 Locust Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the membership of the  
Alton Board of Trade on January 16th, a resolution  
favoring the establishment of a great regional bank  
in St. Louis was passed.

Messrs. C. A. Caldwell of the Alton National  
Bank and L. A. Schlafly of the Citizens' National  
Bank were appointed a committee of two to be pre-  
sent at a conference with the Organization Committee  
on January 21st and 22nd.

The resolution is enclosed herewith.

Wishing you success in this matter, we are,

Very truly yours,

ALTON BOARD OF TRADE

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. H. Joesting", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Manager." is printed.

WHJ-LMB.



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Very truly yours,

ALTON BOARD OF TRADE

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Manager.

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===== CAPITAL \$100,000. =====

ALTON, ILLINOIS

Jan'y. 15, 1914.

Third National Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Relative to the establishment of a Federal Reserve Bank for our benefit, will say there is only one point we are interested in, and that is St. Louis.

We trust you will use every effort to locate one in your city, and our service and assistance <sup>are</sup> is at your command.

Very truly yours,

*D. A. Wyckoff*  
Cashier.

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Boatmen's Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Relative to the establishment of a Federal Reserve Bank for our benefit, will say there is only one point we are interested in, and that is St. Louis.

We trust you will use every effort to locate one in your city, and our service and assistance are at your command.

Very truly yours,

*D. A. Wyckoff*  
Cashier.

*Carlin*

E. B. O. Dayton

GEO. A. CROSS, President

~~E. B. O. DAYTON~~, Vice President

# The Belle Rive Banking Co.

JOHN SNODSMITH, CASHIER

ROY RICHARDSON, ASST. CASHIER

*Stella Wilson*

BELLE RIVE, ILL. JAN 29 1914 191

*The Clearing House Committee  
St Louis  
me*

*Gentlemen:*  
I certainly feel that we should have a Federal Reserve Bank at St Louis and we desire to be placed in that District as we do all our clearing through St Louis and besides it is located in the richest agricultural sections of the United States and our direct connections with St Louis makes it an ideal reserve center for Southern Illinois and we hope to obtain a bank for St Louis.

*Very Truly yours  
John Snodsmith cash*

RETAIL MERCHANDISE SECTION.

BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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EXHIBIT SUBMITTED BY

LUCIUS D. TURNER

JANUARY 21, 1914

*Mr. L. D. Turner  
St. Louis*

*Belleville*

WHEREAS, the Currency Law recently passed by the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States necessitates the selection of <sup>2</sup>four cities for the establishment of GREAT REGIONAL BANKS; and

WHEREAS, we believe it of prime importance to the Commercial interests of our Country that the cities ~~be~~ be so selected as to accommodate the various sections of our Country; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis, Missouri, is the metropolis of the South and has for many years been recognized as the great financial center;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Commercial Club of Belleville, Illinois, that we heartily endorse every effort made by the citizens of the City of St. Louis in their attempt to secure for their city one of the GREAT REGIONAL BANKS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every honorable effort be made to have Southern Illinois embraced within the district or territory of St. Louis, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby authorize L. D. Turner Sr. to represent the Commercial Club of Belleville, Illinois, at the meeting to be held in the City of St. Louis on January 21st and 22nd, for the purpose of hearing statements and arguments of the citizens of St. Louis for and on behalf of their requests for one of the regional banks and that he be further instructed to express the views of the Commercial Club of Belleville, Illinois, by presenting a copy of these resolutions at said meeting;

Belleville, Ill., Jan. 14, 1914.

The Retail Merchants Association of the City of Belleville, Ill., at its meeting held Jan. 14, 1914 adopted ~~than~~unanimously the following resolutions:

Whereas, we realize the importance to this community of having one of the regional banks created under the new Currency Law located in the City of St. Louis, Mo., it being the third largest City in the United States and the natural trade and business center for the Mississippi Valley and the Middle West, and Whereas we realize the importance of the fact that the territory adjacent to said City of St. Louis, in Southern Illinois, especially St. Clair County, Ill., should be included in the St. Louis District.

Therefore be it resolved, that we pledge our hearty support to the business interests of the City of St. Louis in their endeavor to secure the establishment of a regional bank in said City of St. Louis. Resolved further, that our Sec'y be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Reserve Bank Organization Committee and to our Congressman Hon. W. N. Baltz.

*Adolph C. Helm*  
President

*F. S. Burns*  
Secy

ALBERT WATSON, President  
JOSEPH H. CROSNO, Vice-President  
EUGENE M. DARE, Cashier

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# Bank of Bonnie

(A CO-PARTNERSHIP)

Bonnie, Illinois, JAN 14 1914

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

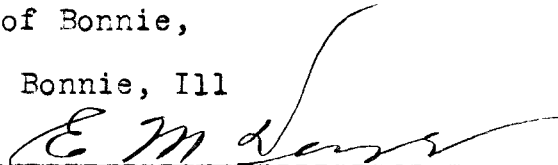
Gentlemen:-

We wish to say that it is our wish to be in  
The St. Louis district of the Federal Reserve Bank, and  
we trust that the Committee will decide to place one of  
the Reserve Banks in St. Louis, Mo.

Yours very truly,

The Bank of Bonnie,

Bonnie, Ill



Cashier.

No. 9893

CAPITAL \$50,000.00

F. SCHLAFLY, PRESIDENT  
AUG. SCHLAFLY, VICE PRES  
FERD. KREBS, CASHIER  
LEO A. KREBS, ASST CASHIER

# First National Bank OF BREESE

SUCCESSORS TO  
BANK OF BREESE (SCHLAFLY BROS.)

*Breese, Ill.,* January 14th 1914.

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.,

Gentlemen:-

We have filed our acceptance of the Federal Reserve Act, with the Federal Reserve Bank Organization Committee, and will say that we very much favor St. Louis, as a Federal Reserve City, and will appreciate it if placed in the St. Louis Reserve District.

Very truly yours,

*Ferd Krebs*  
Cashier.



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ROBT. L. PATTON

# The Bridgeport State Bank

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000

DIRECTORS

T. M. MOONEY  
W. H. ROGERS  
J. R. MIDDAGH  
C. M. PIPER  
ROBT. T. GILLESPIE

BRIDGEPORT, ILL.

Jan. 16, 1914.

Mississippi Valley Trust Co.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your favor of the 13th inst.,  
in regard to fixing the districts for the Federal  
Reserved Bank, it would be entirely agreeable to us,  
and to our interests, in our opinion to be in the St.  
Louis ~~district~~ *district*,

Yours very truly,

*T. M. Mooney*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Crs

TMM.ZA.

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BRIGHTON

GEO. W. HILLIARD, PRESIDENT  
GEO. A. BROWN, VICE PRESIDENT



THOS. F. CHAMBERLAIN, CASHIER

✓ BRIGHTON, ILLINOIS Jan. 14, 1914

Mr. J. A. Lewis, Cashier,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

As Chairman of Group Seven of the Illinois Bankers Association, which comprises the counties of Macon, Shelby, Moultrie, Sangamon, Montgomery, Christian and Macoupin counties, I have been more or less interested in the new currency measure and the location of the regional bank, which is to serve this district. It is the opinion of the bankers of this Group with whom I have talked that St. Louis is the logical center for our business, not only on account of geographic proximity, but because the great majority of our collections are on points in what is now known as St. Louis territory. We certainly hope that the Organization Committee will put this Group in the St. Louis District.

Sincerely yours,

*Thos. F. Chamberlain*  
Cashier.

~~THE COMMERCIAL CLUB,~~

CAIRO, ILLINOIS.

J. H. GALLIGAN, PRES.  
CASHIER ALEX. CO. NAT'L BANK  
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CASHIER CAIRO NAT'L BANK

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January 15th, 1914.

Mr Sherman E. Wilson.  
Sec'y-Mgr. E. St Louis Commercial Club.  
East St Louis, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of 12th inst addressed to Pres't Galligan of this organization. The Cairo Commercial Club favors the establishing one of the proposed Reserve banks in St Louis, Mo and that the banks of southern Illinois clear through same.

At next meeting of our directors, resolution will be adopted accordingly, and delegates appointed to appear before the board at the St Louis meeting.

Yours very truly.

CAIRO COMMERCIAL CLUB.

*W. F. Vanderburgh*  
Sec'y.

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↓ Cairo, Illinois, Jan. 17th, 1914..

Sherman E. Wilson, Sec'y-Manager,  
East St. Louis Commercial Club,  
East St. Louis, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise that our directors had<sup>ed</sup> meeting this afternoon and adopted a resolution relative to the location of Federal Reserve Bank, at St. Louis, copy of which I enclose herewith for your information.

I would add also that a committee composed of Messrs. D. S. Lansden, H. R. Aisthorpe and E. E. Cox was appointed to attend the Organization Committee Meeting in St. Louis, January 21st and 22nd.

Yours truly,

Cairo Commercial Club,

  
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Wm. F. Saunders, Secretary,  
The Business Men's League,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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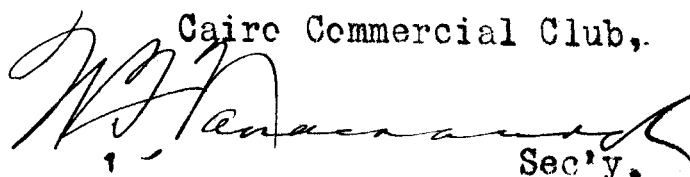
Referring to your letter of the 8th inst.  
I beg to advise that our directors in meeting this  
afternoon adopted ~~the~~ resolution favoring the location  
of Regional Bank, in St. Louis.

Enclosed find for your information, copy of  
same.

The same meeting appointed the following  
delegates: D. S. Lansden, H. R. Aisthorpe and E. E. Cox  
to represent this club at meeting of committee in St.  
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CARLINVILLE, ILL. Jan 14-14

Mr. George E. Hoffman, Cashier.

Merchants -Laclede National Bank.

St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

We wish to be in the St. Louis district, of the Federal Reserve Banks.

Hope the Organization Committee will see the advantages of St Louis, as we see and know them.

Yours truly.

*John Westermeier*  
Cashier



CARLINVILLE, ILL. Feb 4-1914.

Mr. W.D.C. Street Manager. *clerk House Ass'n*  
Chicago, ILL.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor would say we have declared our  
preference for St Louis, District 'as we are within Forty Miles.

Yours truly.

*John Westermeyer*  
*Cashier*

No. 4299

**The Carlinville National Bank**

70-466

W. F. BURGDOFF, PRESIDENT  
JOSEPH BIRD, VICE PRESIDENT  
A. L. HOBLIT, CASHIER

CAPITAL, \$50,000  
SURPLUS, \$100,000  
UNDIVIDED PROFITS, \$15,000

CARLINVILLE, ILLINOIS,

*Jan 14 1914*

*Nat Bank of Com.  
St Louis Mo-*

*Gentlemen*  
The bulk of the live stock  
and grain for market in  
this vicinity is shipped  
to St Louis or National Stock  
Yards Ill-

I believe the interest  
of this community will  
best be served if we  
are placed in the district  
for which the Federal Reserve  
Bank is located in St Louis  
Mo-

This Bank has signified its  
acceptance of the terms of  
The Federal Reserve Act.

*Respectfully  
A. L. Hoblit  
Cashier*



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CARLINVILLE, ILLINOIS,

*Feb 3 1914*

*N.D.C. Street Mgr  
Chicago -*

*Dear Sir*

*Yours of 31<sup>st</sup> recd & noted -*

*We have already signified  
our preference for St. Louis -*

*While St. Louis is not in our  
state, the nearness and  
close business relations we  
have with that city makes  
it the most available for us.*

*We have no other reason  
for giving St. Louis the preference  
and we shall not raise any  
serious objection if we are  
placed in the Chicago district*

*Respectfully,  
W. F. Burgdorff*

T. W. HALL, PREST.  
GEO. W. CLARK, VICE-PREST.  
W. G. BOYER, CASHIER.  
S. R. STOKES, ASST. CASH.  
H. H. STERLING, ASST. CASH.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

✓ CARM, ILL. Jan. 16th. 1914.

Mr. J. A. Lewis, Cashier,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Lewis:-

In compliance with the request of the St. Louis Clearing House Association for an expression of preference of Federal Reserve District in which our ~~section~~ is to be placed, we take pleasure in advising you, that we had not considered it a subject of debate, but had accepted the situation as a foregone conclusion, that one Federal Reserve Bank would be located in St. Louis, and that this section would be included in that district. In fact any other arrangement, would appeal to us as being an invitation to move away from home.

Yours truly,

  
Pres.

BEVERLY C. HODGES, PRESIDENT  
HENRY SCHAFER, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN L. ELDRED, CASHIER

CHARLES H. ELDRED, ASS'T CASHIER  
JOHN J. ELDRED, ASS'T CASHIER

# The Carrollton Bank

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 9, 1877

INCORPORATED OCT. 28, 1907

CAPITAL \$100,000.00

Carrollton, Ill., January 14 191<sup>4</sup>

Mrs. A. Lewis Carr  
St. Louis Mo.

My Dear Sir -

In regard to a Federal Reserve  
Bank with St. Louis as the Reserve Center  
will say - It is our desire to be in the  
St. Louis district, "if any further expression  
from us can have any weight in that  
direction we will thank you to so  
advise us -

Very Truly Yours -

THE CARROLLTON BANK.

By Beverly C. Hodges Pres.

CENTRALIA COMMERCIAL CLUB

CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS.

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**R-E-S-O-L-U-T-I-O-N**

**regarding establishing Regional or Central Reserve Bank in  
the City of St. Louis, Missouri**

**-----ooOoo-----**

**WHEREAS** under the new Banking System there will be,  
in all probability, four or more large Regional or Central  
Reserve Banks established in four of the larger cities of the  
United States:

**AND WHEREAS** the City of St. Louis is now classed as  
the fourth City in the United States:

**AND WHEREAS** the said City of St. Louis is geograph-  
ically, commercially and financially located so as to make it  
of great importance in the Banking of both the South and West:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Centralia Com-  
mercial Club respectfully urge that the Organization Committee  
of the Federal Reserve Board establish in the City of St. Louis,  
one of the great Regional or Central Reserve Banks, the capac-  
ity of which will be commensurate with the requirements of  
the South and West.

Respectfully submitted,

**CENTRALIA COMMERCIAL CLUB,**

*William Grissom*  
**President**

*J. O. Adams*  
*Secretary*

# The First National Bank

WILL J. KENNY, PRESIDENT  
JAS. A. CONNOLLY, VICE PRESIDENT  
FRED G. HUDSON, CASHIER  
F. R. BLACKFORD, ASST. CASHIER

OF CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

CAPITAL \$100,000.00  
SURPLUS & UNDIVIDED PROFITS  
\$125,000.00

Jan. 17, 1914.

Mr. J. A. Lewis, Cashier,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

I note that the Organization Committee for the new Regional Reserve Banks will meet in St. Louis next week. I hope that the bankers and business men of St. Louis will have no trouble in convincing the Committee that one of the largest banks should be located in St. Louis, and I have no doubt that such will be the result. In this connection I wish to state that it would give us great pleasure if we could be included in your territory. It seems to me that southern Illinois is more nearly tributary to St. Louis than any other large city, and the bank in St. Louis should be of such large capital as to easily accommodate the business requirements of the territory in this central Mississippi Valley, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Fred G. Hudson*  
Cashier

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CHESTER, ILLINOIS.



JAS. A. DOUGLAS, PRESIDENT

J. O. MONELLY, BOOKKEEPER

I. C. BEARE, CASHIER

DIRECTORS  
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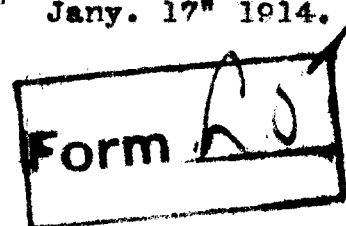
## BANK OF CHESTER,

ESTABLISHED 1875, INCORPORATED 1912

CHESTER, ILLINOIS.

Jany. 17<sup>th</sup> 1914.

To the Organization Committee of  
Federal Reserve Board,  
Washington, D. C.



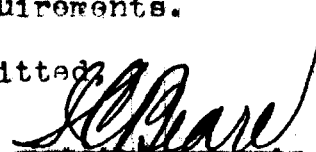
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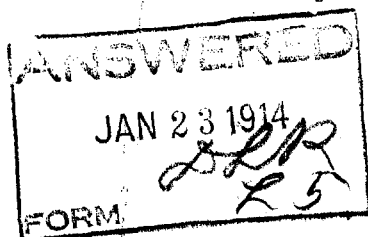
At the solicitation of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Chester, the undersigned expresses their preference as to the location of a Federal Reserve Bank for the Middle West and Great Southwest.

St. Louis is centrally and suitably located to supply this great part of our country. Its geographical position is in the midst of a great agricultural and manufacturing district and both of these enterprises are rapidly growing in this section. The territory tributary to St. Louis is undergoing a great and rapid improvement in bringing additional lands into cultivation by drainage, in subdivision of larger estates into smaller tracts for intense cultivation, and increase of manufacture by reason of cheap power.

The location of a large Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis would meet with the universal approval of a great section of our country and meet the business requirements.

Most respectfully submitted

 Cashier.



C. B. COLE,  
PRESIDENT.

E. S. C. SMENS,  
1st V. PRESIDENT.

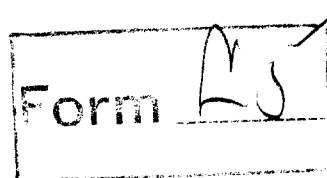
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SECRETARY.

A. P. GORSUCH,  
TREASURER.

# CHESTER BUSINESS CLUB

CHESTER, ILLINOIS.



January 19, 1914.

The Organization Committee,  
Federal Reserve Board,  
Washington, D. C.,

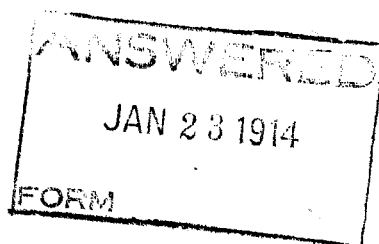
Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Executive Committee of this Club, representing the Commercial interests of this city to respectfully request that one of the great central reserve regional banks provided for under the new banking system be located in the City of St. Louis.

The immense wealthy and rapidly growing territory surrounding and especially south and west tributary to that city makes it seem of paramount importance that one of the largest of these institutions should be established in St. Louis.

Very respectfully,

H. W. Roberts, Secretary,  
CHESTER BUSINESS CLUB.



H.C. COLE, President.

C.B. COLE, Vice President.

BRONSON, Treasurer.

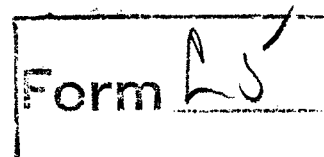
*H. C. Cole Milling Co.*  
*Manufacturers of Flour.*

ESTABLISHED 1839.

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Jan 20th 1914.



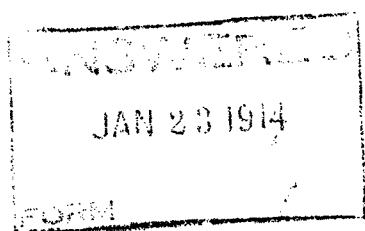
Organization Committee,  
Federal Reserve Board,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Permit us to add our application or endorsement of those you have already received, requesting that your Committee give to the city of St Louis one of the Great Central Reserve Regional Banks to be established in this section.

The importance of the business transacted throughout the large area tributary to St Louis make it of paramount importance that St Louis should have one of these large reserve banks. It will be almost impossible to show how large the interest of the business, manufacturing and merchandising transacted in the vicinity of St Louis has become, and how rapidly it is growing, even in places of small population. Our banking is almost wholly done in St Louis, and our annual product is considerably in excess of \$1,000,000 and we are but one of the scores of similar mills and manufacturers in the St Louis territory.

Respectfully yours,



H. C. COLE MILLING CO.

*P. Bronson*

TREAS. & MANAGER.

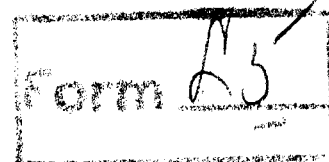
# THE FIRST STATE BANK OF CHESTER

W. R. MACKENZIE, PRESIDENT  
A. A. SHORT, VICE PRESIDENT  
MAURICE A. MUDD, CASHIER  
E. D. MEREDITH, ASST. CASHIER



CAPITAL \$ 25,000.00  
SURPLUS \$ 5,000.00

CHESTER, ILLINOIS



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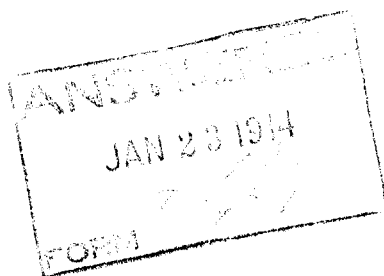
Gentlemen:-

I am instructed by the Board of Directors of this bank to recommend that your honorable Committee be pleased to locate one of the great reserve banks at the City of St Louis.

That city by reason of its abundant resources and its commanding situation in the centre of the Mississippi valley and its intimate business relation with the great South and Southwest makes it pre-eminently the site for the establishment of one of the largest of these institutions.

Yours very respectfully,

Maurice A. Mudd  
Cashier.



CHESTER, ILL. JAN 20 1914

TO THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE,

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD,  
Washington, D.C.

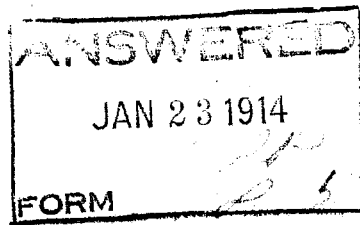


GENTLEMEN:—

The Board of Directors of our Bank are desirous that one of the great regional reserve banks be established in the city of St. Louis, Mo., as that city by reason of its central location and having such an immense scope of agricultural and manufacturing territory tributary thereto entitles it to serious consideration as the city for one of the great reserve Banks.

Most Respectfully submitted,

*L. C. Siester*  
Cashier.  
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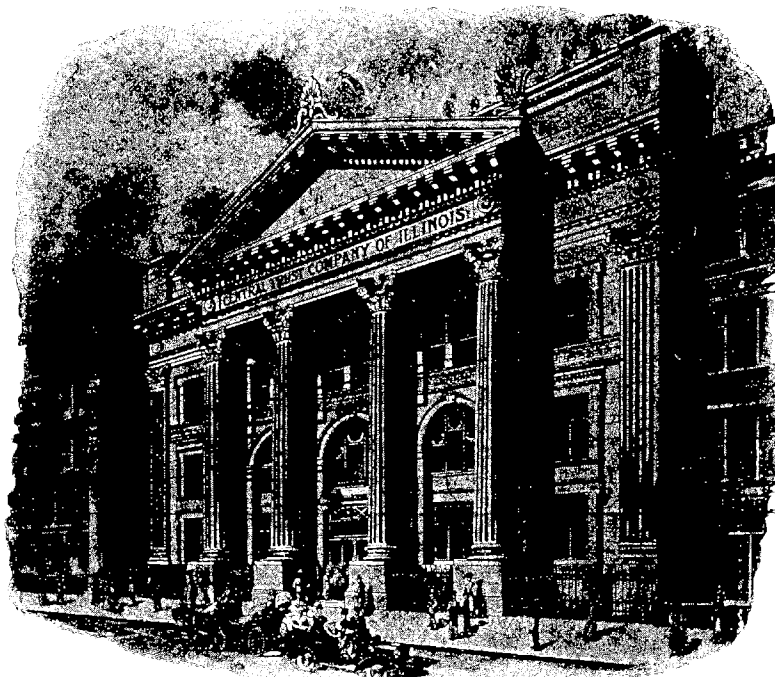
# CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

125 West Monroe Street - - CHICAGO

Capital, Surplus and Profits \$6,500,000 Deposits \$40,000,000

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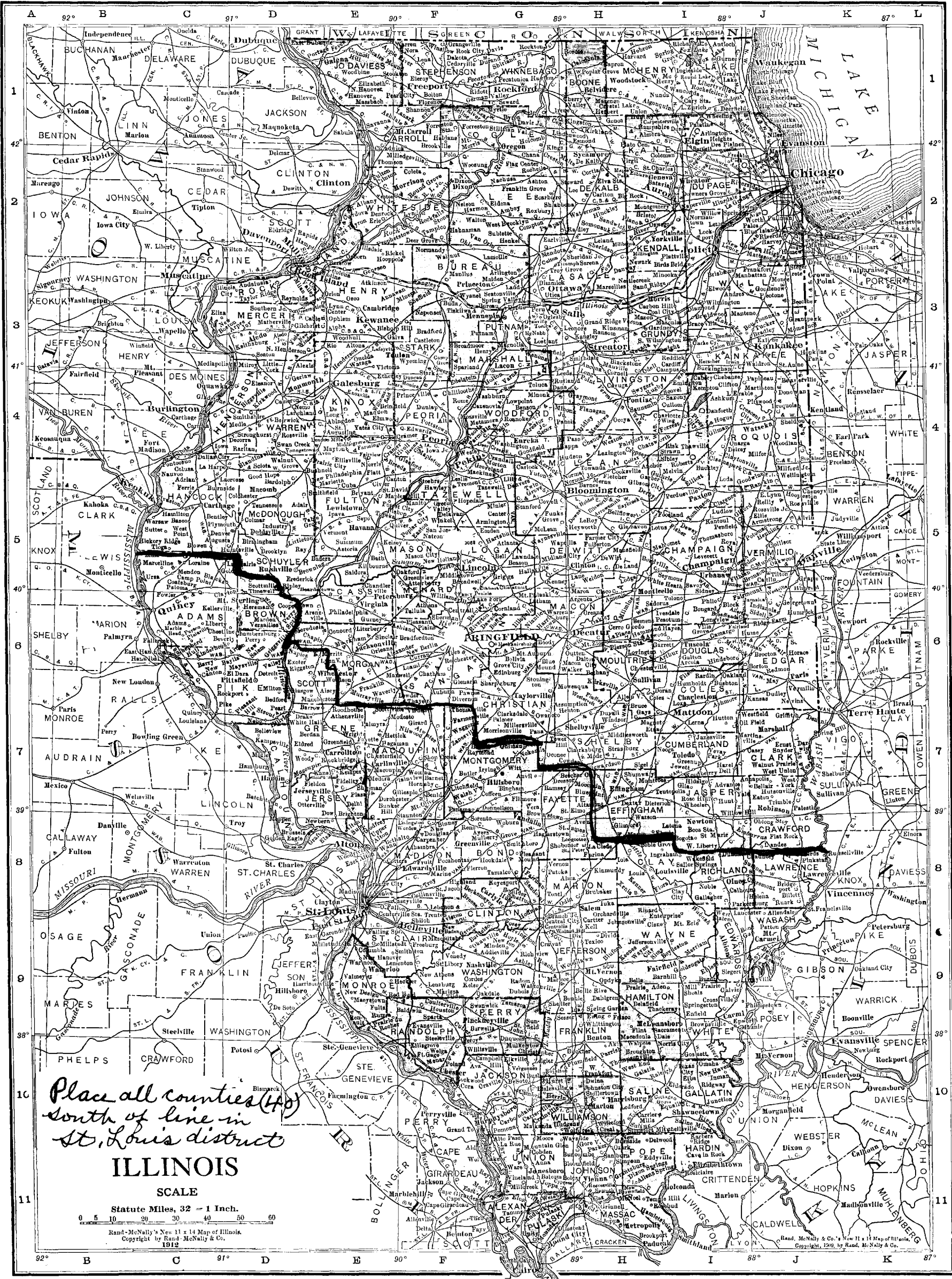
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Accounts of Banks and Bankers Received upon Favorable Terms  
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Departments:—BANKING, SAVINGS, TRUST, BOND AND REAL ESTATE LOAN—SAFE DEPOSIT VAULTS

Submitted by Mr. Sanders 9/10/14

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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary The First National Bank of Chicago

CHARTER NUMBER 65

1863

1913

*Fifty Years Ago, July 1, 1863,*

the First National Bank of Chicago opened its doors for business. Its progress is typical of the development of Chicago and the vast territory commercially tributary thereto. Today it has \$20,000,000 capital and surplus with deposits exceeding \$117,000,000. Its policy, built upon the idea of efficient personal service, has enabled it, during this half century to achieve not only this marked growth but also to maintain the very highest standard of banking. From the beginning it has recognized the first principle of good banking—that the interests of its customers are identical with those of its shareholders. The success of one is essential to the success of the other. The facilities of the First National Bank of Chicago are international in scope. Foreign relations, constantly extended during the entire period of the bank's existence, enable it to handle financial business in every part of the world. An intimate knowledge of the demands of banks and bankers has been acquired by the officers of the bank, and in this knowledge is the value of their service—a service that is appreciated by financial interests from coast to coast.

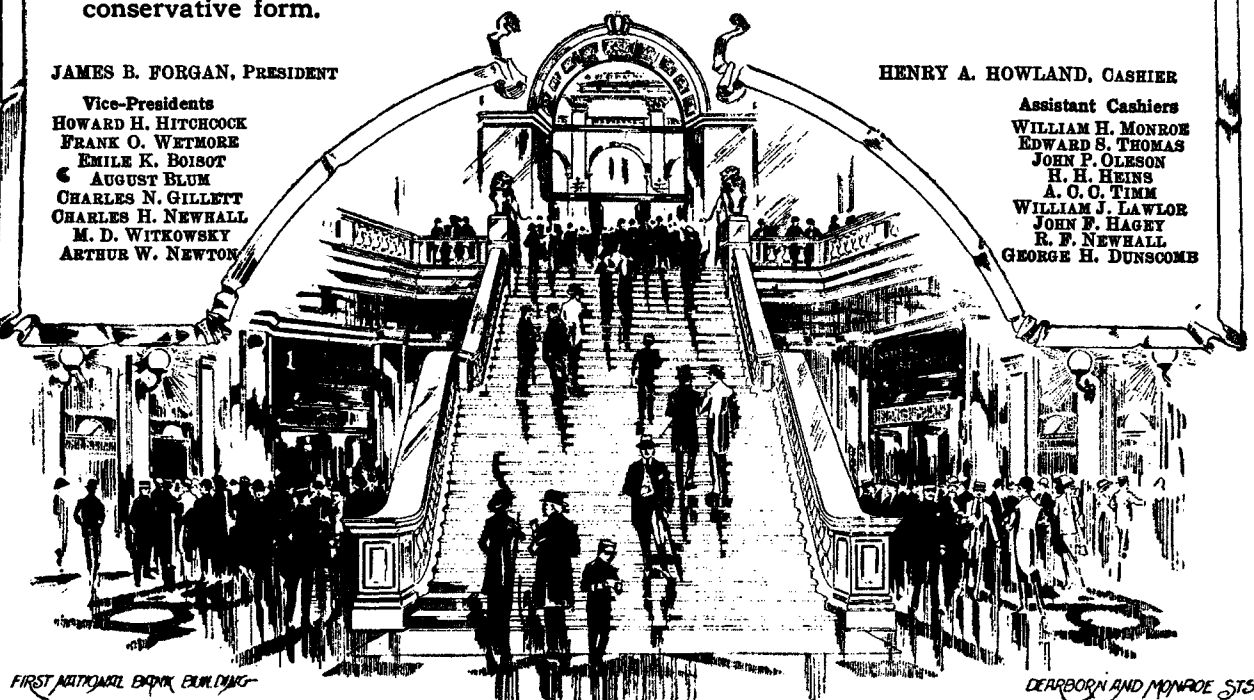
On the basis of efficiency, absolute safety and personal attention this bank invites business, confident of the ability to render satisfactory service in every conservative form.

**JAMES B. FORGAN, PRESIDENT**

**Vice-Presidents**  
HOWARD H. HITCHCOCK  
FRANK O. WETMORE  
EMILE K. BOISOT  
AUGUST BLUM  
CHARLES N. GILLET  
CHARLES H. NEWHALL  
M. D. WITKOWSKY  
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**HENRY A. HOWLAND, CASHIER**

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GEORGE H. DUNSCOMB





CHICAGO CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION  
W. D. C. STREET  
MANAGER

CHICAGO, ILLS., January 31, 1914.

To Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies in Illinois

Gentlemen:

Efforts are being made to divert portions of our State from membership in the Federal Reserve Bank to be located at Chicago, and expressions in favor of St. Louis are being solicited from a number of banks whose natural business affiliations make it desirable for them to belong to the Chicago district. We therefore deem it our duty, both towards ourselves and our friends in the State, to give those banks that prefer the Chicago district as fair a chance of expression as the above movement will afford to the advocates of the St. Louis district.

With this end in view we take the liberty of enclosing herewith a blank form which we request banks desiring to be included in the Chicago district to sign and forward to Mr. W. D. C. Street, Manager of the Chicago Clearing House. We solicit signatures from all banks whether they propose to be members of the Federal Reserve System or not.

A prompt reply is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,

THE CHICAGO CLEARING HOUSE COMMITTEE

By J. B. Forgan  
Chairman

*We believe St. Louis  
better for us.  
2/2/14*

*U.S. St. Louis*

A. C. GAUEN, Pres.  
JOHN M. SAUER, Treas.

J. B. BRUSO, Sec'y.

W. E. HADLEY, First Vice Pres.  
R. GUY KNEEDLER, Second Vice Pres.

## ***Collinsville Improvement Association***

Collinsville, Illinois—A Good Town

### **COLLINSVILLE HAS**

A Population of 12,000  
Electric and Gas Lights  
Its Own Waterworks System  
Interurban Electric Street Railways  
Good Schools and Churches  
Paved Streets and Clean Alleys  
Modern Fire Fighting Apparatus  
An Up-to-Date Sewerage System  
Excellent Railway Facilities  
Cheap Fuel and Abundant Water  
Unexcelled Sites for Factories  
An Unlimited Distributing Territory  
Solid Financial Institutions  
The Best Newspapers in Illinois  
Good Fellowship Among Citizens  
Large Zinc Smelter  
Knitting Mills  
Four Extensive Brick Plants  
Greatest Coal Field in Illinois  
Mammoth Lead Smelting Works  
Extensively Operated Coal Mines  
Productive Agricultural Section  
Largest Bell Factory in the U. S.  
A Modern Opera House Seating 1,200  
Progressive Business Men  
Low Taxes and Low Insurance Rates

Collinsville, Ill., Jan. 17, 1914.

East St. Louis Commercial Club,

E. St. Louis, Ill.

Gentlemen:

We herewith enclose copy of resolutions adopted by our association. We are very much interested in this project and sincerely hope that St. Louis will land the original bank.

Yours very truly,

COLLINSVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,

By

*A. C. Gaue*  
*Pres.*

At a meeting of the Improvement Association of Collinsville, Illinois, duly called and held on the 15th day of January, A.D. 1914, the following resolution was offered, seconded and duly adopted:

Whereas, the Federal Organization Committee will have a hearing in the City of St. Louis on January 21, 1914, to determine how the United States can best be divided into eight Reserve Districts to serve the best interests of commerce and banking in each territory, and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis, Mo., being the reserve center for this section, as well as for the greater part of the West and Southwest, and as the districts should be so constituted that those sections having an over-balancing seasonal demand, such as invariably occurs in the South and Southwest, should be included in a district with those having different requirements and as the City of St. Louis has sufficient banking resources to easily absorb such a demand for credit and as we understand the Federal Reserve Act is intended to add new and effective aid to the natural flow of business, not to disturb or hamper present conditions, therefore be it resolved:

That we appeal to the Federal Organization Committee and pray that the City of St. Louis, Mo. be designated as one of the eight cities in which a Federal Reserve Bank shall be located and that Southern Illinois be included in the St. Louis District, in order that present banking arrangements may not be disturbed and that the new law will do the most good for the territory enumerated as is intended and should be.

We hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Improvement Association of Collinsville, Illinois, on the date specified.

Committee

*[Handwritten signatures of the Committee members]*

*M.*

*Remper St Louis, Robert T*

A. C. GAUEN, Pres.

W. E. HADLEY, First Vice-Pres.  
J. H. SIEGEL, Secretary.

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Address all Inquiries to  
Dr. J. H. Siegel, Secretary.



Collinsville, Ill., Jan. 17, 1914.

Organization Committee of Federal Reserve Board,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We herewith enclose copy of resolutions passed by the Improvement Association at Collinsville, Ill. Our city is situated about ten miles east of St. Louis and we feel that it is not only important that St. Louis should have the original bank but that we and all of Southern Illinois should be included in that district.

Hoping these matters will receive attention,  
we are,

Yours very truly,

COLLINSVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,

By

*A. C. Gaue*  
Pres.

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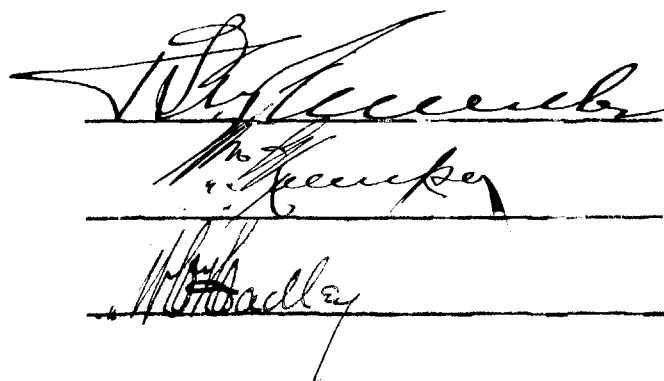
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**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

CAPITAL \$ 25,000.00

DIVERNON, ILL.

Jan. 17, 1914.

St. Louis Clearing House Association,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:- Referring to the matter of fixing the Federal Reserve Districts, will say that it is our desire that one Federal Reserve Bank be located in St. Louis, and that we may be included in the district in which said Reserve bank is located.

A large portion of our exchanges are handled through St. Louis Banks, and we find it much more convenient than Chicago.

Yours very truly,

*C. M. Wells* Cashier.

No. 10359  
**Fraser's National Bank**  
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICERS

A. J. WILLIFORD, PRES.  
T. G. LANDERS, V. PRES.  
G. W. DOERR, CASH.

Feb. 2, 1914.

Mr. W. D. C. Street, Mgr.,  
Chicago Clearing House,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Sir:-

We have your communication  
relative to preference as to connection with the new Federal Reserve District to be arranged by the Federal Reserve Board and beg to advise that, as we are just across the river from St. Louis, it would be manifestly unfair to put us in the Chicago District. It is but natural that we should prefer St. Louis.

Yours very truly,

AJW/C



President.

T H E E A S T S T . L O U I S C O M M E R C I A L C L U B .

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS.



## The East St. Louis Commercial Club

WM. C. THRASHER, PRESIDENT  
FRED GIESING, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT  
P. M. HANSON, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT  
FRED LEHMAN, THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT  
M. J. WALSH, GENERAL TREASURER  
SHERMAN E. WILSON, SECRETARY-MANAGER

East St. Louis, Illinois      January 14, 1914.

Mr. Wm. F. Saunders, Secretary,  
Business Men's League,  
Fifth Floor Mercantile Library Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

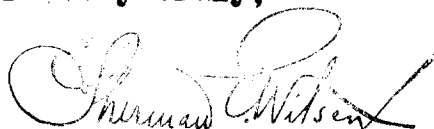
My dear Sir:-

In response to your favor of the 8th inst. I wish to advise that at the last meeting of our Ways & Means Committee, action was taken calling upon our President to appoint representatives to appear before the Federal Reserve Board at their hearing in St. Louis on January 21st. and 22d. This action had been taken previous to the receipt of your letter, at the suggestion of one of our bankers. No formal resolutions were adopted, but we will be very glad to comply with your request, and to advise the Organization Committee of the attitude of this organization, which, of course, will be favorable.

In addition to this, I addressed a communication to the various commercial organizations in Southern Illinois, and have received favorable replies from some of them, they having appointed representatives to appear in St. Louis at the hearing to plead the cause.

We will likely have a meeting of our Executive Committee in sufficient time before the hearing to enable us to draft resolutions to be placed in the hands of our representatives.

Yours very truly,



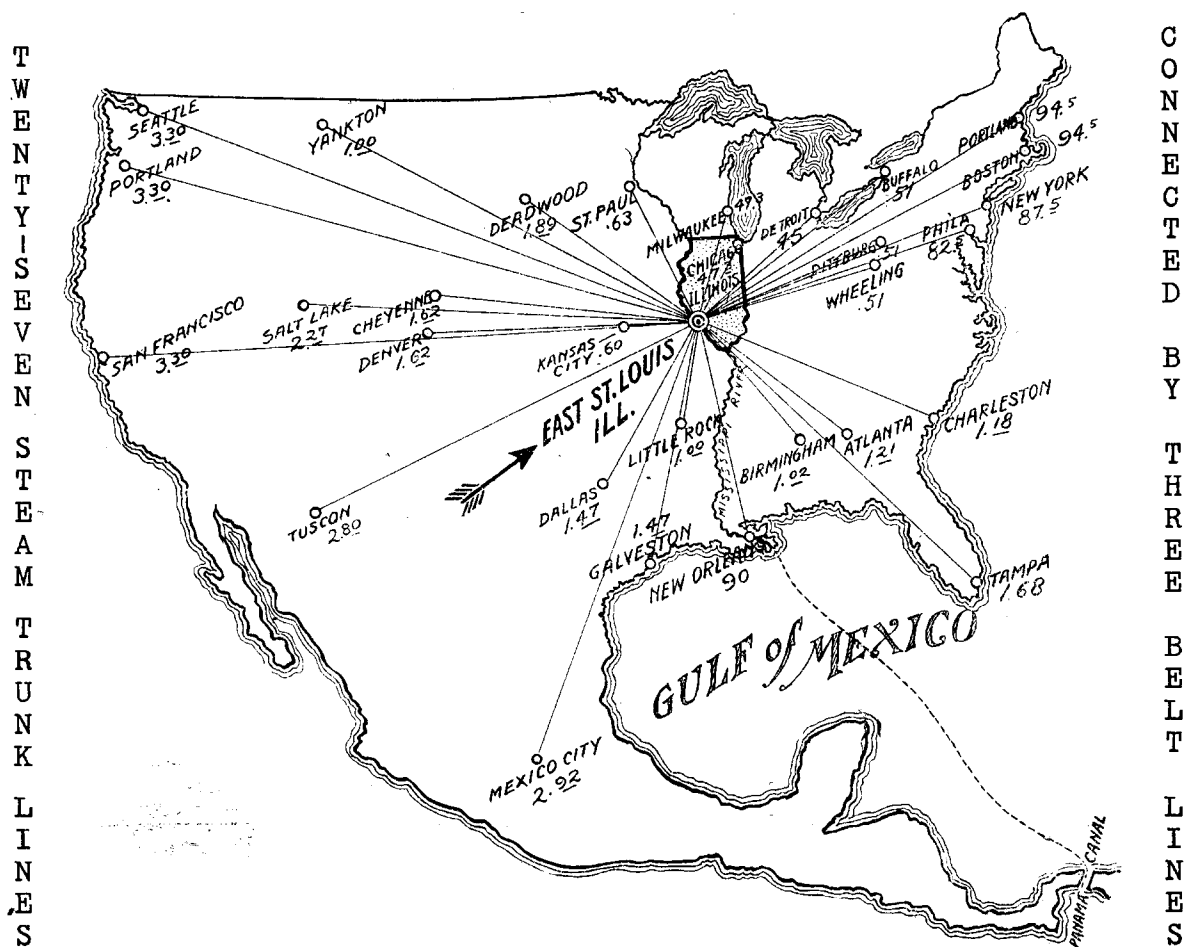
Secretary-Manager.

SEW:ES.

## East St. Louis, Illinois IS THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN THE STATE POPULATION 80,000

The amount of money invested in manufacturing industry, in this city, is exceeded only by the great city of Chicago.

We have the cheapest fuel in the world, laid down at plant, at from 95c to \$1.10 per ton. Unlimited supply of Hydro-Electric, or other Electric Power, at very nominal rates. The best water supply obtainable; best possible transportation facilities, both freight, passenger, and SWITCHING; FREIGHT RATES APPLY TO AND FROM FACTORY DOORS.



### GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

You can tell by looking at the map, that we are right in the center of the consuming community of the UNITED STATES.

### FACTORY SITES.

One glance at our splendid Factory Sites will convince you that you have wasted lots of money and time by not locating here. We always have a Committee ready and willing to escort you over the premises and "SHOW YOU."

### "LABOR."

Unlimited supply of all kinds of labor available. We are the center of a suburban population of a million, therefore never suffer from want of help.

"YOU GIVE US A CHANCE TO SHOW YOU, WE'LL DO THE REST."

Submitted by East St  
Louis Commercial Club  
Jan 21, 1914

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION ~~TO BE~~ PASSED BY THE E. ST. LOUIS COMMERCIAL CLUB.

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WHEREAS, The East St. Louis Commercial Club has a membership of 1000 comprising representatives of all the manufacturing, commercial, banking and railroad interests of East St. Louis, <sup>which</sup> has a population of approximately seventy thousand people.

WHEREAS, All the above mentioned interests are closely interlocked with similar industries in the City of St. Louis, Missouri and

WHEREAS, The banking and credit relationship between the two cities are so homogeneous as to constitute one economic community.

THEREFORE Be it resolved that this Club urges the establishment of a Federal Reserve Bank in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, to properly serve the commercial interests in the territory actually tributary to St. Louis.

AND Be it further resolved that the district served by the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis can not exclude East St. Louis and Southern Illinois without doing violence to the drift of transportation, the movement of commodities and the lines of banking relationship.

The East St. Louis Commercial Club

By its Executive Com

Thomas E. Wilson  
Secy

Wright

5070.

# The Southern Illinois National Bank,

CAPITAL \$150,000.00.

SURPLUS \$80,000.00.

H.D. SEXTON, PRESIDENT  
C. REEB, VICE PRESIDENT  
F. GIESING, VICE PRESIDENT  
G.A. MILLER, CASHIER  
H.H. JOST, ASST. CASHIER

REGULAR DEPOSITARY FOR  
THE UNITED STATES.

East St. Louis, Ill.

Jan. 16th, 1914

To the Organization Committee  
of Federal Reserve Banks.

Gentlemen:

Being adjacent to the City of St. Louis,  
at present, one of the three Bank Reserve Centers of this Country,  
we respectfully ask that the City of St. Louis be designated one  
of the Cities for a Federal Reserve Bank. We also desire to be  
located in the St. Louis District.

Our relations in the past with the City of  
St. Louis have been very cordial and satisfactory, and it will  
be most convenient for our customers and for us to do business  
with a Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis.

East St. Louis has a population of  
approximately Seventy-five Thousand; is the nearest large city  
to St. Louis. We have over One Hundred Twenty Industrial plants  
located here, with the best of railroad facilities.

It happens very frequently that we need a  
large amount of currency in a hurry to take care of the large  
pay rolls of said Industries and Railroads.

Very respectfully,



Vice President.

H. D. SEXTON, PRESIDENT.  
PAUL S. ABT, SECY. AND TREAS.

B. H. CANBY, VICE-PRESIDENT.  
G. A. MILLER, VICE-PRESIDENT.

## Southern Illinois Trust Company

CORNER COLLINSVILLE AVENUE AND BROADWAY  
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

Jan. 16th, 1914

To the Organization Committee  
of Federal Reserve Banks,

Gentlemen:

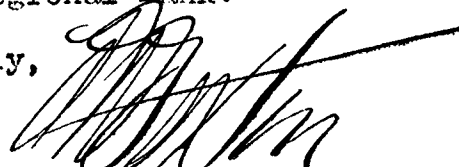
We beg to add our request that your Committee establish a Regional Bank in St. Louis. Our City is immediately opposite the City of St. Louis, and naturally, all our business is transacted with them.

Our City has a population of about Eighty Thousand and we have over One Hundred and Twenty-five Industrial Institutions located here, and the Banking business between the two cities is exceptionally large.

It certainly would be a great advantage to this City, our Customers and Ourselves, and we hope and ask that our City will be included in the St. Louis District. Our City has increased its population about 100% each decade for the last three, and present indications are that it will continue to increase in that proportion.

The City of St. Louis since it has been a Central Reserve City, has always responded promptly and graciously to all the demands made upon it by their Correspondents, and I believe, it would be unfair and unfortunate if they should fail to be designated as one of the places for a Regional Bank.

Very respectfully,



President.

5070.

## The Southern Illinois National Bank,

CAPITAL \$150,000.00.

SURPLUS \$ 80,000.00.

H.D. SEXTON, PRESIDENT  
C. REEB, VICE PRESIDENT  
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G.A. MILLER, CASHIER  
H.H. JOST, ASST. CASHIER

REGULAR DEPOSITARY FOR  
THE UNITED STATES.

East St. Louis, Ill.

Jan. 16th, 1914

Mr. Festus J. Wade,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

A Committee Meeting of the St. Clair County Bankers Association was held today. We will present petition and resolution to the Organization Committee for Federal Banks, next Wednesday.

At our conference, these points came out. What a joke it would be on St. Louis to get a Branch Bank and Kansas City a Reserve Bank and the business of the Branch Bank to exceed the business of the Regional Bank of the District, four fold, on account of its trade and commerce.

As it requires Four Million subscription to establish a Regional Bank, St. Louis should see that the District allotted to them, should be their present trade territory, and that not too much of their trade territory is taken away to help out a Regional Bank in the adjoining district.

President  
Mr. S. B. Montgomery of the State Savings & Trust Company at Quincy, Illinois, is the President of the Illinois Bankers Association and his bank does most of its business in St. Louis and is a correspondent of the Third National Bank of your city.

5070.

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CAPITAL \$ 150,000.00.

SURPLUS \$ 80,000.00.

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REGULAR DEPOSITARY FOR  
THE UNITED STATES.

East St. Louis, Ill.

F. J. W.-2

The officers and council of the Association might help St. Louis by recommending what portion of Southern Illinois should be attached to the St. Louis District.

I take the liberty to offer these suggestions in my effort to help you all I can.

Yours very truly,



H. D. SEXTON, PRESIDENT.  
PAUL S. ABT, SECY. AND TREAS.

B. H. CANBY, VICE-PRESIDENT.  
G. A. MILLER, VICE-PRESIDENT.

## Southern Illinois Trust Company

CORNER COLLINSVILLE AVENUE AND BROADWAY  
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

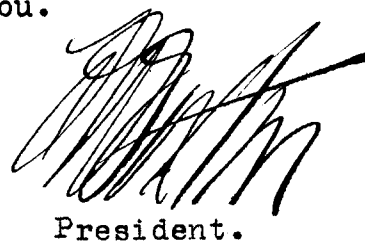
Jan. 16th, 1914

Mercantile Trust Company,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with yours of the 13th inst., we  
are enclosing herewith a petition to the Organization Committee  
for Federal Reserve Banks, as requested by you.

Yours truly,



President.

*Lo Mr. H. D. Sexton*



DAVID WIEDEMANN, PRES.  
JOE G. BUNKER, Vice Pres.

H. H. PELHANK, CASHIER.  
R. D. CLIFTON, ASST. CASHIER.



1/15/14

National Bank of Commerce,  
StLouis,Mo.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the matter of Regional Bank, beg to say that we are hoping to get in the St.Louis District. We have passed most of our business through St.Louis since we have been doing business and we are very anxious that the Organization Committee place Southern Illinois in the St.Louis District. We confidently believe that the Reserve Board will not hamper but will manifest a disposition to strikingly and effectively aid in the natural flow of business and to arrange centers where the Country banks and people can best be served. Assuring you of our appreciation of the Bank of Commerce and of our keen desire to see this section of the country put in the St.Louis district,,I remain, very truly yours,

*H. H. Pelhank*  
Cashier.

To Promote the  
of the County



General Welfare  
through Co-operation

RANDOLPH COUNTY FEDERATION  
OF THE  
ILLINOIS BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Evansville, Ill 2-2-1914

St. Louis Clearing House,

St. Louis, Mo

Dear Sirs:-

At the semi-annual meeting of  
the Randolph County Fed. held in Percy, Ill.  
Jan 28th, 1914, the Comm. on Resolutions,  
reported, as follows:

Resolved, that it is the desire of the  
Randolph County Fed., to be included in the  
territory of the St. Louis Regional Bank.  
It was moved and seconded that this be  
reported to Association.

Yours truly,

*Leo W. Daves*

Secy

DIRECTORS:

W. W. HANLON  
FRED KOHL  
CHAS. LEXOW  
A. W. MORRIS  
D. J. MURPHY  
GEO. W. NIEDRINGHAUS  
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G. A. NIEMANN  
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WALTER ROMANN  
THEODOR SELB

GEORGE W. NIEDRINGHAUS  
PRESIDENT

# GRANITE CITY NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$50,000.00 - SURPLUS \$50,000.00

FRED KOHL  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
D. J. MURPHY  
CASHIER  
C. E. ASHLEY  
ASSISTANT CASHIER  
W. H. EVERSMEYER  
ASSISTANT CASHIER

GRANITE CITY, ILL.,

January 16-1914

Mr John R. Cooke, Cashier  
Third National Bank  
St Louis Mo

Dear Sir,

Complying with instructions from  
our Board of Directors, given today, I write  
to say that they favor very earnestly the  
establishment of a Federal Reserve Bank  
in St Louis.

Very truly yours,  
D. J. Murphy, Cashier

# The Harvel Bank

H. H. ZIMMERMAN, PRES. & CASH.  
J. A. HUBER, V. P. & ASST. CASH.

Harvel, Illinois, Jan. 14th, 1914.

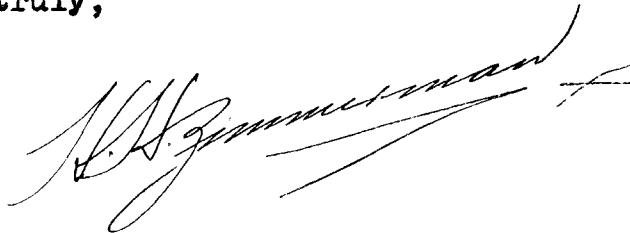
Mr. J. R. Cooke, Cashier,  
Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir—

Referring to the joint letter from the St. Louis Banks and  
Trust Companies with reference to the St. Louis Reserve District.

This Bank favors that atleast a part of Illinois adjacent to the  
City of St. Louis, if not all of Southern Illinois, be included in the  
St. Louis Reserve District. That being our natural financial center.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. H. Zimmerman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. B. HARBAUGH, PRESIDENT

JOS. R. BRAUN, CASHIER

# BANK OF HECKER

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00 PAID UP

✓ HECKER, ILL. Jan. 15th., 1914.

The Mercantile National Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

While the Banks of St. Louis have almost exclusively been the reserve center for from ten (10) to fifteen (15) states of the Union we earnestly hope and beg the Organization Committee, for our own convinence, to retain St. Louis as one of the reserve districts.

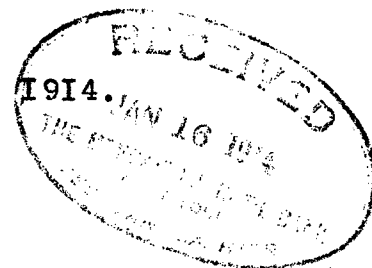
It is our wish and request to be in the St. Louis District.

Yours very truly,

Bank of Hecker,

Per

*Jos. R. Braun*  
Cashier



~~HILLSBORO BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE~~

HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS.

NO. 2789

# THE HILLSBORO NATIONAL BANK

Capital, \$100,000  
Surplus and Profits, \$40,000

Form

HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS January 10, 1914.

CHAS. A. RAMSEY, PRESIDENT  
GUY C. LANE, VICE-PRESIDENT  
GEO. H. FISHER, CASHIER  
H. L. COX, TELLER

## HILLSBORO

### THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

County Seat of Montgomery  
County

POPULATION OVER 6500

Three Fine School Buildings  
Six Churches  
Paved Streets  
Complete Sewer System  
Municipal Water System  
Home of the Southern Illinois Light  
& Power Co. — furnishes electric  
energy for 20 surrounding cities.  
Beautiful Public Library  
Three of the Best Coal Mines in the  
State  
Three Banks with Resources of Over  
Two Million  
Post Office Receipts, \$12,770.40  
Schram Glass Factory  
Plant of the American Zinc Co. of  
Illinois—the largest Zinc and Acid  
Smelter in the World  
Robert Lanyon Zinc & Acid Plant—  
another big enterprise  
Two Big Brick and Tile Factories  
Monthly Payrolls Amount to Over  
\$150,000.00  
End of East Division of Illinois Traction  
System  
Two City Car Lines  
On C. C. & St. L. and C. & E. I.  
Railroads.  
Two Interurban Lines now under  
construction.  
Commission Farm of Government.  
Gas Plant to be constructed to fur-  
nish coal gas for entire county.  
Two Newspapers  
Two Electric Theatres  
Big Four Railroad Division  
Two Concrete Block Factories  
Coal Unexcelled for Gas  
Fine Sites for Factories  
Big Lake in heart of city  
Up-to-date Machine Shops  
Milk Condensing and Ice Cream Fac-  
tories  
Modernly Equipped Planing Mill  
Central Heating Plant for Business  
Section  
Big Artificial Ice Factory  
Bottling Works  
Marble Works  
Greenhouses  
Auto Garage  
Two Livery Barns  
Auto Repair Shops  
Three Hardware Stores  
Three Drug Stores  
Four Big General Stores  
Three Exclusive Shoe Stores  
Two Harness Shops  
Three Blacksmith Shops  
Ten or more Grocery Stores  
Four Hotels  
Two Telephone Systems  
City Mail Delivery  
Four Rural Mail Routes  
Horse, Mule and Live Stock Buyers  
Big Poultry House  
Two Bakeries  
Merchants Transfer Co.  
Two Furniture Stores

At a meeting of the Hillsboro Business Men's Association today the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, That in our judgment it is of extreme importance to the people of the Middle West, particularly the business and agricultural interests, that one of the great regional reserve banks provided for in the Federal Reserve Act, made into law by the signature of the President December 23, 1913, should be located in the city of St. Louis, Mo., the natural center of a large business section of at least seven states.

Resolved, That we believe that an investigation will prove that St. Louis has the largest banking capacity of any city South of the Illinois River and West of the Mississippi and that it is now by reason of its location a central reserve city of power for almost half of the United States.

RESOLVED, That as citizens of that section of Illinois tributary to St. Louis we respectfully but most sincerely urge upon the Organization Committee of the Federal Reserve Board the claims of St. Louis and ask the establishment of one of the great regional reserve banks in that city.

*Robert S. Evans* Very truly yours,

President.

*Chas. Ramsey*  
Acting Secretary.

SAMUEL

EN, PRESIDENT

R.D. KEEN, CASHIER

## Farmers Bank of Keenes

KEENES, ILL. 1/19/14.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY \$ 200,000.00

Boatmen's Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

If we have any voice in selecting a Reserve City we wish to say that St. Louis is the only city in the Mississippi Valley that suits us. We carry our reserve over there and it is the hardest place we could get. Please make the claims of St. Louis strong enough and it will greatly oblige your correspondents in Southern Illinois and especially those along the Southern Railway.

Yours Resp'y,

*R. D. Keen*

*Cashier*



A. W. Fonger, President

Wm. Morris, Vice President

R. P. McBryde, Cashier

# ...The : First : National : Bank...

Capital Stock \$50,000.00

Surplus \$10,000.00

✓ Kimmunity, Illinois, January 14, 1914.

Mr. J. A. Lewis, Cashier,

National Bank of Commerce,

St. Louis, Missouri.

My Dear Mr. Lewis,

We are in receipt of a circular letter from the St. Louis Clearing House Association relative to the Federal Reserve Bank which will be located by the Committee soon and it is the wish of this bank that one of the Federal Reserve Banks be located in your city. I am satisfied St. Louis is the proper place for one of them. If we can be of any further service to you and your bank, kindly advise us.

Yours truly,

*R. P. McBryde*  
Cashier.

Capital Stock, \$100,000.00

Surplus, \$8,000.00

Undivided Profits, \$2,200.00

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**CITIZENS BANKING COMPANY**

Charles F. Breen, President

Web Kinder, Cashier

✓ *Lawrenceville, Illinois*

JAN 15 1914

National Bank, of Commerce,

St. Louis, Mo.,

Messrs.: We are infavor of St. Louis for one of the ~~the~~ Federal  
Reserve banks, and feel that without St. Louis being designated a great  
mistake would be made, Yours Truly

*Charles F. Breen*  
*Per*

LITCHFIELD MERCHANTS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION,

LITCHFIELD, ILLINOIS.

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# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY

CAPITAL \$ 75,000

SURPLUS \$ 25,000

ELI MILLER, PRES.  
G. A. SIMLER, VICE PRES.

J. R. MILLER, CASHIER  
A. V. HOOG, ASST. CASH.

**LITCHFIELD, ILL.**

January 14th 1914.

Mr. R. S. Hawes, Vice-Pres.,  
Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hawes:-

We have received your letter of the 6th inst., and also have received your circular letter in regard to the essential features of the GLASS-OWEN BILL.

We hope to see a Reserve Bank located in St. Louis, which will take in Southern Illinois including Litchfield, to the St. Louis District. We certainly will remember your good bank and the courteous and liberal treatment you have shown us. We, therefore, trust that our relations will continue in the same line as they have in the past. We thank you for your letter.

Very truly yours,



EM/RK

President

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**SPRINGFIELD, ILL.**

January 14th 1914.

Reserve Bank Organization Committee,

Washington, D. C.

G e n t l e m e n :-

We enclose herein a certified copy of the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of this bank at a meeting held on the thirteenth day of January 1914.

Since we have decided to take stock in the Federal Reserve Bank to be organized in this district we beg to urge the selection of the City of St. Louis for the location of such Federal Reserve Bank.

St. Louis has been the reserve center for this section, and through this city commerce and exchange of this district have passed. Southern Illinois being located adjacent to St. Louis we believe should be included in the district which St. Louis would serve. We have no doubt that the advantages and qualifications possessed by St. Louis will be ably presented to your Committee and will receive consideration. We simply write this line to indicate our indorsement for any claims made in behalf of the growing city of St. Louis, to be selected for one of the Reserve Bank centers.

Very truly yours,



EM/RK

President

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LITCHFIELD, ILL.,

Jan 16, 1914.

Business Mens' League,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:--

Enclosed you will find a resolution adopted  
at a meeting of our association as per your letter  
of recent date.

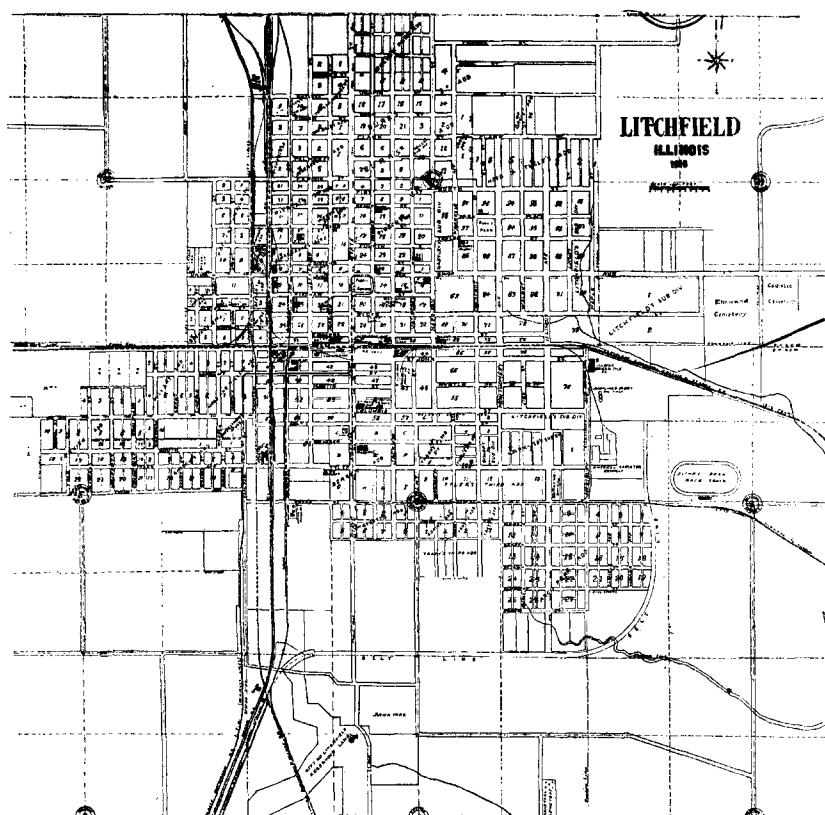
If we can be of any further assistance  
command us freely, as we consider ourselves a unit  
of St. Louis, we realize this will be a benefit to  
us,

Yours truly,

*J. C. Strehle*  
Secretary of the Merchants' Ass'n

JCS/MS.

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## Condensed Facts Concerning **LITCHFIELD** "The Coal and Railroad Center of Illinois" SHOWING INDUSTRIAL ADVANTAGES

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(See Map No. 2.)

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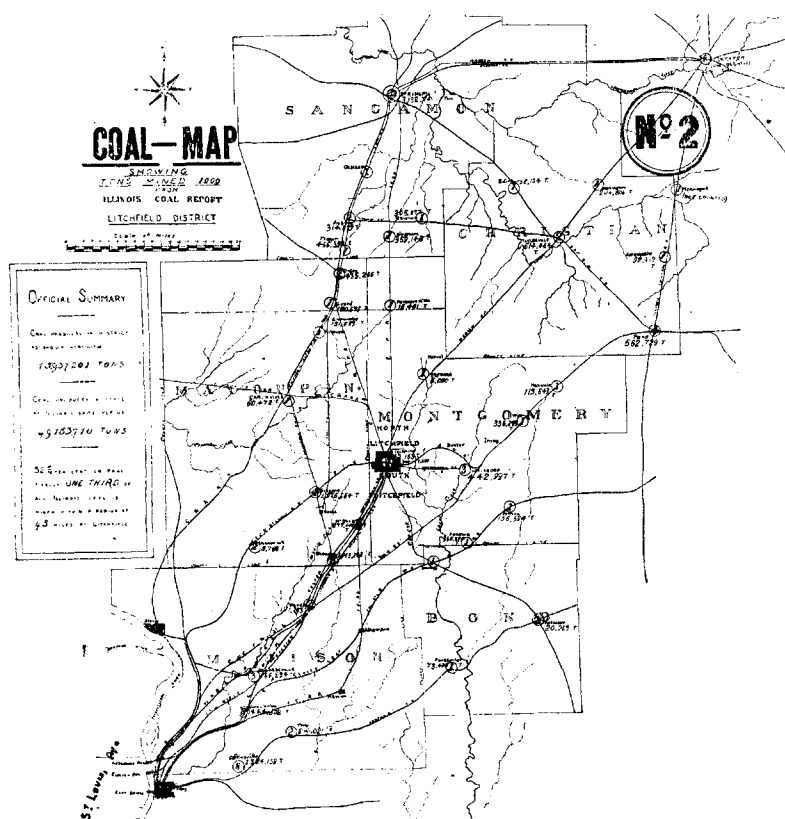
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Whereas the city of St. Louis is so centrally  
located, controlling a large territory, in all directions  
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Resolved by the Litchfield Merchants' Association  
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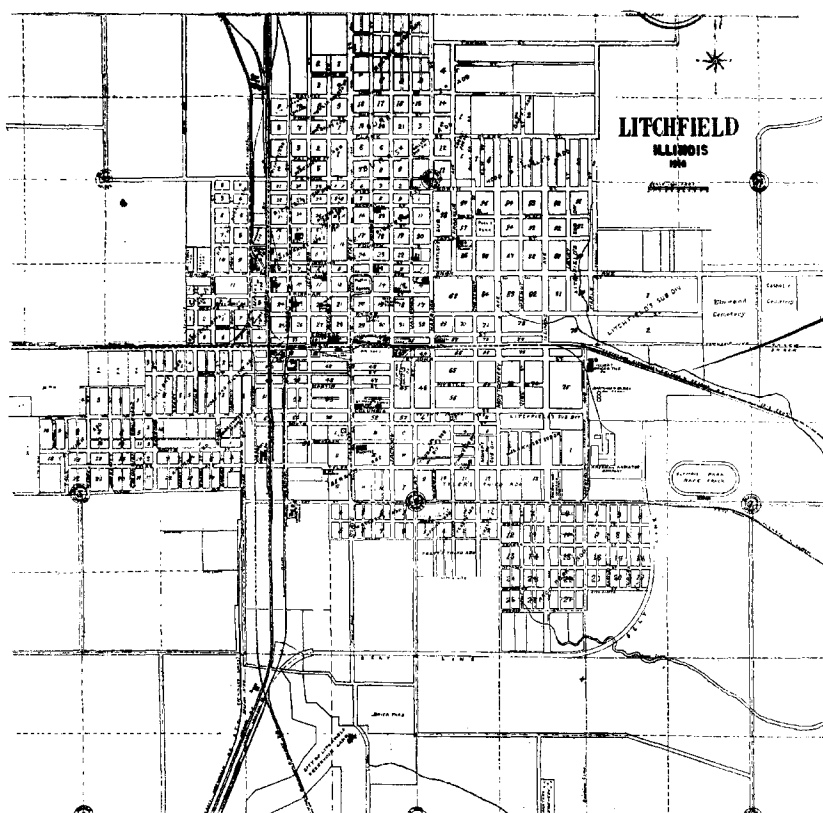
Unanimously adopted at the meeting of our association  
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*J. C. Strehle*  
.....SEC

*E. Miller*  
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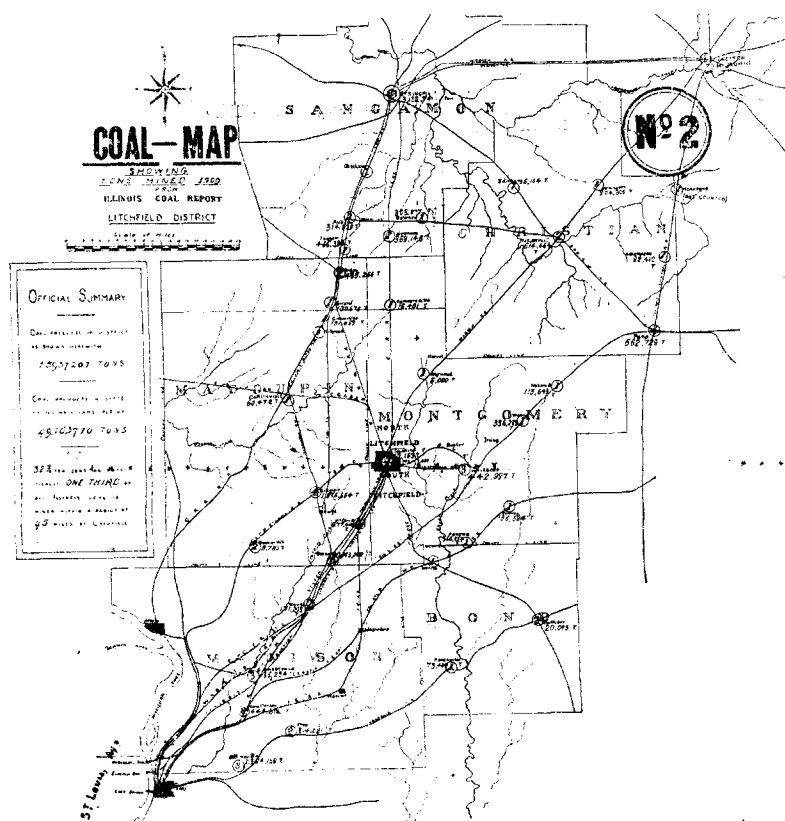
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# **THE LITCHFIELD NATIONAL BANK**

M. MORRISON, PRESIDENT.  
J. W. KIDD, VICE PRESIDENT.  
H. B. HERRICK, CASHIER.  
FRANK PADEN, ASST. CASHIER.

CAPITAL \$50,000. SURPLUS \$10,000.

*Litchfield, Ill.*, Jan. 15, 1914

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen;-

We wish to advise you that it is our desire that there be a Federal Reserve Bank located in St. Louis and that the same shall include Litchfield, Illinois within its district for the reason that the greater part of the business of this community is such that it would be very inconvenient as well as unprofitable to change from the natural channel to Chicago or some other point. Therefore we ask that you use your efforts in having this territory within the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank district.

Yours very truly,

  
Cashier.

C. B. MUNDAY,  
PRESIDENT.  
JOHN R. FARTHING,  
VICE-PRESIDENT.  
O. H. GEHRS,  
CASHIER.  
HERBERT GEHRS,  
ASST. CASHIER.

# BANK OF MARINE

CAPITAL \$25,000.

DIRECTORS:  
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HENRY JUNKER.  
FRED SCHREIBER.  
PETER METZ.  
LOUIS KOLB.  
J. R. FARTHING.  
C. B. MUNDAY.

MARINE, ILL. January 19, 1914.

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis.

Dear Sirs:-

We take the liberty and embrace the opportunity to express the hope and make the request that this part of the State of Illinois be placed in the St. Louis district when the boundaries of that district for a Federal Reserve District will be established.

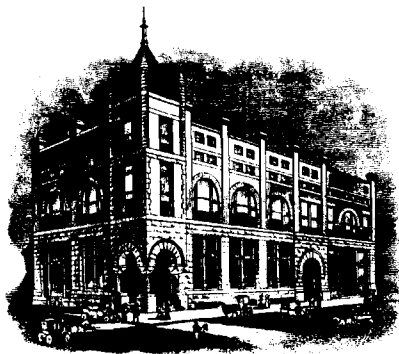
Though situated across the river and in another State, this section of Illinois is so closely connected with the business interests of your city that, to disconnect us from you, would be the breaking of a tie of many years of standing and against the wish of those mostly interested.

Again expressing the hope that our connections will not be disturbed, we are

Very truly yours,

Bank of Marine,

O. H. Gehrs, Cashier.



H. L. KUNZE, PRES.

GEO. F. DRYDEN, V. PRES.

F. J. WAGNER, CASHIER.

## BANK OF MARISSA

MARISSA, ILL., Jan. 14/1914.

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs:

It is our desire to continue our banking relations  
with the St. Louis district as has been our custom since the  
organization of our bank.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. J. Wagner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

Cashier

E. N. McNary, President  
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Nº 6721

J. I. Brydon, Cashier  
J. C. Brydon, Asst Cashier

# The First National Bank

( MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS


January 14, 1914.

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis,  
Gentlemen:

We are anxious that St. Louis be made the center of a Reserve District of which we shall be a member. It is the logical point for the member banks of Southern Illinois, being in direct connection with nearly all of them, and within a few hours ride of every city in the south half of the state.

If there is anything we can do or say that will in any measure assist in fixing the location of one of the Reserve banks in your city we are ready to do it or say it.

Truly,

  
Cashier.

~~THE MASCOUTAH COMMERCIAL CLUB,~~

MASCOUTAH, ILLINOIS.

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ARTHUR C. HAGIST

January 10th, 1914.

The Business Mens League,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:- Immediately upon receipt of your communication containing the very reasonable request that our organization adopt a set of Resolutions endorsing St. Louis for the location of one of the Central Reserve Regional Banks, the writer called a meeting of the Board of Directors who immediately adopted the Resolution, copy of which is herewith Inclosed.

We not only are heartily in favor of the proposition, but we sincerely hope that St. Louis will be thus favored, and we have not the least doubt that it will be.

Wishing you unqualified success, we remain

Respectfully Yours

The Mascoutah Commercial Club,

Per G. F. Wombacher Secy.

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RESOLUTION  
&  
ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS-- Under the new National Banking Laws, the establishment of four great Central Reserve Regional Banks is contemplated by the Honorable Organization Committee of the Federal Reserve Board, and

WHEREAS-- The City Of St. Louis, Mo., is one of the greatest Financial and Commercial Centers in the United States, and second to none in the great importance of Geographical Location which makes it also the most Logical City in the Central Portion Of The United States in which one of the Central Reserve Regional Banks should be established, therefore be it

RESOLVED - That the Mascoutah Commercial Club, a Civic Organization of the leading Business and Professional Men in the said City of Mascoutah, St. Clair County, Illinois, surrounded by one of the very best farming communities in the Country, do emphatically endorse the claims of the City Of St. Louis for the location of one of the great Central Reserve Regional Banks, and most urgently RECOMMEND to the HONORABLE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE of the FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD the establishment of one of the Central Reserve Regional Banks in the City of St. Louis, Mo.

Dated this 10th day of January, A.D. 1914.

Charles Kutterer, Pres.  
G. W. Lischer,  
A. C. Hagist,  
J. D. Mollmann,  
E. C. Kammann,

} Board of  
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The Mascoutah Commercial Club,

Per

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January 10th, 1914.

East St. Louis Commercial Club,

East St. Louis, Ill.

Dear Mr. Wilson:- We acknowledge receipt of your favor of even date, and in reply to same wish to state that we have today called a meeting of our Board of Directors and adopted Resolutions along lines suggested in your letter, and have sent a copy thereof to the Organization Committee of the National Reserve Board, Washington D.C.

We did this at the request of the Business Mens League of St. Louis. We are heartily in favor of using every honorable means to secure the establishment of one of the Great Central Reserve Regional Banks in St. Louis, and are very glad to note the laudable activity of your club in behalf of your Sister City.

As per your request we are herewith incloseing a copy of our Resolutions.

Wishing you unqualified Success, we beg to remain

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TREASURER, J. W. STOFFEL

# MASCOUTAH COMMERCIAL CLUB

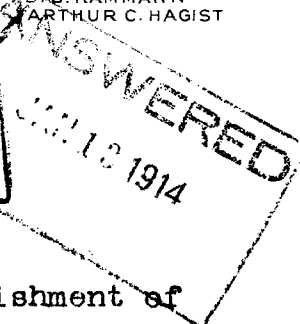
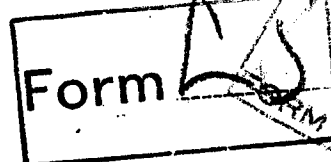
ORGANIZED 1913.

*Mascoutah Ill*

BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

CHARLES KUTTERER  
GEO. W. LISCHER  
JULIUS D. MOLLMAN  
E. C. KAMMANN  
ARTHUR C. HAGIST

RESOLUTION  
&  
ENDORSEMENT



WHEREAS-- Under the new National Banking Laws, the establishment of four great Central Reserve Regional Banks is contemplated by the Honorable Organization Committee of the Federal Reserve Board, and

WHEREAS-- The City Of St. Louis, Mo., is one of the greatest Financial and Commercial Centers in the United States, and second to none in the great importance of Geographical Location which makes it also the most Logical City in the Central Portion Of The United States in which one of the Central Reserve Regional Banks should be established, therefore be it

RESOLVED - That the Mascoutah Commercial Club, a Civic Organization of the leading Business and Professional Men in the said City of Mascoutah, St. Clair County, Illinois, surrounded by one of the very best farming communities in the Country, do emphatically endorse the claims of the City Of St. Louis for the location of one of the great Central Reserve Regional Banks, and most urgently RECOMMEND to the HONORABLE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE of the FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD the establishment of one of the Central Reserve Regional Banks in the City of St. Louis, Mo.

Dated this 10th day of January, A.D. 1914.

Charles Kutterer, Pres. )  
G. W. Lischer, )  
A. C. Hagist, )  
J. D. Mollmann, )  
E. C. Kammann, )

Board of  
Directors.

The Mascoutah Commercial Club,

Per *G. F. Wombacher* Secy.



J.S. LOCKETT, Pres.

G.M. SCHOEMANN, Vice Pres.

E.C. KELLEY, Cashier.



✓ *McLeansboro, Ill.* January, 20, 1914 *191*

REG. D. BARNARD & CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Mr. F.O. Watts, Chairman,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir;

We have read with care the letter from the Banks of St. Louis relative to the Government placing a Regional Bank in your city.

The natural course of business from this section is toward St. Louis and we very much desire to be included in the St. Louis District. The whole of Southern Illinois should be in the St. Louis District.

Very truly yours,

*J. S. Lockett* President.

A. QUANTE,      E. J. COWLING,      L. K. NEALPIN,      E. P. COPLAND,  
PRESIDENT      VICE PRESIDENT      CASHIER      ASSISTANT

CAPITAL \$60,000.00  
SURPLUS \$60,000.00



January 16, 1914.

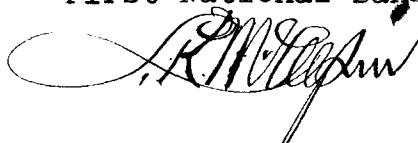
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs:

We look to St. Louis as our headquarters in the natural course of our banking business. The service we have received has always been satisfactory and we sincerely trust that the banks of St. Louis and surrounding territory will use every effort to secure a Federal Reserve Bank. We feel that this is the unanimous expression of the banks and other business interests in southern Illinois.

Very respectfully,

First National Bank,

 Cashier.

L. G. BROWN, PRESIDENT

R. T. ALLYN, VICE PRESIDENT

O. W. FEELY, CASHIER

# Bank of Modesto

(STATE BANK)

Modesto, Illinois

Jany, 15th. 1914.

Natl. Bank of Commerce,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

We agree with the ideas advanced in the letter of Jany.  
13th. from the St. Louis Clearing House Association in regard to  
fixing the districts for Federal Reserve Banks and we prefer to be  
located within the St. Louis District.

Yours very truly,

*L. G. Brown*  
Pres.

## Bank of David B. Crews

DAVID B. CREWS, President  
FRANKIE C. CREWS, Vice-President

C. E. MEISLAHN, Cashier  
JAMES CREWS, Assistant Cashier

Montrose, Illinois,

Feb 14th, 1914.

W.D.C. Street, Manager

Chicago Clearing House,

Chicago, Ill.

*Effingham County*

Dear Sir:-In reply to your letter, regarding the Federal Reserve Bank and enclosing letter for our signature, beg to say that we have signed one in favor of the St. Louis district, on account of that point being on a direct route.

Yours very truly,

*C. E. Meislahn, Cas.*

*Effingham*

LEROY MARTIN

LOUIS JOHNSON

*Martin & Johnson*

BANKERS

*Morrisonville, Ill.* JAN 14 1914 191

Mr. J. A. Lewis Cashier  
St Louis Mo.

Dear Sir: —

It is our earnest desire that the Organization Committee of Regional Banks, establish one in the City of St Louis Mo. being a central point for a large territory. Their careful and earnest consideration of this important matter will be duly appreciated by hundreds of bankers.

Very Respectfully

*Martin Johnson.*

E. R. YOHE, PRES.

JERRY BRINKER, VICE PRES.

LEONARD CARSON, CASHIER

# FARMERS' BANK

*signature*

✓ MT. ERIE, ILLINOIS.

Jan. 15, 1914.

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Relative to the letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. from  
the St. Louis Bank, permit me to say that I  
believe that our interests can best be served by  
placing us in the St. Louis Reserve District and by making  
St. Louis the regional reserve of such district. You have my  
permission to use this communication in any way you see fit.  
Respectfully,  
Leonard Carson, Cas.



DR. O. F. ALLEN, President  
JOHN F. PRANGE, Vice President  
A. E. LOESCHER, Vice President

NO 7350

C. CLAVIN, Cashier  
WM. E. KRUSE, Asst Cashier  
SELMA NISCHWITZ, Asst Cashier

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$25,000.00

MOUNT OLIVE, ILL. January 14th, 1914

The National Bank of Commerce,

Saint Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to establishing the Federal Reserve Districts, I think the government would make a profound mistake if it did not assign the States of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana to the St. Louis district.

St. Louis is the natural center for this area and the business is accustomed to clearing through that point. It makes a well balanced district for the facile accommodations of the business of the territory served.

Yours very truly,

*C. Clavin*  
Cashier.

J. P. LILLIGH, PRESIDENT

No. 7379

E. A. GLASGOW, VICE PRES'T

E. J. STAUFFER, CASHIER

# The First National Bank

CAPITAL. \$25,000.00

DIRECTORS

J. R. LILLIGH      E. A. GLASGOW  
R. MCKEAN      H. W. MULL  
E. J. STAUFFER

*Mulberry Grove, Ill.,* Jan. 14th, 1914.

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:--

Relative to the establishing of one  
of the new Federal Reserve Banks at St. Louis  
we take pleasure in saying that our interests  
can best be served from your city and that we  
are very anxious that a Reserve Bank be estab-  
lished there.

With best wishes, we remain,

Very truly yours,  
*E. J. Stauffer*  
Cashier.

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT Commercial Building, 514 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. ALWAYS  
OPEN

WORD 46

MURPHYSBORO ILLS JAN 21 1914

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THIRD NATIONAL BANK

ST LOUIS MO

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK WANT ST LOUIS DESIGNATED A FEDERAL  
RESERVE CITY IT IS THE LOGICAL PLACE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED  
IN THE STLOUIS DISTRICT THE NATURAL COURSE OF OUR BUSINESS IS WITH STLOUIS  
THREE FOURTHS OF OUR BUSINESS IS WITH THAT CITY

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK OF  
MURPHYSBORO ILLINOIS  
500 PM

No. 8221.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

OF NASHVILLE, ILLINOIS.

P. ZIEGEL, PRESIDENT.  
S. P. SCHROEDER, VICE PRESIDENT.  
C. L. SCHULZE, CASHIER.  
PAUL HOFFMAN, ASST CASHIER.

January 15, 1914.

Mr J. A. Lewis, Cashier.

National Bank Of Commerce.

St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir :-

Yours 23rd ult received in time,<sup>due</sup>  
pardon delay.

At our annual meeting 13th inst,  
our Board unanimously voted to subscribe to the  
capital stock of the Federal Reserve Bank in our  
District, which I hope will be St Louis Mo.

We will not take any hasty action  
in regard to our reserve agents, and expect to  
continue doing business with our present corres-  
pondents in each city, if it is possible to do so.  
write

Will you in a few days in regard  
to your Clearing House Letter, and urge that your  
city, be placed in our Federal Reserve District.

Yours truly,

C. L. Schulze, Cashier.

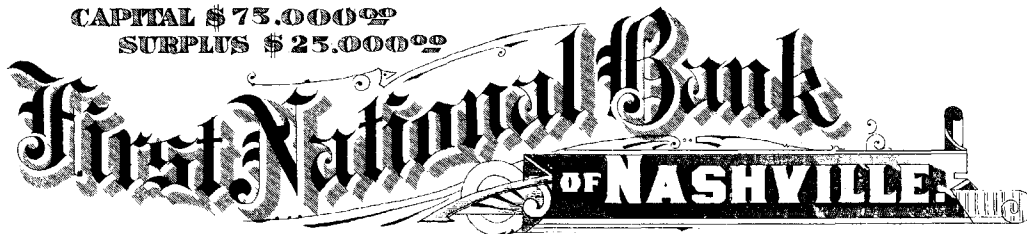
T. B. NEEDLES, PRESIDENT.  
J. A. WATTS, VICE PRESIDENT

# United States Depositary.

NO. 6524

A. G. HARTNAGEL, CASHIER.  
P. KRUGHOFF, ASS'T CASHIER.

CAPITAL \$75.000<sup>00</sup>  
SURPLUS \$25.000<sup>00</sup>



*Nashville, Tenn.*

Jan. 15, 1914.

State National Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Regarding fixing of the districts for the Federal Reserve banks, will say that our wish and preference is to be in the St. Louis district. There is no point as convenient for us as St. Louis and we hope the Organization Committee will see the wisdom of placing us in the St. Louis District.

Respectfully,

First National Bank of Nashville

per

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. G. Hartnagel". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Cashier

M. J. NOE, PRESIDENT  
CLARK R. NOE, VICE PRESIDENT  
H. W. PLEASANTS, CASHIER

NO. 9527



# The First National Bank

Noble, Illinois Jany. 14th 1914

Third national Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.,

Gentleman:--

We heartily agree with the conclusions voiced by the circular letter from the St. Louis Clearing House Association under date of Jany. 13th 1914 as it would seriously interfere with our business to have to change our reserve account to another city. We certainly want to be in the St. Louis district.

Yours very truly,

*Clark R. Noe*  
V. President

ADEN KNOPH, PRESIDENT

J. T. RATCLIFFE      HIER

## The First National Bank

Olney, Illinois

January 15, 1914.

Tom Randolph, President,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In answer to a circular letter received from the Clearing House Association of your city it is hte desire of this bank that it be in the St. Louis district and taht a Federal Reserve Bank will be established there, believing it will be to the best interest of this entire section.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John I. Ratcliffe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a trailing flourish.

H. N. SCHUYLER, PRESIDENT.

J. E. REESE, VICE PRESIDENT.

F. A. CUTLER, CASHIER.

ESTABLISHED  
JANUARY 1-1876

CAPITAL \$ 200 000.

INCORPORATED  
JANUARY 1-1906



COLLECTIONS  
A SPECIALTY.

*Pana, Illinois,* Feby. 22, 14.

✓  
Mr. W: D. Street, Mgr.,  
Chicago Clearing House,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir;

In reply to the letter received, signed by the Chairman of the Clearing House Committee, would say that we have already signed the blanks sent by the Clearing House of St. Louis, Mo., as we are only one hundred miles from St. Louis, and about double that distance from Chicago.

However, State pride would naturally lead us to prefer Chicago, but we are of the opinion that these petitions will amount to but little, if anything, and we will be perfectly satisfied with either.

Yours truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, written over the "Yours truly," and extending downwards and to the right.



DIRECTORS

J. F. LARD                      THOS. CARSWELL  
L. M. BABB                     M. W. COLEMAN  
G. W. LEMMON

CAPITAL, \$50,000.00  
SURPLUS, \$55,155.00

NO. 7-440

# NATIONAL BANK of PAWNEE

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

PAWNEE, ILLINOIS

OFFICERS

L. M. BABB, PRESIDENT  
THOS. CARSWELL, VICE PRESIDENT  
J. F. LARD, VICE PRESIDENT  
G. W. LEMMON, CASHIER  
B. A. HIGGINS, ASSISTANT CASHIER  
B. B. ROACH, ASSISTANT CASHIER  
E. E. SMITH, ASSISTANT CASHIER

Jan. 17, 1914.

Mr. J. A. Lewis, Cashier,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.,

Dear Sir,

The printed circular from the St. Louis Clearing House Assn. relative to placing St. Louis as a reserve center for this section of the country, received and noted.

It is the earnest desire of our Institution, and think we can voice for the locality, that St. Louis be selected for our reserve center, as we have always found St. Louis banks willing to help us out in times of our need.

Should this be of any benefit to you, and you should wish to do so, you may present this to the Organization Committee which meets in your city on 21st. inst.

Trusting the Committee may see their way clear to select St. Louis as a reserve center and that we may be in that same district, we remain,

Yours truly,

*G. W. Lemmon*

Cashier.

W. H. WILSON, PRES.

J. B. GREGORY, VICE-PRES.

R. GREGORY, CASHIER

# PERRY STATE BANK

Capital, \$40,000

PERRY, ILL., JAN 14 1914 191

~~To The National Bank of Commerce.~~

St. Louis Mo.  
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DEAR SIR: S-----

It is Our Sincere wish that the Organization Com;; Will  
Select ;; St Louis Mo// For One of the Reserve Regional Banks;;-----  
The Reasons are so many ;; that is not worth while to Mention them----;

Yours Very Truly.

*R. B. Gregory*  
Cashier

# *The Bank of Piassa*

*John J. Beeby, Pres.*      *D. A. Wyckoff, V. Pres.*      *Thos. L. Haycraft, Cash.*

*Piassa, Illinois*      Jan'y. 15, 1914.

Boatmen's Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

We sincerely trust you will use every effort to secure  
a Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis, as your city is the only  
one in which we have any business.      If we can do anything  
~~to help you locate this bank with your city, we shall be glad~~  
to do so.

Very truly yours,

*Thos. L. Haycraft.*  
Cashier.

WM. H. KER, PRESIDENT

JOSEPH LAURENT, VICE PRESIDENT

RICHARD L. MURRAY, CASHIER

## State Bank of Prairie du Rocher

CAPITAL \$25,000.00  
SURPLUS \$5,000.00

✓ Prairie du Rocher, Illinois  
January 14th, 1914.

Third National Bank,  
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

We heartily endorse Saint Louis as a Federal Reserve City, and sincerely hope that the Organization Committee will place Southern Illinois where it righteously belongs in the Saint Louis district.

Yours very truly,

State Bank of Prairie du Rocher, Illinois

*Richard L. Murray*  
Cashier

No. 3752.

**The Quincy National Bank**  
OF QUINCY, ILL.

W. T. DUKER, PRESIDENT  
G. G. ARENDS, VICE-PRESIDENT  
J. M. WINTERS, CASHIER  
J. L. DUKER, ASS'T CASHIER

Jan 14th, 1914.

QUINCY, ILL.

Mechanics-American National Bank.

StLouis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

Assuming that both Chicago and StLouis will be awarded each a Regional Bank by the Federal Reserve Board, and the boundaries to be fixed according to the established course of business, we feel justified in stating the banking interest of this city would be better served by being attached to StLouis District than to the Chicago District, for the reason the banks of this city draw much more of their business from the Missouri field than they do from the Illinois field, Quincy business houses and Quincy banks draw considerable business from the adjacent counties north and east, but they have very extensive connection west and southwest, and if Quincy is placed in StLouis District, there will be no disturbance of present connections, but will be beneficial.

Personally, I would rather see Quincy attached to Chicago District but I feel so certain that the best interests of this locality can be served by StLouis, that I deem it my duty to do what I may be able to do, to secure this city being placed in StLouis District.

very truly yours,

*J M Winters* Cashier

No. 3752.

**The Quinoy National Bank**  
OF QUINOY, ILL.

W. T. DUKE, PRESIDENT  
G. G. ARENS, VICE-PRESIDENT  
J. M. WINTERS, CASHIER  
J. L. DUKE, ASST. CASHIER

✓ QUINOY, ILL. Jan 19th, 1914.

Mechanics-American National Bank.

StLouis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. Ricker, of Ricker National, and myself, feel that we should make an effort to secure this city being attached to the StLouis District, when Regional Reserve Districts are established.

Will your Committee in charge, arrange for us to be heard by the Honorable Commissioners, and advise us at what time.

Reports are to the effect that Secretaries McAdoo and Houston will be in Chicago on 19th, 20th, and 21st, while it is also reported they will be in StLouis 21st and 22nd.

yours truly,

*J. M. Winters* Cashier

S. B. MONTGOMERY, PRESIDENT  
J. W. GARDNER, VICE PRESIDENT  
E. N. MONROE, VICE PRESIDENT  
F. W. CRANE, CASHIER

THOMAS BURROUGHS, ASSISTANT CASHIER  
THOMAS SHAUS, ASSISTANT CASHIER  
GEORGE F. JASPER, ASSISTANT CASHIER

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

# STATE SAVINGS, LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY

SUCCESSOR TO L. & C. H. BULL.

THE OLDEST BANK IN QUINCY. ESTABLISHED 1861.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT  
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT  
TRUST DEPARTMENT  
SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT  
REAL ESTATE LOANS  
BOND DEPARTMENT

QUINCY, ILL., February 19, 1914.

Honorable William G. McAdoo,  
Honorable David F. Houston,  
Honorable John S. Williams,

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

With the possibility in mind that Chicago and Saint Louis will both be made Federal Reserve Cities we take the liberty of indicating where in our opinion the interests of Quincy lie relative to the division of territory between these two cities. In conference with other Quincy banks we find all are in substantial agreement in the following opinion excepting one, that one the smallest of our clearing house banks and under State charter.

The geographical location of Quincy is such that it will appear to the casual observer that it is immaterial whether this city is put in Chicago or Saint Louis territory. In fact this also appears to us true, but true only upon one condition, which is of vital importance to the banking and business interests of Quincy. This condition is that this city be included in the district which also includes the north portion of the state of Missouri. Because of its geographical location and railroad connections this city has become in its trade and banking connections an integral part of northeast Missouri. In fact it may be said to be the commercial and banking metropolis for this section of Missouri. Our interest

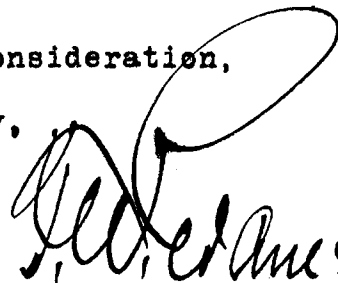
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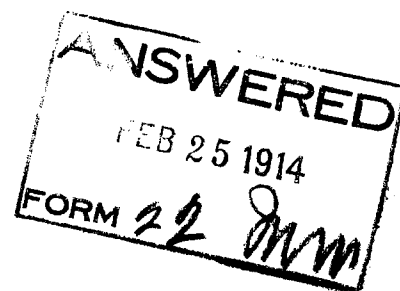
therefore lies in having so much of the State of Illinois as will include Quincy included with north Missouri territory. If the entire state of Missouri becomes a part of the Saint Louis district we should also want to be put in the Saint Louis district. If on the other hand, as has been proposed in some quarters, north Missouri should be included in Chicago territory, in that case we also wish to be put in Chicago territory.

Although it has taken a deep interest in the Federal Reserve System, this bank has not yet applied for membership, feeling that the attractiveness of the system to it must depend upon the solution of questions similar to the foregoing, arising in connection with the organization of the new system.

Submitting the above to your consideration,

Respectfully,

 Cashier.





T. L. MINIER, PRESIDENT

L. M. SMITH, CASHIER

# Minier Bank of Rockport

Rockport, Illinois Jan. 15th 1914. 191

St. Louis Clearing House Association,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs: This bank would like to be in the St. Louis Federal Reserve District as we think our interests may be better served in that district because of our location in Pike County Ill. Would be glad to have you represent us at the inquiries of the Organization Committee when they meet in your City.

Very truly yours,

*L. M. Smith*

Cashier.

EXHIBIT SUBMITTED BY

HENRY D. SEXTON

JANUARY 21, 1914

**Federal Reserve Bank Organization Committee**

In Session -----St Louis, Missouri

*S submitted by me,  
S extn. ST. Louis  
June 21*

Gentlemen:-

Representing the St Clair County, Illinois Bankers Association, appointed pursuant to a resolution adopted by that association, we respectfully submit herewith certain statistics evidencing the community of interest and industrial relations of St Clair County with the city of St Louis and upon which we base an expression of the most earnest desire of the bankers of St Clair County to have located in the city of St Louis a federal reserve bank, to include within its territory St Clair County.

**Population**

St Clair County ( estimated 1913)	144,870
East St Louis, St Clair County	80,000
Belleville, St Clair County	30,000

**Agricultural**

Value of Farm Property, St Clair County	\$40,000,000
" " Live Stock, St Clair County	\$50,000,000
Farm crops, fruits and nuts	\$ 5,750,000
Coal mined	5,000,000 tons

**Banks - St Clair County**

Total number	19
Capital, Surplus and Profits	\$ 3,974,000
Deposits	\$17,932,000
Resources	\$22,194,000
Estimated annual clearings	295,535,000

**Industries**

Total number	120
Estimated Capitalization	100,000,000
Number of employees	25,000
Annual Pay-roll	20,000,000
Coal consumption	3,000,000 tons

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**Products**

List of the most important is attached.

**Transportation**

Number of lines of railroads	24
Trackage ( main lines )	292 miles
" ( side lines and switches )	460 miles
Estimated value of properties	\$15,300,000
Interurban lines ( main track)	62 miles
( side lines)	13 miles
Estimated value	\$ 1,328,000

**Argument.**

In considering these statistics we desire to call your attention to the fact a large majority of the industries located in East St Louis and St Clair County maintain their important banking connections in the city of St Louis and are principally financed by St Louis institutions. Likewise it is estimated that the major part of the East St Louis industrial pay roll is spent in the stores of St Louis.

The banking transactions of the St Clair County banks are chiefly handled through St Louis banking institutions, three of the largest of these banks belonging to the St Louis Clearing House Association, thus constituting St Clair County an integral part of the financial and industrial community of St Louis and rendering it exceedingly desirable to us as bankers and most important to the agricultural and commercial interests of the county that it be included in any district created by your committee in which the city of St Louis may be located.

## PRODUCTS.

Aluminum.

Alfalfa Stock feed.

Architectural iron.

Artificial stone.

Art Goods.

Baking powder.

Bicarbonate of soda.

Barrels.

Beds, Iron & brass.

Boats.

Boilers.

Bottles.

Bricks.

Brooms.

Cattle Guards.

Chemicals.

Cigars.

Chicken feed.

Clay products.

Cotton Oil.

Cornices.

Cut stone.

Electric Sings.

Fences.

Fire Brick.

Flour.

Frogs & Crossings.

Furnaces.

Gloves.

Horses & Mules.

Iron & Steel.

Kraut.

Leather Goods.

Locomotives.

Lumber.

Marine Supplies.

Medicine.

Mineral Water.

Oils.

Oxygen.

Patterns.

Plaster.

Roofing.

Rubber roofing.

Soda Water.

Steel Casting.

Steel Springs.

Switches.

Tires.

Woolens.

FIGURES FROM THE FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF CITIES, 1911.  
BUREAU OF CENSUS.

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East St. Louis, Illinois. Population 61,000. Rank 91st.

List of states showing the number of cities in each state larger than East St. Louis, and showing states in which there are no cities larger than East St. Louis.

Estimated population of East St. Louis, 1914, 80,000.

States.	Cities larger than East St. Louis
Alabama-----	1.
ARKANSAS-----	NONE.
ARIZONA-----	NONE.
California-----	3.
Colorado-----	1.
Connecticut-----	3.
Delaware-----	1.
FLORIDA-----	NONE.
Georgia-----	1.
Illinois-----	1.
IDAHO-----	NONE.
Indiana-----	1.
Iowa-----	1.
Kansas-----	1.
Kentucky-----	1.
Louisiana-----	1.
MAINE-----	NONE.
Maryland-----	1.
Massachusetts-----	8.
Michigan-----	2.
Minnesota-----	2.
MISSISSIPPI-----	NONE.
Missouri-----	2.
MONTANA-----	NONE.
Nebraska-----	1.
NEW HAMPSHIRE-----	NONE.

States.	Cities larger than East St. Louis.
New Jersey-----	5.
NEW MEXICO-----	NONE.
New York-----	5.
NEVADA-----	NONE.
NORTH DAKOTA-----	NONE.
NORTH CAROLINA-----	NONE.
Ohio-----	5.
OKLAHOMA-----	NONE.
Oregon-----	1.
Pennsylvania-----	4.
Rhode Island-----	1.
SOUTH CAROLINA-----	NONE.
SOUTH DAKOTA-----	NONE.
Tennessee-----	2.
Texas-----	4.
Utah-----	1.
VERMONT-----	NONE.
Virginia-----	1.
Washington-----	2.
WEST VIRGINIA-----	NONE.
Wisconsin-----	1.
WYOMING-----	NONE.

East St. Louis is the 12th city in the Mississippi Valley.

*48 States*

<i>18</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>have no city as large as St. Louis</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
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COUNTIES IN GROUP SIX

CHAMPAIGN  
CLARK  
COLES  
CRAWFORD  
CUMBERLAND  
DOUGLAS  
EDGAR  
JASPER  
PIATT  
VERMILLION

10

COUNTIES IN GROUP SEVEN

CHRISTIAN  
MACON  
MACOUPIN  
MONTGOMERY  
MOULTRIE  
SANGAMON  
SHELBY

7

COUNTIES IN GROUP EIGHT

ADAMS  
BROWN  
CALHOUN  
CASS  
GREENE  
HANCOCK  
JERSEY  
MENARD  
MORGAN  
PIKE  
SCHUYLER  
SCOTT

12

COUNTIES IN GROUP NINE

BOND  
CLAY  
CLINTON  
EDWARDS  
EFFINGHAM  
FAYETTE  
JEFFERSON  
LAWRENCE  
MADISON  
MARION  
MONROE  
PERRY  
RANDOLPH  
RICHLAND  
ST. CLAIR  
WABASH  
WASHINGTON  
WAYNE

18

COUNTIES IN GROUP TEN

ALEXANDER  
FRANKLIN  
GALLATIN  
HAMILTON  
HARDIN  
JACKSON  
JOHNSON  
MASSAC  
POPE  
PUTASKI  
SALINE

UNION  
WHITE  
WILLIAMSON

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OFFICERS:

L. M. KAGY, PRESIDENT  
ROBERT MARTIN, VICE PRESIDENT  
FRANK SCHWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT  
A. R. WILLIAMS, ASS'T. CASHIER  
J. N. CHANCE, TELLER

BEN. M. SMITH, CASHIER

DIRECTORS:

F. A. BOYNTON, JOSEPH SCHWARTZ,  
ROB'T. MARTIN, L. M. KAGY,  
FRANK SCHWARTZ, C. L. McMACKIN,  
REUBEN C. HAYS, BEN. M. SMITH,  
M. O. ALLMON.

# The Salem State Bank

**Capital and Surplus \$80,000.00**

✓ SALEM, ILLINOIS

January 16th 1914.

Hon. Thm Randolph,  
Pres. National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis,  
St. Louis, Missouri,


Dear Sir:

I write you to ask your advice as to the propriety of the Salem State Bank of this city joining the Federal Reserve System as a member bank. Of course we are not compelled to, as we are a State Bank and until yesterday our Attorney General had not decided the legal question as to whether we had a right to do so or not on account of the Illinois Law prohibiting one corporation holding stock in another but I notice by this morning's papers that the Attorney General has decided that we can join the system.

Our bank will appreciate it a great favor if you will give us your views on the question as to the benefits if any, to be derived by us joining the system.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, I am

Yours truly,

  
President,

LOUIS W. GOETZMAN, PRESIDENT  
E. EBERWINE, VICE PRESIDENT



D. E. FROELICH, CASHIER  
L. B. GOETZMAN, ASST. CASHIER

# The National Bank

CAPITAL \$25,000.00  
SURPLUS \$13,000.00

Shawneetown, Illinois

January 14/14.

Third National Bank,

St Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of a circular letter of The St Louis Clearing House Association, addressed <sup>to</sup> correspondents of St Louis banks, in relation to fixing the districts for Federal Reserve Banks.

This bank would very much prefer to be in a District, with St Louis as the Federal Reserve center and we trust that the authorities vested with the power will name your city for one of the Reserve Banks.

Very Respectfully,

*Louis W. Goetzman*

President.

OFFICERS:

T.B.KERLEY, PRES.  
J.W.REYNOLDS, V. PRES.  
D.R.KERLEY, CASHIER.

STOCKHOLDERS:

T.B.KERLEY.  
J.W.REYNOLDS.  
D.R.KERLEY.  
STORY & KLINK.  
N.J.BROOKS.

# FIRST BANK OF SIMPSON

SIMPSON, ILLINOIS.

January 20, 1914.

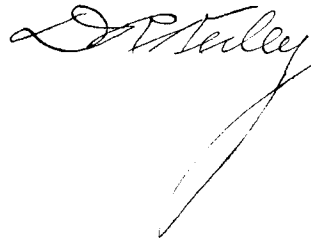
Mechanics-American National Bank,

St Louis, Missouri.

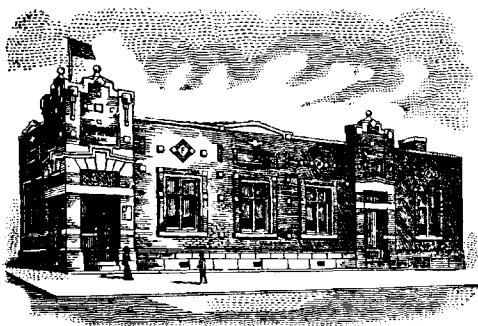
Dear Sirs:-

Please use every effort to get a Federal Reserve Bank in your City, as we realize the bad effects of it being farther away from us, and we also regard St. Louis as our gateway.

Very truly yours,



Cashier



W. J. BROWN, V. P.  
A. L. WILSON, V. P.

E. B. MCGUIRE, PRES.

W. F. CLENDENIN, CASHIER  
PAUL G. BROWN, ASS'T CASHIER

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SPARTA

SPARTA, ILL. January 14th, 1914.

Mr. John H. McCluney, Pres.,  
State National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

It is the desire of the First National Bank of Sparta, Illinois, that a Federal Reserve Bank be located in St. Louis; we think it would be a great advantage, not only to the country banks in our locality, but also to the Southern and Western States. Anything we can do to assist in securing St. Louis this Reserve Bank, rest assured we will do so.

Yours very truly,

*E. B. McGuire*  
President.

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January 21st, 1914.

Organization Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank,  
St Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

The First National Bank of Staunton, Ills.,  
located sixty miles South of Springfield and forty  
miles North of St Louis, desires to become associated  
with the Reserve Bank which we trust will be located  
at St Louis.

Very truly yours,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF STAUNTON, ILLS.

*Morgan Russell*  
Vice President.

A. L. WILSON, PRESIDENT  
ALBERT H. GILSTER, VICE-PRESIDENT



P. S. WILSON, CASHIER  
A. W. WERRE, ASS'T CASHIER

## State Bank of Steeleville

Capital \$25,000.00

Steeleville, Illinois

January 15, 1913.

State National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

We note that the Organization Committee of the Federal Reserve Banking System will be in St. Louis on the 21st for the purpose of securing information looking toward fixing the districts for Federal Reserve Banks.

As a State bank, we are expecting to apply for membership in the Federal Reserve Bank, and while we have no doubt that St. Louis will be selected as one of the banking locations, we are very much in hope that Southern Illinois will be placed in the St. Louis district rather than in the Chicago district. Our business affiliations are all with St. Louis and we hope that the St. Louis banks succeed in having Southern Illinois allotted to the St. Louis district.

Yours very truly,

Cashier.

A. L. WILSON, PRESIDENT  
ALBERT H. GILSTER, VICE-PRESIDENT



P. S. WILSON, CASHIER  
A. W. WERRE, ASS'T CASHIER

## State Bank of Steeleville

Capital \$25,000.00

Steeleville, Illinois

February 2, 1914.

Mr. W. D. C. Street, Manager,  
Chicago Clearing House,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Dear Sir:-

We have your favor of January 31st, but have already expressed our preference for membership in the Federal Reserve Bank to be located at St. Louis, as we believe that the business affiliations of Southern Illinois make it preferable for this section of the State to belong to the ~~Chicago~~ district.

Yours very truly,

  
Cashier.



CAPITAL \$ 50,000.00

STONINGTON, ILL. January 20, 1914.

Mr. J. A. Lewis, Cashier,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

A few days ago we received from the Bankers of St. Louis a letter touching upon the Federal Reserve District for St. Louis. Inasmuch as the Organization committee will meet in your city soon, the time for gathering data in behalf of St. Louis is short, for we realize that nothing but hard cold facts have any weight or influence with the Committee.

Had we the time, we believe that we could prove conclusively that this immediate territory belongs to the St. Louis District. We think we are safe in stating that 75% of the grain in this Corn belt is shipped South and not North, thereby making St. Louis the logical point for handling drafts drawn against such shipments. Again, we believe that 75% of the accommodations received by Bankers of this section is extended by the St. Louis Banks.

These two items show the tendency of the





business interests of this section of the Country in central Illinois, for we are just 10 miles South of the center of the State.

We regret that united efforts of Central Illinois Bankers were not secured to present to the Organization Committee such data as can be had, so that the St. Louis District might extend as far North as the center of the State of Illinois. The plea of one small Bank would not be heard, but we believe that we speak the sentiments of Southern Illinois in this important proposition.

If the Committee will award to St. Louis her just <sup>of the State</sup> share, we think the interests of that district will be best preserved.

With best wishes for a big St. Louis District, we beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Cashier.

T. F. HOOPES, PRESIDENT.  
W. H. WESTALL, VICE PRES.

O. T. JONES, CASHIER.  
F. S. WESTALL, ASST. CASHIER.

*Farmers & Merchants State Bank*  
of Sumner

*Sumner, Illinois,* Jan 14, 1914.

Merchants-Laclede National Bank,

Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our wish to be in the St-Louis district,  
and we hope you will be successfull in having located in  
your City one of the Federal Reserve Banks.

We think Southern Illinois would be better  
served by St-Louis than any other City.

Very truly yours,

Farmers & Marchants State Bank,

*O. T. Jones* Cashier.

S. R. HAINES, PRESIDENT



H. B. HAINES, CASHIER

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# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$25,000.00

TAMAROA, ILL.

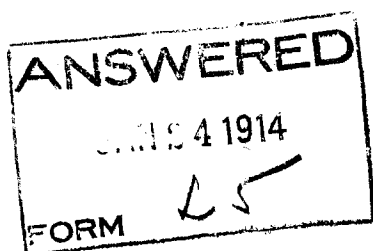
January  
Twentieth  
1914.

Reserve Bank Organization Committee.  
St Louis, Mo.  
Dear sirs:--

Check us up as being in favor of St Louis  
for one of the new Reserve Banks.

Very truly yours,

CASHIER.



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F. W. ANDERSON, PRESIDENT. 3579 E. R. WRIGHT, CASHIER.  
D. D. SHUMWAY, VICE PRESIDENT. J. R. RICHARDSON, ASST. CASHIER.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$200,000.00

SURPLUS \$100,000.00

ESTABLISHED 1871

TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS. Jan. 14, 1914.

Mr. J. A. Lewis, Cashier,

National Bank of Commerce,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

We are today in receipt of the St. Louis Clearing House Association letter dated Jan. 13th.

We have considered the letter very carefully, and do not know just where we belong. I note in your letter that you are only going to request that southern Illinois be in the St. Louis district, and we are clearly in central Illinois, and we would suppose be placed in the Chicago district, unless the St. Louis Association are able to include central Illinois.

You can realize it is difficult for us to choose, as we have fully as great, if not a greater volume of business to and from Chicago as we have to and from St. Louis. It is undoubtedly difficult for us to tell just at the present time what this relationship with the District Federal Reserve Bank will be, but however it may be, we do not expect to lessen our volume of business or relationship with our St. Louis correspondents.

I note in your letter the sentence that I herewith quote, and will thank you to write me just what it means: "It is quite probable that in the St. Louis district there will be located 10 or 15 of such branches, and there is no essential service which may not be rendered by the branch"

I had thought I had carefully read the law several times, and have not as yet found that such branches would be established subject

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to any district bank.

If this means that there will be branches established in each district as centers for sub-districts, we would like to know all there is about this, so if it would be to advantage to try and be a sub-district bank, we would want to do this or to secure that bank somewhere here or near here.

On the other hand if one of these sub-district branches was located in southern Illinois in some smaller town than we are, I cannot believe it would be satisfactory for us to work through them.

I will appreciate very much if you will write me and give me all the information you have in reference to this matter, so we can be prepared and know which way is for our best interest.

Yours very truly,



OFFICERS:  
W. W. JARVIS  
PRESIDENT  
JOHN FELDMEIER  
VICE PRESIDENT  
D. GENEVIEVE JARVIS  
CASHIER

## TROY EXCHANGE BANK

INCORPORATED  
CAPITAL \$40,000  
TROY, ILLINOIS

DIRECTORS:  
W. W. JARVIS  
F. W. SEELE  
D. GENEVIEVE JARVIS  
JOHN FELDMEIER  
W. C. SEELE

January 14th 1914.

*House*  
St. Louis Clearing Association

St. Louis Mo.

Gentlemen-:

In reply to your letter of January  
13th 1914. will say; This bank is decidedly in favor of having  
a Federal Reserve Bank located in St. Louis Mo.

Very respectfully,

Troy Exchange Bank • Troy Ills.

Per, *W. W. Jarvis Pres*

L. L. EMMERSON, President  
C. D. KELL, Vice-President

J. H. KELL, Cashier  
A. L. CRUZEN, Ass't Cashier

## THE WALNUT HILL BANK

WALNUT HILL, ILL., 191

Mechanics Amer Bk'l Bk.  
St Louis Mo.

Gentlemen:

We are very anxious  
that St Louis should be  
the home of one of the Federal  
Reserve Banks, and believe  
it should be on account  
of its Commercial importance  
and convenience to the  
West and South West.

Yours Respr

THE WALNUT HILL BANK.

J. H. Kell,  
Cashier



Waterloo, Illinois Jan 13-14

East St. Louis Commercial Club  
East St. Louis, Ill

Sherman Wilson, Sec + Mgr  
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a copy  
of the resolution passed by our club at its  
regular meeting last Monday evening -

Per your request for a copy of same in  
your letter of Jan 9th. am mailing same to  
you.

The committee selected by our president will  
attend the meeting in St Louis Jan 23-24.

Very sincerely

Nelson A. Fickett  
Sec.



~~THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WATERLOO~~

WATERLOO, ILLINOIS.

A. C. BOLLINGER, PRESIDENT

H. C. VORIS, VICE-PRES.

J. F. SCHMIDT, CASHIER

THOS. RUCH, ASST. CASHIER

NO. 10180

# The First National Bank of Waterloo

— DIRECTORS —

A. C. BOLLINGER, JOHN J. KOENIGSMARK, DR. N. B. PAUTLER  
E. W. LOEHR, A. C. REXROTH, LOUIS STUMPF,  
THOS. RUCH, H. C. VORIS.

— CAPITAL, \$25,000. —

Waterloo, Illinois, Jan. 12, 1914.

Business Men's League,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your letter addressed  
to the Commercial Club of this City I  
herewith take pleasure in sending you the  
endorsement of all the Banks of this City  
in favor of St. Louis obtaining one of the  
regional Banks under the recent Federal  
Reserve Act.

Respectfully,

*A. C. Bollinger*  
President.

To the Honorable Organization Committee  
of the Federal Reserve Act of December  
23rd, A.D. 1913.

We the undersigned Banking institutions of the City  
of Waterloo, Monroe County, State of Illinois,  
appreciating the benefits of having the City of  
St. Louis, State of Missouri as a banking center  
do therefore recommend that one of the Regional  
Banks to be established under the Federal Reserve  
Act of December 23rd, A.D. 1913, be located in said  
City of St. Louis.

The First National Bank of Waterloo

Commercial Bank. Waterloo Illinois.

State Bank of Waterloo Ill.



Jan 13-13

Business Men's League  
St. Louis - Mo.

Wm F. Saunders,

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of our club held last Monday evening, the enclosed resolution was passed, a copy of which I am sending you.

Am also mailing a copy to the Organization Committee of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington.

The committee appointed will attend the meeting held in St. Louis Jan 21-22

Very sincerely

Nelson A. Rickert  
Sec.

COPY.

Believing it to be to the Commerical interests of this Section of the State of Illinois to have one of the Regional Banks provided for by the Federal Reserve Act, passed by Congress December 23, A. D. 1913, located in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commercial Club of the City of Waterloo, Monroe County, State of Illinois, that we recommend that one of the Regional Banksto be established under the Federal Reserve Act of December 23, A. D. 1913, be located in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the chair appoint a committee of three to appear before the Federal Reserve Board at its meeting in St. Louis, January 23rd and 24th, 1914, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Organization Committee created under said Act.

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A. C. Bollinger, President First National Bank, Waterloo, Ill.  
Hugh Murphy, Cashier Commercial Bank, Waterloo, Ill.  
Albert Linkel, Cashier State Bank, Waterloo, Ill.



Jan 14-14

Organization Committee Federal Reserve Board,  
Washington - D. C.

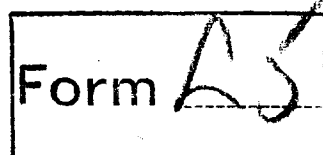
St. Louis

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find a copy  
of a resolution passed by our club which  
speaks for itself.

Very respectfully

Nelson A. Rickert  
Secretary.



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**FIRST NATIONAL BANK,**  
**WAVERLY, ILL.**

W. REAGEL, President  
H. I. DETURK, Vice-President  
A. C. MOFFET, Cashier

Waverly, Illinois, Feb. 2, 1914.

Chicago Clearing House Association,

Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Yours of recent date at hand in regard to federal reserve bank located in your city. We prefer to be in the district about St. Louis as our nearness to that city makes it more desirable.

Yours respectfully,



Cashier.



*Waverly*

Ills., February 1914.

We believe it to be to the interest of this  
community that it should be included in the Federal Reserve  
District, the Federal Reserve Bank of which should be  
located in ~~Chicago~~, Illinois. *ST Louis*

*First Nat'l Bank*

*Indiana*

At a meeting of the Evansville Clearing House, duly called and held on the 14th day of January, 1914, the following resolution was offered, seconded and unanimously adopted,

WHEREAS, The bankers of Evansville believe that the Federal Reserve Act is based on fundamentally sound principles and, if met in a spirit of earnest co-operation by the bankers of the country, has in it the possibilities of much good and, believing that the interests of this community and of the adjacent territory, of which it is the financial center, can best be served by the inclusion of the City of Evansville in the geographical limits of the district to be served by a Federal Reserve Bank in the City of Chicago,

AND WHEREAS, the Organization Committee named by Congress is about to meet in the City of Chicago for the purpose of conferring with bankers in the Middle West relative to the establishment of a Federal Reserve Bank in said district,

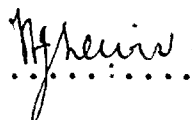
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Evansville Clearing House Association be and he hereby is authorized to convey to the Honorable William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, and to his associates on the Organization Committee, the assurances of the loyal and earnest support of all the banks in Evansville to the end of achieving the best obtainable results for the banks, for their communities and for the country under the new banking and currency measure,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of this Association be and he hereby is authorized to respectfully request that, in the event of the establishment of a Federal Reserve Bank in the City of Chicago, the

geographical confines of the district to be served by it extend southward at least as far as the Ohio River and that such confines may include the City of Evansville and adjacent territory,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Association express the hope, through its President, to the Organization Committee, that, in the successful working out of the Regional Bank plans, it may be deemed expedient to establish branch banks in such Regional Reserve Districts, the City of Evansville may be chosen as the location for a branch bank to serve the communities of Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky, of which territory it is the recognized financial and commercial center."

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Evansville Clearing House Association on the date specified.

  
.....  
Manager.

Submitted at St. Louis, Missouri,  
to the Organization Committee, January 22nd, 1914.

COMPARISON  
MEMORANDUM- CLEARINGS FOR  
YEAR

<u>1912</u>	<u>1913</u>
\$ 119,475,060.69	\$ 129,075,478.67

MONTH OF DECEMBER

<u>1912</u>	<u>1913</u>
\$ 10,386,111.58	\$ 12,761,804.08

WEEK ENDING

Corresponding week last year	Dec. 31, 1913
\$ 1,865,001.14	\$ 2,144,908.86

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**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF MT. VERNON**

CAPITAL \$ 100,000.00  
SURPLUS & PROFITS \$ 40,000.00

E. E. HIGHMAN, PRESIDENT.  
LOUIS H. KECK, VICE PRESIDENT  
JNO. W. TURNER, CASHIER.  
EDWIN PAGE, ASST. CASHIER

MT. VERNON, IND. Jan. 15th 1914.

Mr. F. O. Watts, Vice pres.,  
Third Natl. Bank,  
Saint Louis.

Dear Sir:-

If there is to be a strong appeal made  
for a Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis we desire  
to join forces with you, as it will be more con-  
-venient in everyway for this point.

St. Louis is rightly situated and has, we believe,  
the advantage over many of the other Cities that  
should and nodoubt would be considered in the  
establishment of the institution.

Would be pleased to have your advices.

Very truly yours,

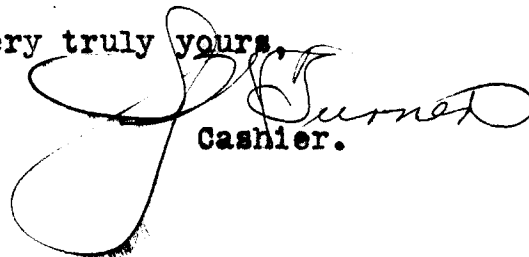
  
Cashier.

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OF MT. VERNON

CAPITAL \$ 100,000.00  
SURPLUS & PROFITS \$ 40,000.00

E. E. HIGHMAN, PRESIDENT.  
LOUIS H. KECK, VICE PRESIDENT  
JNO. W. TURNER, CASHIER.  
EDWIN PAGE, ASST. CASHIER

✓ MT. VERNON, IND. Jan. 19th 1914.

Mr. F. O. Watts, President,  
Third National Bank,  
Saint Louis.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 17th in answer to inquiry relative to St. Louis as a Reserve City, beg to advise that while it would be a pleasure for the writer to attend the hearing on the twenty first and twenty second, other engagements makes it impossible at this time, however, he desires to express his appreciation of your kind invitation.

After careful study of other cities of which we probably will be classed in creating districts, the officers of this bank heartily endorses St. Louis.

This is done, too, without connection of any kind or character with any bank or banker in St. Louis, as you no doubt know. that we do not carry account in St. Louis.

Thanking you again for your courteous offer and with the hope that your good City will be designated, we are

Very truly yours,

J. W. Turner  
Cashier.

*Kansas*



C. L. DAVIDSON  
PRESIDENT  
F. C. WOOD  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT  
CHAIRMAN TRAFFIC BUREAU  
C. H. SMYTH  
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT  
CHM. INDUSTRIAL BUREAU  
J. H. STEWART  
THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT  
CHM. PUBLICITY BUREAU  
A. O. RORABAUGH  
FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT  
CHAIRMAN CIVIC BUREAU

## Wichita Business Association

201-207 BARNES BUILDING

TELEPHONES MARKET 964-965

WICHITA, KANSAS

January 15, 1914.

O. A. BOYLE  
CHAIRMAN WAYS AND MEANS  
COMMITTEE  
WALTER P. INNES  
TREASURER  
MARTIN E. CASTO  
ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY  
AND TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER  
R. H. FAXON  
INDUSTRIAL AND PUBLICITY  
COMMISSIONER

My dear Mr. Saunders:

Your letter of January 8, directed to The Wichita Business Association is received.

The subject of the organization of the new banking system is now receiving very earnest attention by this Association. We have assumed that Saint Louis would undoubtedly have a regional bank established. There seems to be little doubt in any one's mind about that.

The very pleasant relationship existing between Saint Louis and Wichita, which we tried so hard last summer to cultivate and improve, will, it is hoped, continue.

Very sincerely yours,



Industrial and Publicity Commissioner.

Mr. W. F. Saunders, Secretary,  
Business Men's League,  
Saint Louis, Missouri.

D. A. Weathers, Pres.

E. Ward Brink, Vice Pres.

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## McCune City State Bank

Capital Stock, \$15,000.00

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McCUNE, KANSAS. Jan. 14th, 1914.

National Bank Commerce,

St Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

I trust you will succeed in securing one of the  
National Reserve Banks, I think St. Louis is a logical place  
for such a Bank.

Yours truly,

  
Cashier.

Kentucky

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY  
5900

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

ROST, RODES, JR., President  
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M. J. HANLEY, Asst. Cashier

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Jan. 15th. 1914.

Mr. Frank K. Houston, Assistant Cashier,  
Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Frank;-

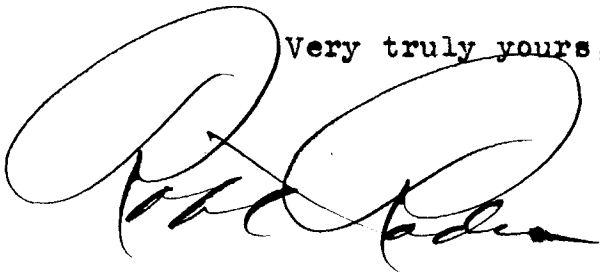
I am in receipt of your favor of the 13th. relative to the location at St. Louis of one of the Regional Reserve Banks. I beg to say in reply that an effort is being made to have one of these Banks established at Louisville and all of the banks here have written to Mr. McADOO urging that one be established at Louisville.

I feel that a bank at Louisville would serve our purposes better than any other point, it would be more convenient to us and we would, no doubt be in closer touch with the management.

I wish to say, however that if Louisville is not favored with one of the Banks, I would, personally be very glad to <sup>see</sup> the Bank at St. Louis have this territory.

With kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,



President.

# DAY LETTER

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STLOUIS MO

OUR FIRST CHOICE FOR REGIONAL BANK FOR THIS TERRITORY IS

LOUISVILLE OUR SECOND CHOICE STLOUIS

CITY NATIONAL BANK.

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**Henderson National Bank,  
Henderson, Ky.**

January, 31st, 1914

Mr Frank K. Houston,

St. Louis Mo.

My Dear Houston:-

I fear that we will not be able to have a representative with you tomorrow, I had been appointed but since then matters have come up which demand my personal attention and I do not know of any one who could conveniently arrange to go at this late hour.

For sentimental reasons we of course would prefer Louisville, but for business reasons we believe St. Louis would be the proper place for the Regional Bank for this section.

Sincerely yours,

*C. A. Katterjohn*  
Cashier.

# HICKMAN BANK AND TRUST CO.

CAPITAL \$ 50,000.00

R. T. TYLER, PRESIDENT.  
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W. C. JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT.

HICKMAN, KY.,  
Jany. 14th. 1914.

Mr. F. O. Watts, Chm.,  
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:--

We have been asked to state our preferences in regard to the location of the Regional Bank to serve our City.

Our first choice is Louisville, Ky., and next to Louisville we prefer St Louis.

We prefer Louisville from the fact that it is the leading City of our State, and also from the belief that they more thoroughly understand the financial conditions of our section than any other applicant for a Regional Bank, and therefore a Regional Bank located in Louisville would be of more practical assistance to us than one located where our conditions were not so thoroughly understood.

As a second choice, we are heartily in favor of St Louis. St Louis would be more than acceptable to us, not only from the fact that it is our most accessible point, but for the reason that the natural flow of business from Hickman is to St Louis.

Trusting that the above will be of material assistance to you, we beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,  
HICKMAN BANK AND TRUST CO.  
*By W. C. Reed, Cashier,*

THE PEOPLES BANK  
HICKMAN, KY.  
*By J. N. O. Pyle, Asst. Cashier,*

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*by J. A. Thompson, Pres.*

JFF, PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT

H. B. GILBERT, CASHIER  
V. H. CLARK, ASS'T CASHIER

# CITIZENS BANK

CAPITAL \$40,000.00

MURRAY, KENTUCKY

January 17, 1914.

Mr. F. O. Watts, Chairman,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter, sent out by the committee on gathering data towards securing a Regional Reserve Bank for St. Louis, and in reply wish to say that all you claim is true. St. Louis is an ideal location to serve this territory, and, outside of Louisville, it is our first choice.

I trust your committee will be successful in securing one of these banks, and, should Louisville fail to get one, I am very anxious for Murray and all West Kentucky to be included in St. Louis territory.

Yours very truly,

  
Cashier.



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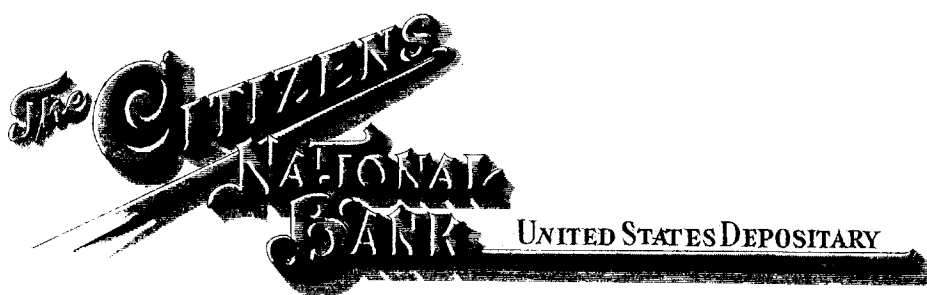
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F O Watts,

Prest 3rd Natl Bank St. Louis

St. Louis is the logical location for regional bank and would  
be to our advantage to be in your territory if your city  
is selected we want to go with you

Edward Garrett, Prest First Natl Bank



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RUSSELLVILLE, KY.

Jany. 15, 1914.

Mr. F. O. Watts, Chairman,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Watts:-

I have a letter of the fourteenth of this month from your *M.* Houston suggesting that I write you stating that we wished to become members of the association of banks with St. Louis as a centre. We wish first to be associated with our brethren in Louisville and if we ant get them I believe we would prefer you—this without any discourtesy intended or expressed toward you.

I hope you are well and that your Regional Bank may be of much service to your section.

Yours truly,

Cashier.

*Louisiana*

GEO. C. SHIPPER, PRESIDENT.  
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# LUMBERMAN'S BANK AND TRUST CO.

CLAUDE A. DUNN, BALVETON

DE RIDDER, LA.

JANY. 16th, 1914.

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Gentlemen;

We are today in receipt of circular letter issued by the St. Louis Banks in reference to the Federal Reserve District, embracing your City.

We feel very kindly towards St. Louis, and especially your good selves; still we feel that we would be doing our State and own City of New Orleans an injustice to advocate the placing of Louisiana in any other district, so long as New Orleans was making a fight for one of the Reserve Banks, and of course, for a district which would naturally include some of the states which you mention.

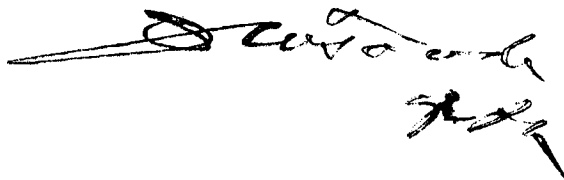
Should, for any reason, New Orleans be eliminated we had much rather be in a district with St. Louis than any other city, and would be glad to lend our support to that end; but so long as New Orleans is considered, I feel we would be disloyal to our state should we not favor them.

We are sure you understand our position, and hope you will secure the formation of a district, which will be entirely agreeable.

With regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

JWT/LL.



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# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LAKE CHARLES

THE OLDEST BANK IN SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA  
UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY.

LAKE CHARLES, LA. Jan. 15th. 1914.

National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of a circular letter from the St. Louis Clearing House Association in regards to a Federal Reserve Bank in your city.

It would please us very much and be an accommodation to our business for St. Louis to be chosen as the domicile of one of the Federal Reserve banks and we heartily recommend your city. If there is anything further that we could do to assist you in the matter please command us.

With kindest regards of the writer to your Mr. Lewis and with best wishes for the continued success of your good Bank, I am,

Yours very truly

*N. E. North*  
Cashier.

*THE First National Bank of Shreveport, La.*  
*United States Depository*  
*Fiscal Agent of the*  
*State of Louisiana and Parish of Caddo*

CAPITAL \$500,000.00  
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$175,000.00

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January-15th-1914.

Mechanics American National Bank,

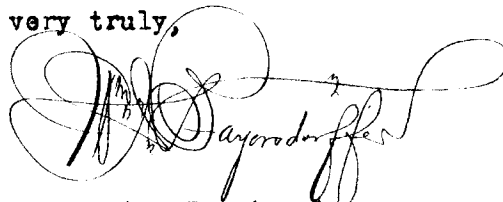
St Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of circular letter of the St Louis Clearing House Association, addressed to the correspondents of the St Louis banks, and contents carefully noted, and in reply we beg to state that we most earnestly wish that our section will be in the St Louis district when the regional bank is established.

You are hereby authorized to submit our letter in the hands of the organization Committee on its visit to your city.

Yours very truly,



Vice-President.

WJB-LS.

MISSISSIPPI

D.W. SHOFNER, Pres't. R.I. PEBBLES, Cashier.  
C.S. CRAWFORD, Vice Pres't

**THE BANK OF BOYLE**  
BOYLE, MISS.

January, 17, 1914.

Mr. F. O. Watts, Chairman,

St. Louis Mo.

Dear Mr. Watts:-

Our first choice for a Regional Bank to serve us would naturally be Memphis. Next to Memphis we are in favor of Saint Louis. Hoping that it will not be construed as "unpatriotic" I might add that St. Louis can better serve us than Memphis because Memphis feels the burden of making a cotton crop just like we do and is so dependent on the cotton growing industry that their funds are low at the time our funds are low.

—Thirty three and one third per cent of the checks on this bank that are paid by mail bear the endorsement of some St. Louis bank, that I expect is true of all the neighboring banks.

Yours very truly,

  
Cashier



*Jno. F. Osborne, President.*

*Jas. D. Biggers, Vice Pres.*

*H. G. Peerey, Asst. Cashier.*

*No 9751.*

*The Citizens National Bank*  
*of Corinth.*

DIRECTORS:  
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JNO. F. OSBORNE.

*Corinth, Miss.*

Jan. 14, 1914.

Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen, -

We received the St. Louis Clearing House  
circular letter of the 13th in regard to a regional  
Reserve Bank and we would be very glad to see one  
located in St. Louis and think it is a logical place for  
one of the regional Banks.

Very respectfully,

*Jno. F. Osborne*  
President.

JFO/LAB.

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Mississippi

"THE WONDER CITY OF DIXIE LAND"

Jackson, Miss. Jan. 24, 1914.

Hon. John W. Armstrong,

P. O. Box 282,

West Jackson, Miss.

My dear Sir:-

As one of the most prominent and efficient representatives of the business and commercial interests of St. Louis in this section of the South, you will, I am sure, agree with me that this section is more intimately associated with St. Louis in a business way than any other Southern City, and, in times of stress, receives more help and assistance than from any other city in this Union.

Indeed, I believe this section does many times more business with St. Louis than any other American City, and for that, as well as other reasons, would especially like to see that city designated as one of the Regional Bank Reserve Centers under the operation of the new Currency Law, recently enacted by our National Congress.

As between St. Louis and any nearby city of that section of the Union, this section would most earn-

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Hon. John W. Armstrong #2. Jan. 24, 1914.

estly favor the former, and trusts Mr. McAdoo and his associates will not fail to name St. Louis as one of the Reserve Centers.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

*James B. Lusk.*

Secretary,

JACKSON BOARD OF TRADE.

*Merchants & Farmers Bank*

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS OVER \$150,000.00

N.H. HARRISON, PRESIDENT  
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MACON, MISS.

January 14, 1914.

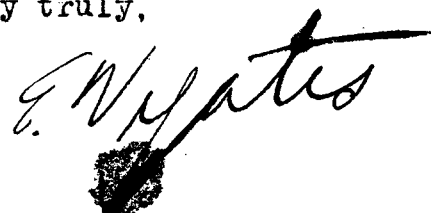
The Mercantile National Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

we have received the circular letter of the St. Louis Clearing House Association under date of January 13th and in our opinion St. Louis is peculiarly situated so as to make it advantageous for the location of one of the reserve banks. On account of its central location, its enormous volume of business that is centered there and its diversified interests we think there is no more important point for one of these banks in the United States and hope that the committee will recognize the merits of its claim when the matter is considered.

Yours very truly,



Cashier

C. O. WILLIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

W. S. JONES, PRESIDENT.

T. W. MCCOY, VICE PRESIDENT.

H. D. PRIESTLEY, CASHIER.

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## MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$100,000. + EARNED SURPLUS \$325,000.

VICKSBURG, MISS., Jan. 17, 1914.

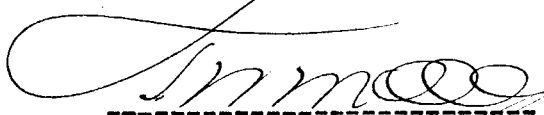
Mr. Frank K. Houston, Asst. Cashier,  
Third National Bank,  
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Houston:-

We have your letter of the 15th. and we are getting many Circular Letters of the same character. I do not think an expression from us would be of much value.

If the Regional Bank for our District should be placed where it should be, where it logically belongs, it would go to New Orleans of course. If it were not put there it would be through political pull or influence. Personally we have not much choice in the matter. I, for one, very much prefer having only one Regional Bank. After New Orleans I suppose St Louis would suit us as well as any other point.

Yours very truly,



Vice-President.

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**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

✓ Albion, Oklahoma

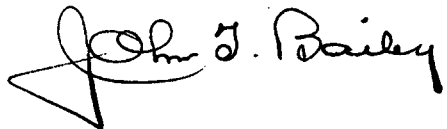
January 16, 1914.

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

The First State of Albion,  
by  Pres.

No. 7667

## THE ANTLERS NATIONAL BANK

A. A. LESUEUR, PRESIDENT  
W. P. COCHRAN, VICE-PRESIDENT  
OCTAVIA LESUEUR CASHIER

CAPITAL, \$35,000.00

ANTLERS, OKLA., January 17, 1914.

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
at Saint Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district be  
located at Saint Louis, Missouri. It is  
almost the only point which can serve us.

Respectfully,

*Octavia Lesueur,*

President.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

*Citizens Natl Bank*  
*Auxiliary only*

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

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Respectfully,

*James Easton*



**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

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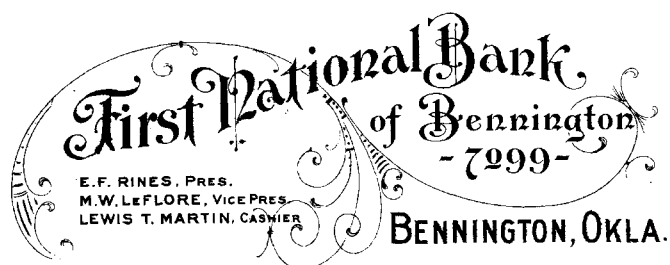
The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

*Farmer & Merchants Bank  
Baker, Okla.*



January 15th, 1914.

Mechanics-American National Bank,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

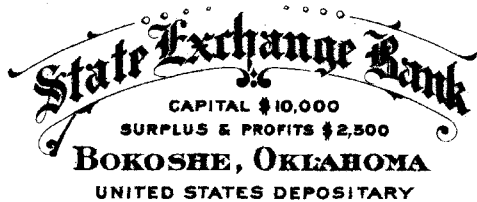
Gentlemen:

It is our desire to be placed in the St. Louis district,  
and shall be pleased to have you place this expression before the  
Organization Committee when they visit St. Louis. We believe that  
St. Louis is the logical point at which the reserve bank for our sec-  
tion should be placed.

Very truly yours,

*Lewis T. Martin*  
Cashier.

M. NELSON, VICE PRESIDENT      O. O. JENKINS, President  
NO 436      J. S. RECTOR, CASHIER



Jan. 16th, 1914.

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee,

At. Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

O. O. Jenkins  
President.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Cameron Okla  
JAN 16 1914

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

~~Bank of~~ Cameron,

W. H. Cotton  
cashier,

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

*Castro Okla*  
*Jan 17 - 1914*

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

*The Cash State Bank*  
*W. Elliott Cash.*

W. S. GUTHRIE, President, Okla. City  
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# THE Oklahoma Bankers Association

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BERT HUDSON	Randlett
L. D. ANDERSON	Medford
F. H. LOOSEN	Oklahoma
E. K. HIMES	Norman
G. E. DOWIS	Blackwell
A. CHURCHILL	Vinita
H. McCauley	Sapulpa
A. THOMAS	McAlester
P. C. DINGS	Ardmore

Enid, Okla., January 16, 1914.

The Saint Louis Clearing House Association,  
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution which was adopted unanimously yesterday at a meeting of the Executive Committee of this Association in Oklahoma City. This is sent you because press reports of the action of the Committee may be unreliable and the spirit of the resolution may be misinterpreted before it reaches you.

While the national banks of Oklahoma have voted by a large majority that they prefer, because of its proximity, to be located in a regional reserve district with Kansas City as its center, they are even more emphatic in their expression that if Kansas City is not designated as the center of a regional reserve district they desire to be located in a district with Saint Louis as the center. And in the latter event, they hope that the Saint Louis district will be so large as to embrace a territory producing widely varied products and including many diversified industries.

With all good wishes of the Oklahoma banks for their many Saint Louis friends, I am,

Very truly yours,

WB.-C.  
Enc.

Secretary, Oklahoma Bankers Association.

## Resolution, 2.

Whereas the formation of regional reserve districts is a matter of vital importance to Oklahoma banks and to all the business interests of the state, therefore,

Be it resolved, that in accordance with the law itself which provides that the districts shall be formed with due regard to the convenience and customary course of business, this Association appoint a committee of five, of whom the president and secretary shall be two members, to represent our bankers at the hearing in Kansas City January 23rd.

And whereas 80% of the banks in this state have signified their desire to be placed in the same regional district with Kansas City.

Be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Bankers Association in session in Oklahoma City this 15th day of January, 1914, that they favor the location of a regional bank in Kansas City; but in the event that the Organization Committee does not see fit to locate a bank there, ~~then we desire that all of Oklahoma be placed with Kansas City in the St. Louis district, it being our opinion that it would be a calamity to compel this state to go to any other than Kansas City or St. Louis. However, we desire to go on record as not being against St. Louis but we feel that there is room for a regional bank at both places.~~

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**THE FIRST STATE BANK**  
**THE NATIONAL BANK**  
R. L. SIMPSON, President  
DR. W. A. TOLLESON, Vice President  
CHAS. L. FOLLANSBEE, Cashier  
B. F. PORTER, Asst. Cashier  
**EUKEULA, OKLA.**

Jan. 16th. 1914

Mr J. S. Calfee, Cashier

Mechanics-American Nat'l Bank,

Saint Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of location of reserve Bank ,we are very much in favor of a district with Saint Louis as reserve Bank city. A great part of the business from this section goes to Saint Louis naturally and we think it would be unfortunate to attempt to change business from regular channels.

Yours truly,

  
President



**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

✓ Eufaula, Oklahoma, Jan. 16-1914

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

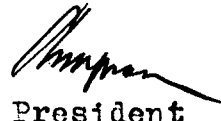
Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

State National Bank,

by



President

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

*J. Grant Allen*  
January 19<sup>th</sup> 1914

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

*Bank of Grant*  
*By W. W. Webb* *Cook*

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

✓ Hanna, Okla.  
Jan 16 - 1914

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

*Laurel of Hanna,*  
*By W. H. Jackson*  
*cashier*

S. C. DEAN, President.

C. E. McCARTNEY, Vice Pres.

H. W. MORELAND, Cashier.

# STATE BANK & TRUST CO.

CAPITAL \$10,000.00

HOWE, OKLAHOMA, January 15th 1914

Mr J.A. Lewis, Cashier.  
The National, Bank of Commerce.  
StLouis, Mo.

Dear Sir;-

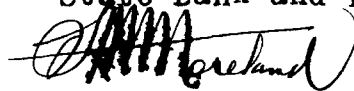
The Reserve bank Committee, organization  
conviens in your city January 21st 1914,  
to take up the question of locating a reserve bank  
in your city or some other point near,.

It is the desire of and wishes of this bank  
that StLouis be designated, and a resrve  
bank located there.

I dont think there is a more convienient  
place on the map, for one of these banks,  
for may reasons, than StLouis .  
Trusting StLouis will be favored with one of  
these banks, I remain .

Respectfully.

State Bank and Trust, Compnay.

 Cashier.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

✓ Howe, Oklahoma, Jan 15th 1914

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The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

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Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,  
State Bank and Trust, Compnay.

 Cashier

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

*Indianola OKla*  
*Jan 17 - 1914*

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

Indianola State Bank,

Indianola, Okla

*M. L. Stockton*  
Cashier

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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Lawton, Okla Jan 20th 1914.

JAN 21 1914

Mechanics Ann Natl Bank,

St Louis, Mo.

We Heartily Endorse St Louis For Federal Reserve Bank For The Oklahoma  
District.

First National Bank.

815AM.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

*LeFlore Okla.*  
*Jan 16 - 1914*

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

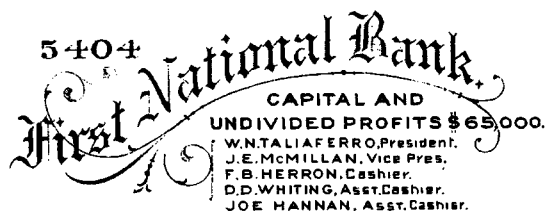
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Respectfully,

**The First State Bank, LeFlore, Okla.**

*C. A. Repatriation*





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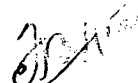
January 15th. 1914.

Mr. J.A. Lewis, Cashier,  
The National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the enclosed circular from the  
St. Louis Cleaning House Association, wish to state that this  
bank has expressed to the Secy. of the Oklahoma Banking Association  
it preference for St. Louis as the Reserve City for this  
territory.

Yours truly

 Cashier.

J. B. WILSON, PRESIDENT.  
W. M. GUTHRIE, VICE PRES.

IRA C. BRYANT, CASHIER.  
W. P. MAYS, ASST. CASHIER.

No. 8999

## **THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$30,000.00

MAYSVILLE, OKLA.

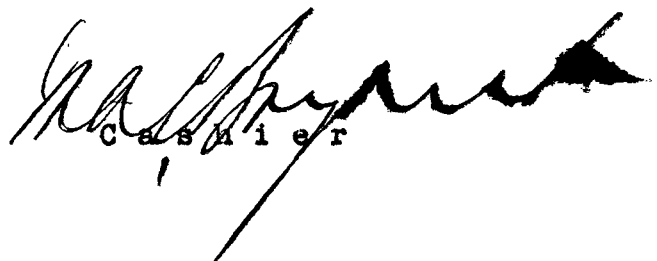
Jan. 15th, 1914.

The National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of the circular letter sent out by the clearing house banks in regard to the location of the reserve bank for this territory. In this connection, we wish to say that we have just answered a circular letter sent out by our state bankers secretary, - Mr. Harrison, asking for a choice of Okla. bankers on the location of the bank for this territory. We unhesitatingly voted for St. Louis. There are so many advantages for St. Louis and so few against her, that we can see no reason why the choice should not be unanimous. If we can be of any service, command us.

Sincerely yours,

  
Cashier

FRANK CRAIG, PRESIDENT.  
D. M. HAILEY, VICE PRESIDENT.

Nº 6406.

R.R. CUNNINGHAM, CASHIER  
J. S. ARNOTE, VICE PRESIDENT

# *The City National Bank*

CAPITAL \$ 50,000.00      SURPLUS \$15,000.00

*McClester, Okla.*

January 15th, 1914.

To The Federal Reserve Organization Committee,

Gentlemen:

As a banker in Oklahoma I wish to urge that Oklahoma be placed in the same district as the State of Missouri, as fully seventy-five percent of our business is handled through the banks of two cities in that State, St. Louis and Kansas City. To place this State in a district separate from those cities would work untold hardship upon the banks of Oklahoma.

Yours truly,



President.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

✓ McAlester, Okla.

January 17th. - 1914

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

McAlester Trust Company,

By

*Wm. Mills*

ACTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

No. 6660

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND PROFITS \$40,000.00

N. DOUGLAS, PRESIDENT  
W. H. HOLLIS, CASHIER

McLOUD, OKLA.

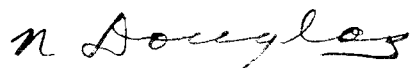
1/19/14.

Mr. Tom Randolph, President,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Would be glad to have you consider  
The First National Bank of Mc. Cloud as in  
favor of St. Louis as our Federal Reserve  
Center.

Yours very truly,



President.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

✓ Muldrow, Okla.

Jan. 16, 1914

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

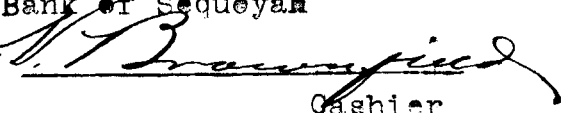
Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

Bank of Sequoyah

By

  
Cashier

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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OKEHAM OKLA JAN 16, 1914

RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

CARE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK

STLOUIS, MO.

WE DESIRE THE REGIONAL RESERVE BANK FOR THIS DISTRICT BE  
LOCATED AT STLOUIS MO RESPECTFULLY

FIRST NAT'L BANK

327PM

# OKLAHOMA BOOSTS ST. LOUIS FOR BANK

## Better Market for Agricultural Borrowers Than Kansas City, Newspaper Declares.

Oklahoma is "strong for" St. Louis as the location of a district reserve bank under the new currency law. The Daily Oklahoman (Oklahoma City), says:

"Oklahoma favors St. Louis for the reason that in the past the Mound City has loaned money freely to business men, financiers and individuals in this State; then, for the selfish reason that it will profit Oklahoma more to deal with St. Louis than with Kansas City.

"The St. Louis commercial and farming district is much larger and its industries and crops are so varied and diverse that no two special districts or special crops would need a great deal of money at the same time.

"Kansas City is strictly a local town. The district which is served by its banks is purely agricultural, and all parts of it will need money at the same time. This would bring Oklahoma into competition for money with Kansas and Texas, its great rival States, at a time when money is dearest and most needed.

"Agricultural loans form a great part of Kansas City bank business, while in St. Louis industrial loans form a major part. Thus St. Louis presents a most attractive market for agricultural borrowers."



**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

✓ Poteau-Okla  
January 16th - 1914

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

THE NATIONAL BANK OF POTEAU,  
POTEAU, OKLA.

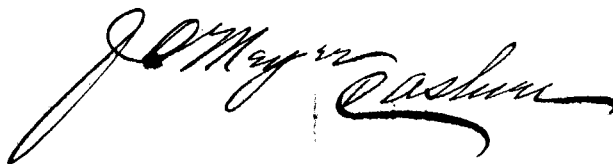
*W. Campbell*  
cashier

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PRAGUE,  
PRAGUE, OKLAHOMA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. D. Meyer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the First National Bank of Prague.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

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**JAN 17 1914**

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

**First State Bank of Prague,  
Prague, Oklahoma**

*Jake Gabler*  
Cashier

M. H. BARRETT, PRESIDENT

H. V. BIRD, CASHIER



RYAN, OKLA.

January 15th 1914.

TO THE RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:—

We respectfully ask to be placed in the St. Louis District, from the fact we are all in this part of the country more closely allied in a financial way with St. Louis than any other city, and by making this point our reserve city will cause less disturbance with present conditions than any other place.

Respectfully,

PEOPLES BANK & TRUST COMPANY

*H. V. Bird*  
Cashier

# THE SHAWNEE NATIONAL BANK

OF SHAWNEE

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$120,000.00

H.T. DOUGLAS, PRESIDENT.  
J.M. AYDELOTTE, VICE PRESIDENT.  
JNO.W. JONES, CASHIER.  
B.B. GLASS, ASST CASHIER.

SHAWNEE, OKLA.

January 17, 1914.

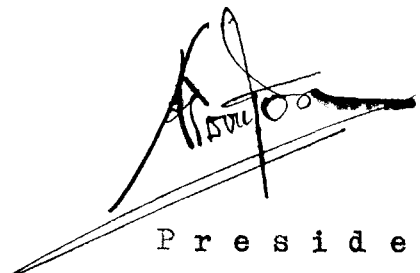
Mr. Tom Randolph, President,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the location of the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis and the fixing of the district in which they would operate, we write to say that Oklahoma as a whole, we believe would be better served in a district of St. Louis than any where else we could be placed, and we are heartily in favor of such an arrangement.

Yours very truly,

HTD/A



P r e s i d e n t .

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

St. Louis - Mo.  
Jan'y 16th

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee

at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

*J. J. Maguire*  
Cashier.

*First National Bk*

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

86-349

CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$30,000.00

O. E. GRECIAN, PRESIDENT.  
W. T. WALLING, CASHIER.

STROUD, OKLA., 1/19/14.

Mr. Tom Randolph, Pres.,  
Natl Bank Commerce,  
St Louis, Mo.  
Dear Sir:-

I noticed that the Oklahoma Bankers Association Executive Committee in session in Oklahoma City on 15th, inst, passed resolutions asking that Oklahoma be placed in a district with Kansas City as Federal Reserve Center.

I am writing you this letter to say that The First National, of Stroud, favors St Louis. In my opinion there are more bankers in Oklahoma who favor St Louis than you are aware of, or, in other words, the Executive Committee's action was by no means the unanimous sentiment of Oklahoma Bankers.

Yours truly,



President.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

*Tahlequah Okla*  
*Jan 17, 1914*

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TAHLEQUAH, Tahlequah, Okla.

*James H. [unclear]*  
*Acman*



**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

*Talihina Okla*

**JAN 16 1914**

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank,  
Talihina, Okla.**

*J. L. Francis*  
*Cashier*

R. F. WILSON, VICE PRES.  
A. J. WHITFIELD, VICE PRES.

JAS. M. CECIL, PRESIDENT

WESTERN BANK BLDG. CO. OKLAHOMA CITY.  
W. E. WATKINS, CASHIER  
S. V. HACKWORTH, ASST. CASHIER



Jany. 15th, 1914

To the Reserve Bank Organization Committee

To be in St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

That the natural flow of business and exchange, be the least disturbed, we feel that the location of a Reserve Bank in St. Louis, Mo. is quite imperative. This looking toward the including of the State of Oklahoma in such district, with St. Louis as the location of such Federal Reserve Bank.

Thanking you for your kind consideration of the claims of the banks of this section covering this matter, we are,

yours respectfully,

Cashier.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

**BANK OF VIAN.**

**✓ VIAN, OKLA.**

**JAN 16 1914**

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

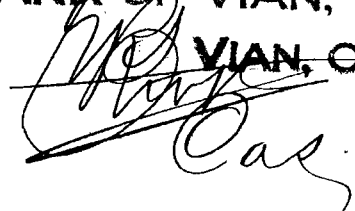
Gentlemen:

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Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

**BANK OF VIAN,**

**VIAN, OKLA.**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. H. Casper", is written over the typed name "BANK OF VIAN, VIAN, OKLA." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Wm. O. K. A.  
Jan 16th 1914  
J. J. Coleman

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

Citizen Bank,  
A. J. Coleman - Cas

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

✓ **THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,**

JAN 19 1914


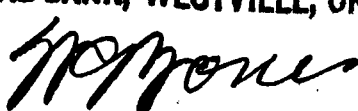
The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

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be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WESTVILLE, OKLA.**

   
Cashier

JOHN D. REED, PRESIDENT.  
E. D. HALL, CASHIER.

NO. 7724

TURNER MEADORS, VICE PRESIDENT.  
W. M. BLAKELY, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

# *American National Bank*

CAPITAL \$ 25,000.00      SURPLUS \$ 5,000.00

*Wetumka, Okla.* Jan, 15th, 1914.

Messrs. Third National Bank,

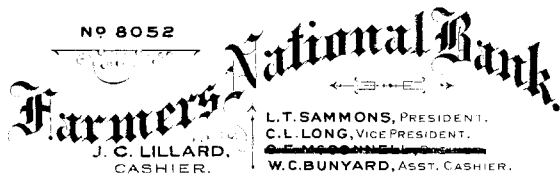
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

A few days ago we received a request from the "Sec'y" of Oklahoma Bankers Ass'n, regarding the District which would best suit us, and we replied the "St. Louis District," and with reference to the enclosed circular we again say the St. Louis District,.

Yours truly,

*E. D. Hall*  
Cashier.



WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA.

January 17th 1914.

Mr. Tom Randolph, President,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
Saint Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

We prefer to be placed in a district of which Saint Louis will be the federal reserve center.

Yours truly,

*J. C. Lillard*  
Cashier.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

v Wewoka, Okla.,

January 18th 1914.

The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

Farmers National Bank,

By *J. S. Leland*, Cashier.



**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

✓ Webbers Falls Okla

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The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
at Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

It is our earnest desire that the  
Regional Reserve Bank for this district  
be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,  
**THE FIRST STATE BANK,**  
Webbers Falls, Okla.

**THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

**FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

THE CITIZENS BANK,

WILBURTON, OKLA.

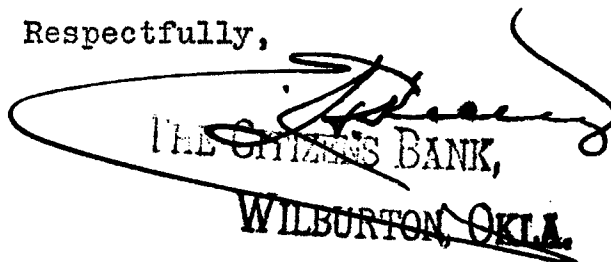
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The Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
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Gentlemen:

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be located at Saint Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

  
THE CITIZENS BANK,  
WILBURTON, OKLA.

TENNESSEE.

**Capital \$ 100,000.00**

# **Northern Bank of Tennessee**

ESTABLISHED 1854

STERLING FORT, PRESIDENT  
F. N. SMITH, VICE PRES.  
JOHN HURST, 2ND. VICE PRES.  
H. P. PICKERING, CASHIER  
W. GAN C. DAVIS, ASST. CASHIER

✓ **Clarksville, Tenn.**

Jan 16th 1914

Mr Frank K. Houston, Ass't Cashier,  
Third National Bank  
St Louis Mo

Dear Sir;-

I rec'd your letter today regarding the move for a Regional Bank in your City.

I had a wire from Mr Festus Wade that a Committee of Bankers from St Louis would be here tomorrow and asking that I arrange for our Bankers to meet them which I have done.

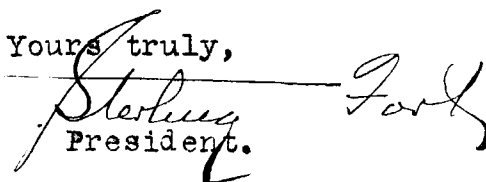
We are divided here as between Nashville and Louisville for first choice but I think we will be a unit on St Louis as second.

Please let me know if you transfer funds to N.Y. without cost. We will have the \$100,000.00 bond issue paid for through Mr Reynolds and you as before provided we can transfer part of the fund to N.Y. free.

On the other hand can we increase our balances with you from time to time by our checks on Louisville or Nashville?.

Our large tobacco checks are routed to us in so many different ways that we cant always get a line on them.

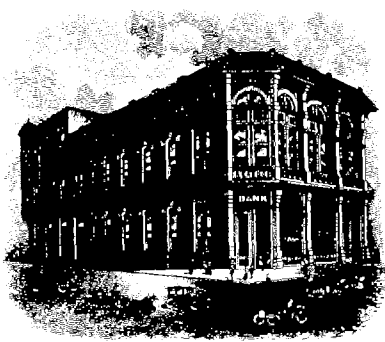
Yours truly,

  
President.

J.N.PARKER, PRES.  
B.C.BURGIE, VICE PRES.

ESTABLISHED 1889.

A.E.MENZIES, CASHIER.  
J.F.BIGGS, ASST. CASHIER.



# Citizens Bank

OF DYERSBURG.

CAPITAL \$35,000.00  
SURPLUS & PROFITS \$35,000.00

*Dyersburg, Tenn., Jan. 16" 1914*

Hon . F. O. Watts, Chairman,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

If it were possible to have a regional bank of strong proportions in Memphis we would favor it, this we do not think either possible or likely and for this reason we must favor your city.

During the past fall we have shipped more currency to handle cotton from you than we have from our Memphis correspondent and when we ordered from Memphis about nine tenths of the orders would be transferred by them to their St. Louis correspondent and so all in all ninety (90) percent of our currency came from your city.

We unreservedly say that if Memphis is out of the running give St. Louis a good strong territory and please put us in it.

Very truly yours,

J. M. BRACKIN, Vice Pres.  
I. N. BUNNELL, Vice Pres.

N. W. CALCUTT, Pres.  
J. C. DOYLE, Cashier.

W. L. BRIGHAM, Asst. Cashier,  
EARL M. JOHNSON, Teller.

# MERCANTILE BANK & TRUST COMPANY



✓ DYERSBURG, TENN. Jan. 17, 1914.

Boatmen's Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

We think the volume of the business between  
your city and our part of the country, along all lines,  
will be a telling argument in favor of St. Louis being  
made a locus for a Reserve Bank. Sight the Committee to  
figures in any line, and it must be convincing to them.

Yours truly,

*J. C. Doyle*  
Cashier.

*Boatmen's Bank*

ROBT. A. BAILEY, PRESIDENT.  
NEWT. CANNON, JR., CASHIER.

W. A. ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT.  
F. J. HYDE, ASST. CASHIER.

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# HARPETH NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$50,000.00.  
SURPLUS \$4,500.00.

✓ FRANKLIN, TENN. January-14-1914  
To The National Bank of Commerce -  
Saint Louis -Mo.-  
Gentlemen :-

We are in receipt of a circular letter from The Saint Louis Clearing House, asking that we write or wire our endorsement of Saint Louis, as the location of The Federal Reserve Bank, which would serve the territory in which this Bank is located.

However, in this connection I would advise that at the monthly meeting of the Directors of this Bank held on the 13th., a resolution was passed endorsing Nashville's selection.

However, of course this largely emanated from a sense of loyalty to Tennessee and our local community. We do feel closer to Saint Louis, than any other point except Nashville.

With very best wishes for your good Bank and Saint Louis,  
I am, yours very truly



Cashier. -

## *The Bank of Gleason*

W. B. BYNUM, PRESIDENT  
T. A. JONES, VICE PRESIDENT  
R. W. SANDY, CASHIER  
M. E. FANNING, ASST. CASHIER

✓ GLEASON, TENN.

1-14-1914

Third National Bank,

St Louis Mo.

We are in receipt of a circular letter from your Clearing House Association, asking our wishes in regard to the location of the regional banks. As we feel very sure that St. Louis will be the home of one of them, we will be very glad for this portion of Tenn. to be placed in the St. Louis district.

Very Respt.,

Bank of Gleason,

*R. W. Sandy* Cashier,



W. H. TUCKER, JR., PRESIDENT  
W. C. PATTON, VICE-PRESIDENT

W. T. NUNN, CASHIER  
D. C. WARREN, ASS'T CASHIER

ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 1, 1899

# BANK OF HALLS

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS

\$57,000.00

✓  
HALLS, TENNESSEE

Jan 16th 1914.

Mr F.O.Watts,

Chairman of Regional Bank Committee,

St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr Houston I am writing  
you our preference in the location of a regional bank

we prefer

First

Memphis, Tenn

Second

Nashville, Tenn

Third

St Louis, Mo.

} state  
applicants

Very truly yours,

*W. T. Nunn*

Vice President.

To the Organization Committee of the Federal Reserve Board of  
The United States, of American, sitting in St. Louis, Mo.

We, the undersigned Banks located at Jackson, Madison  
County, Tennessee, would most respectfully represent and petition  
to your Honorable Board, that a Federal Reserve Bank under the  
recent Currency Bill, enacted by the Congress of the United  
States, be located in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri.

We would respectfully show that said City of St. Louis  
through its Banks, located in said City, does a large business  
through the Southern States and the Banks thereof.

We would further petition that the City of Jackson,  
Madison County, State of Tennessee, be included in the Federal  
Reserve District in which St. Louis, Missouri is located.

Our City has a population of about 20,000 people; we  
are located at the junction of four railroads, to wit, Illinois  
Central Railroad, Mobile & Ohio Railroad, Nashville, Chattanooga,  
& St. Louis Railway, and Birmingham & Northwestern Railway.  
We have a number of manufacturing plants, and handle about  
\$2,000,000.00 worth of cotton a year and is a shipping point  
of a large amount of fresh vegetables, grain and cattle, and  
that St. Louis, Missouri, handles a large proportion of our  
business.

We would therefore most respectfully request and urge  
upon Your Honorable Board, that a Federal Reserve Bank be  
located in said City of St. Louis, Missouri, and that the City  
of Jackson, Tennessee, be included in said Federal Reserve  
District.

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Respectfully submitted.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

By J. M. Anderson President.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK,

By Wm. B. Polk President.

SECURITY NATIONAL BANK.

By J. B. Smith President.

PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK.

By Wm. C. Anderson President

BANK OF COMMERCE.

By G. H. W. Henshaw President

THE MERCANTILE-UNION TRUST COMPANY.

By L. B. D. G. M. President

R.S. FLETCHER, PRESIDENT

G.C. WILKERSON, CASHIER

W. HOLLAND, VICE-PRESIDENT

R.C. SMITH, ASSISTANT CASHIER

H.W. WHITE, VICE-PRESIDENT

## BANK OF COMMERCE

Capital \$44,000.00  
Surplus \$21,000.00

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Jan. 14th. 1914

St. Louis Union Trust Co.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs;-

Referring to your circular regarding a Reserve Bank for St. Louis we beg to advise that we would take very great pleasure in seeing one located in your city.

It seems to us that St. Louis is <sup>the</sup> logical point for one of these banks and we hope the location committee will finally decide on St. Louis.

Yours truly,



GCW-SR

# MERCANTILE-UNION TRUST CO.

## MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY

PAID CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$300,000

I. B. TIGRETT,  
PRESIDENT  
R. B. HICKS,  
VICE PRESIDENT  
A. V. PATTON,  
TREASURER  
W. H. WILLIAMS,  
SECRETARY

JACKSON, TENNESSEE January 14, 1914

Mr. F. O. Watts, President,  
Third National Bank,

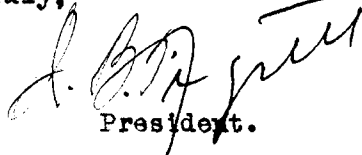
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Watts:

We should be very glad to have the Committee from the St. Louis Clearing House with us. I should also like to have the privilege of being in St. Louis on either the 21st or 22nd.

In case a Regional Bank should not be located at either Memphis or Nashville (and I cannot see that such a thing is unlikely) it would be exceedingly important to all this section of the country, that there be one in St. Louis.

Yours very truly,

  
President.

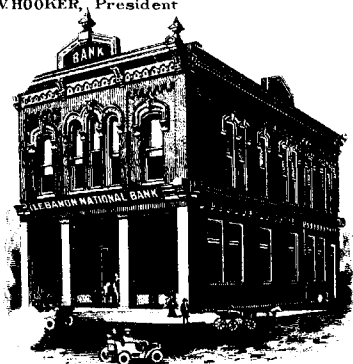
Brandon-Kashville

A.W.HOOKER, President

J.L.WEIR, Vice-President

J.H.GRISSIM, Vice-President

E.C. STRATTON, Cashier



# THE LEBANON NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

✓ LEBANON, TENNESSEE,

Jan. 19 1914.

Frank K. Houston, Ass't. Cashier,  
St. Louis Mo.

Dear Sir & Friend:-

Our first choice for a Regional Bank would be, of course, ~~be~~ a Tennessee city, but in the event we cannot secure one in our state this bank would be pleased to see one located in St. Louis.

Resp.

*E.C. Stratton*

Cashier.

L. J. PARKER, 1<sup>ST</sup> V. PRES.      T. H. FARMER, PRESIDENT  
J. A. FREEMAN, 2<sup>ND</sup> V. PRES.      GEO. E. FARMER, CASHIER  
F. P. FONVILLE, ASST. CASH.

*The Peoples Bank*  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$100,000. PAID IN \$50,000  
~~CAPITAL \$100,000.~~

✓ MARTIN, TENNESSEE

January 19th 1914.

Mr. F. O. Watts, President,  
Third National Bank,  
St. Louis.

Dear Mr. Watts:-

We wish to say that we have written to Secretary McAdoo, at Washington, D.C. indicating our choice of reserve centers; in our letter we stated that we preferred Nashville, Tenn. first, as it is in our own state; St. Louis second as a great volume of the business in this section is handled by the St. Louis banks.

We shall be greatly pleased if your city secures one of these Federal banks, and if there is any information which we can give you as regards to serving our section by the Regional bank, we shall be pleased to furnish same.

Yours very truly,

*G. E. Farmer*  
C a s h i e r .

JOSEPH H. CREATH, PRESIDENT

WILLIAM PRITCHARD, VICE-PRES.

W. R. CROSS CASHIER,

# CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO.

↓ MEMPHIS, TENN. January 14, 1914.

Boatmen's Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Gentlemen :--

We received to-day, circular letter issued by the St. Louis Clearing House, requesting us to advocate a Regional Reserve Bank in your city, but as Memphis is making strong efforts to secure one of these Reserve Banks, it is the impression of the business men of Memphis that any efforts on the part of the banks of this city in <sup>behalf</sup> any other city would interfere with our chances of securing same, consequently, we are not in a position to comply with your request. If Memphis were not an applicant for this bank, I assure you that it would be our pleasure to advocate your city.

Trusting you fully appreciate our position,

I am,

Very truly yours,

*W. R. Cross*  
Cashier.

*Cashier*



H. M. GRIGSBY, Prest.  
B. F. MCGREW, Vice-Prest.

FOSTER E. PARKES CO. NASHVILLE  
W. L. ABERNATHY, Cash'r.  
M. D. SULLIVAN, Asst. Cash'r.

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# CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

✓ PULASKI, TENN. Jan. 16th. 1914.

Mr. F. K. Houston, Asst. Cash'r.,  
Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

In re Location of Regional Reserve Bank.

Replying to your favor of the 15th. inst., we beg to say that Nashville, Tennessee, is our first choice for a Regional Reserve Bank, and St. Louis, Mo., is second.

We base our preference upon two very vital points; first accessibility, and second, the greatest volume of our business is necessarily handled through that point.

If Nashville does not succeed in obtaining the bank, we then heartily endorse your city. St. Louis is now handling a large part of our business, and from the progressive spirit shown by the banks of that city, we feel sure that same will be materially increased.

Hoping that you will clearly see the reason of our preference, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

*W. L. Abernathy Jr.*  
Asst. Cash'r

S.T. KIRKPATRICK, PRESIDENT

R.M. PRICHARD, CASHIER

# FARMERS UNION BANK

CAPITAL \$ 25,000 00

↓  
RIPLEY, TENNESSEE Jan. 19-14

Boatmens Bank,

St. Louis, Mo/

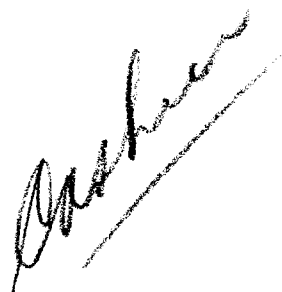
Dear Sir;

We think St. Louis is a place where a Federal Reserve Bank should be and sincerely hope you succeed in getting one for your city.

Yours very truly



CASHIER



B. J. WADE  
President

J. B. CAUDLE  
Vice-Prest.

W. P. SHORE  
Cashier

## Farmers and Merchants Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$ 24,000.00

Rives, Tennessee

January 15th 1914

Mr. F. O. Watts Chairman

St. Louis Mo.,

Dear Sir,

We see no reason why a Regional Bank should not be located in St. Louis. and we with all other banks in this section have signed a letter asking that St. Louis have a Regional Bank. Trusting that the Committee will consider these letters from our bank in this section,

We are,

Respt.

Cashier

Form 2138

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INCORPORATED

25,000 OFFICES IN AMERICA.

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BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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✓ SPRINGFIELD TENN 16

F O WATTS CHAIRMAN & THIRD NAT BANK

STLOUIS MO

WE THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD FIRST RECOMMEND NASHVILLE AS  
OUR CHOICE FOR THE LOCATION OF ONE OF THE REGIONAL BANKS  
WE HEARTILY INDORSE STLOUIS AS OUR SECOND CHOICE

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK

SPRINGFIELD NATIONAL BANK ROBERTSON COUNTY BANK AND TRUST CO

SPRINGFIELD COMMERCIAL CLUB.

W. M. BRYANT, VICE-PRESIDENT.

J. M. SHOFNER, PRESIDENT.  
W. G. EVANS, VICE-PRESIDENT.

J. D. HUTTON, CASHIER.

NO. 3530.

# Peoples National Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$160,000.

Shelbyville, Tenn. Jan. 19, 1914.

Mr. F. O. Watts, Chairman,  
Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

You are authorized to suggest to the Committee composed of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Agriculture which meets in your city on the 21st our hearty approval and endorsement of the establishment of a Federal Reserve Bank in the city of St. Louis. We believe by all means one of these Banks should be established in St. Louis, and while we would naturally prefer the establishment of one in the city of Nashville yet if Nashville be eliminated from the contest St. Louis is our second choice. If a Regional Bank can be established in both cities we heartily prefer that plan. You may use this letter if deemed best by you.

Yours very truly,

Dict.

*J. D. Hutton, Cashier*  
*R. W. Clark, President*  
Pro, Natl Bank  
Foster, Webb & Parkers, Nashville

THOS. E. GALLAGHER  
GENERAL AGENT.

LOUIS O. KOHTZ  
ASST GEN'L AGENT.

THE STRAUBER LITH CO. C. R. O.

COMPANY  
INCORPORATED

WESTERN BRANCH  
ESTABLISHED

1819

1853

# AETNA INSURANCE COMPANY

CHICAGO, ILLS.

PAUL INGRAM, AGENT  
TROY, TENN.

18TH FLOOR INSURANCE EXCHANGE  
175 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD

✓ Troy , Tenn . Jan'y 15th 14

Mr. Frank K . Houston , Ass't Cashier .

Third National Bank .

St . Louis .

Dear Mr . Houston :-

Replying to your circular letter of the 14th , as regards  
the location of a Regional Bank in St. Louis .

The Bank Of Troy has already signed a petition , circulated by  
Mr. Walter Howell President Old National Bank , Union City, Tenn.,  
asking that a Regional Bank be established in your city .

If you desire any further action on our part , advise me and it  
will be a pleasure to comply with your wishes .

Yours very truly,

*Paul Ingram*  
Bank Of Troy , Troy , Tenn .

GEO. DAHNKE, PRESIDENT      F. E. QUINN, SEC. AND TREAS.

## Business Men's Club

Union City, Tennessee

HEART OF THE FAMOUS HOUSER VALLEY

Office of the Secretary: 206 South First Street

## UNION CITY

A town of 5,000 progressive, Anglo-Saxon, sensible, honest church-going people, the home of the West Tennessee grain market, the Canvas Decoy Company raincoat plant, machine foundry, mills, elevators, and smaller industries, the best preparatory schools of the South, the soundest mercantile and banking interests, in the heart of the richest agricultural belt in the State, one of the few towns with profitable municipal ownership of electric lighting and water plant systems, concrete walks, sewerage, the purest water flowing from deep wells, lowest death rate in the Mississippi valley, invites the attention of all good homeseekers, of capital and enterprise to come and investigate. A cordial invitation is extended. We can show you. Come and see.

BEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH

Union City, Tenn

Jan 14th 1914

Be it Resolved by the Business Men's Club of  
Union City, Tennessee:

We favor the location of one of the Regional Banks  
at St Louis Mo.

We believe the interest of West Tennessee will be  
best served by having this section placed under the  
jurisdiction of a Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis.

D. H. Goodwin Chr.

W. L. White

J. W. B. B. B.  
Committee.

GEO. DAHNKE, Pres.

ALWYN BREVARD, Sec.

HERMAN DIETZEL Jr., Treas

OBION COUNTY AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
J. C. McAMIS, Agricultural Adviser.

*Union City, Tenn* Jan. 16, 1914.

To The Organization Committee  
of the Federal Reserve Banks:

We would like to endorse St. Louis as a favorable situation for one of the new reserve banks. Most of the agricultural money to move the crops in this section is supplied by St. Louis, and we would heartily recommend your considering favorably the petition of St. Louis for one of these Banks.

Practically all of the business men, stock men, and farmers prefer St. Louis, as this is our market for live stock, etc.

Respectfully,

OBION COUNTY AGRICULTURAL  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION..

By \_\_\_\_\_



TO THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS:--

The Business Men's Club of Union City, Tennessee,  
and the banks located in Obion County, Tennessee, respectfully  
petition that you place the territory served by us under a  
Federal Reserve Bank located in the City of Saint Louis.

The natural course of business from this section is  
to and from Saint Louis, and we feel that we could be better  
served from that city than from a bank located at any other  
point.

Very respectfully,

Business Men's Club of Union City,

By *Shondaluke* Prest.

By *F E Quinn* Secty.

Old National Bank of Union City,

By *Alton Howell* Prest.

Third National Bank of Union City,

By *John Wailes* Prest.

Farmers Exchange Bank of Union City,

By *Harri Park* Prest.

First National Bank of Kenton,

By *H. W. Scott* Cashier

Bank of Troy,

By *Lane Ingram* Cashier.

Peoples Bank of Kenton,

By *Harry Flewers*, Prest.

Farmers & Merchants Bank of Rives,

By *W. D. Harg* Cashier.

Commercial Bank of Obion, Tenn.

By *J. M. Campbell* President.

Bank of Obion, Obion, Tenn.

By *W. J. Nichols* President

GEO. DAHNKE, President.

J. A. COBLE, Vice President.

D. N. WALKER, Secretary.

S. D. CHANDLER, Treasurer.

CODE "ROBINSON"



JERSEY  
CREAM  
FLOUR and MEAL.

*Union City, Tenn., 1/9/14.*

To the Organization Committee  
of the Federal Reserve Banks:--

Realizing that the geographical situation of  
St. Louis is such that it would serve this territory to much  
better advantage we would kindly ask that you consider  
St. Louis favorably as one of the Reserve Banks. Most of  
the business in this section goes through St. Louis.,

Respectfully,

DAHNIKE-WALKER MILLING CO.

*Geo. Dahmke*



UNION CITY, TENN.

Jan. 9, 1914.

To the Organization Committee  
of the Federal Reserve Banks:

Realizing that the geographical  
situation of St. Louis is such that it would serve this  
territory to a better advantage, we would ask that a Fed-  
eral Reserve Bank be located in that city and that this  
section be served by said bank.

Respectfully,

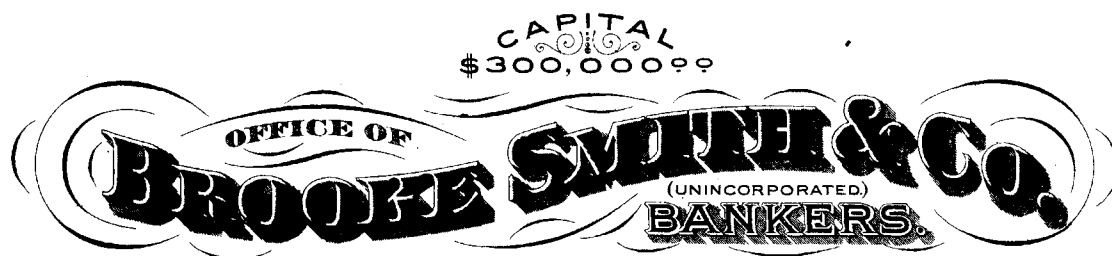
Howell Grain & Feed Co.,

By

*R. F. Batts*



TEX 73



*Brookwood, Texas, Jan. 16-1914.*

Boatmen's Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

We would not only be well pleased but very much gratified to have Texas, and especially this section of Texas, in the St. Louis Reserve District, and we would also be well pleased to see that St. Louis was named as one of the Regional Bank Cities.

Very Sincerely Yours,

*Brooks Smith & Co.*

*Carroll*

R.J. KLEBERG, PREST.  
JOE HIRSCH, VICE PREST.

LOUIS C. WELLS, CASHIER  
PHIL HOWERTON, ASST. CASHIER

No. 4423

# *The Corpus Christi National Bank*

CAPITAL \$ 200.000.00

SURPLUS \$ 150.000.00

*Corpus Christi, Texas*

Jan. 16/14.

National Bank of Commerce,  
Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to request of Saint  
Louis Clearing House Association that we  
advise you our wishes as to location of  
Federal Reserve Banks, beg to advise that  
we think Saint Louis the logical reserve  
center for <sup>your</sup> ~~this~~ section.

H/H

Yours truly,



Vice Pres.

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**The Colorado National Bank.**  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$200,000 00

R. H. LOONEY, PRESIDENT.  
F. M. BURNS, VICE PRESIDENT.  
C. M. ADAMS, VICE PRESIDENT.  
J. M. THOMAS, CASHIER.  
T. W. STONER, JR., ASST. CASHIER.

✓ COLORADO, TEXAS.

January 15th, 1914.

The Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

I have before me your circular letter from the Associated Bank of Kansas City in which you asked for an expression of opinion as to the desirability of one of the Federal Reserved Banks located in St. Louis to include this territory. I beg to advise you that we have been solicited and that we are now using our influence to secure one of the reserved banks in Texas and rather think that the State of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and part of Arizona would be sufficient territory to support one of the Federal Reserved Banks.

I have no hesitancy however in stating that unless one of the reserved banks is located in Texas that from the situation of St. Louis and the business that flows to and from that district that St. Louis would be preferable to this part of Texas and in fact no doubt to the whole State to any other point unless we could secure the reserved bank in the State. In other words, we are for a reserved bank in Texas first and St. Louis second.

Trusting the above will sufficiently comply with your request, I beg to remain,

Very trly yours  
R. H. Looney  
,,///.....Pres

RHL/EG

# The First State Bank

OF DENISON

A. S. BURROWS, PRESIDENT.  
T. A. MURPHY, VICE-PRESIDENT.  
JOHN R. HAVEN, CASHIER.

CAPITAL \$60,000.00

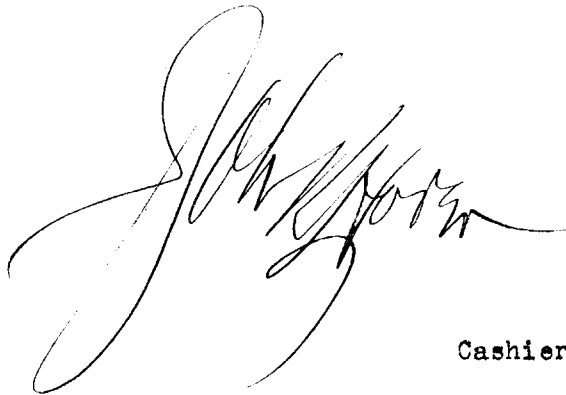
J Denison, Texas,  
January 15, 1914.

The Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of a letter dated  
January 13 from the St. Louis Clearing House  
Association relative to our views as to St. Louis  
being designated as one of the reserve centers and  
in reply will say that we hope St. Louis will be  
designated as one of the Cities and it will be  
quite an assistance to our section of the country.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to John R. Haven, the Cashier of the bank.

Cashier.



W. B. MC CLURKAN, PRESIDENT  
J. L. BLEWETT, VICE-PRESIDENT

B. H. DEAVENPORT, CASHIER  
R. M. BARNES, ASST. CASHIER

# DENTON COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$ 70,000.00

J DENTON, TEXAS.

January 19, 1914.

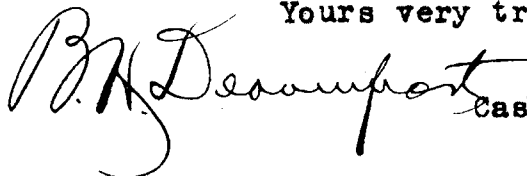
The National Bank of Commerce,  
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to circular letter of the  
13th sent out by the St. Louis Clearing House  
Association, beg to say:

We have been favorable to Dallas as the  
location for one of the Federal Reserve Banks,  
but am frank to tell you that we feel very  
friendly toward St. Louis, as a second choice,  
and should Dallas fail to secure one of these  
banks, we earnestly hope that we may be placed  
in the St. Louis district.

Yours very truly,

 B. H. Deavenport  
Cashier.

BHD-R

D.T. LACY, PRESIDENT.  
W.O. DAVIS, VICE PRESIDENT.

J.M. POTTER, VICE PRESIDENT.

J.W. GLADNEY, CASHIER.  
A.A. BOGGESE, ASST. CASHIER.

## The First National Bank of Gainesville, Texas

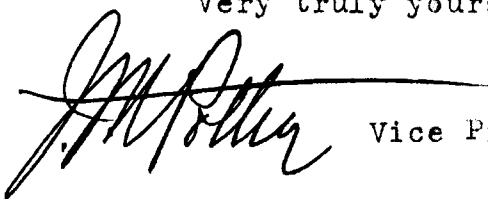
✓ CAPITAL \$ 250,000.00. Jan. 16th., 1914.

Third National Bank,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of the circular letter dated Jan. 13th., issued by St. Louis Clearing House Association in regard to the location of a Regional National Bank under the new law. In reply to this letter we beg to advise that, the Banks of Texas are uniting in an effort to get one of the Regional Banks located in this State, should this fail, our preference would be St. Louis and in the event this bank is not located in this state we will cheerfully cooperate with you. We believe the statements made in your letter above referred to are substantially true and we shall be glad indeed if Texas fails, to be connected with a Regional Bank that <sup>is</sup> ~~it~~ be located in your City.

Very truly yours,

 Vice Pres.

W. M. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT.  
E. S. DAVIS, VICE PRESIDENT.  
W. L. EMBREE, CASHIER.

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MARION CIXETTE, ASS'T CASHIER.  
SAM. H. ANDERSON, ASS'T CASHIER.  
JAMES PRITCHETT, ASS'T CASHIER.

# THE FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK

✓ Hillsboro, Texas.

Jan. 17th. 1914.

Mr. Tom Randolph, President,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your circular letter of the 13th. regarding the location of one of the Federal Reserve Banks and beg to say that we have already requested Dallas, Texas to be so designated, at the time we did this however we supposed there was no doubt but what each of the present Central Reserve Cities would be so favored by the Locating Board. If it would avail you anything, and our expressing St. Louis as second Choice, you are at liberty to use this letter for that purpose.

We would indeed be glad to see St. Louis and Dallas, also get one of the Bank s hope this arrangement will be deemed advisable by the locating Committee.

Yours truly,

  
President.

CHAS. DILLINGHAM,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.  
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P. J. EVERSHADE, ASST. CASHIER.  
PAUL G. TAYLOR, ASST. CASHIER.

**SOUTH  
TEXAS  
COMMERCIAL  
NATIONAL  
BANK**

CAPITAL \$ 1,000,000  
SURPLUS \$ 500,000  
UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY.

*Houston, Texas, Jany. 19, 1914*

Mr. Tom Randolph, President,  
National Bank of Commerce,  
St. Louis, Mo.,

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Acknowledging your very cordial communication of the 17th: my regret is extreme I missed Mr. Lewis and the St. Louis party on Saturday, as I was out of the city on business. Am also very sorry not to be able to go with the committee on which I was appointed by our local clearing house, leaving here tonight to be the guests of the St. Louis Bankers at a dinner in connection with the Federal Reserve matter, but other engagements render it impossible for either the writer or any of our other active officers to go.

I am personally very favorable to the idea on which your clearing house committee are working.

We acknowledge receipt of copy of your called statement of the 13th, which we have looked over with interest and pleasure and are glad to have for our files. We congratulate you warmly on your present substantial line of deposits and other favorable features.

Captain Baker and Mr. McAshan join me in continued good wishes.

Yours very truly,

  
Vice-President

NO.5774

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$50,000.00 SURPLUS & UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$20,000.00

J.C. REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT  
J.B. YOUNG, V. PRESIDENT  
J.W. DONALDSON, CASHIER  
T.J. BUCKNER, ASST. CASHIER

MOODY, TEXAS

January, 15th, 1914.

Merchants-Laclede National Bank,

Saint Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to a communication received from St. Louis Clearing House Association, regarding the location of Regional Reserve Bank in St. Louis will say that next to Dallas, and our own State we would prefer St. Louis to New Orleans or any other City out side of Texas, as the logical and practicable City for the location, believing that we could and would receive more prompt and better service from there than any other outside City.

Yours truly,

  
President.

S. S. MORRIS, PRESIDENT.

R. A. MORRIS, CASHIER.

# Camp County Bank,

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$60,000.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO COLLECTIONS.

Pittsburg, Texas, *Jan 15 1904*

BOATHELS BANK,  
ST LOUIS, MO

*Dear Sirs*  
*it is my wish to be in the*  
*St Louis district yours most truly*  
*R A Morris*  
*cashier*



RICHARD SELLMAN

TOM SELLMAN

# Bank of Rochelle

86-821

(UNINCORPORATED)

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY, \$500,000.00

ROCHELLE, TEXAS, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Mr. R. S. Hawes, Vice, Pres.

The Third National Bank,

St. Louis, Mo.

Mr Dear Mr. Hawes:-

While I am in the private bank and not entitled to take any stock with a Federal Reserve Bank, with what I know of the object of this Legislation I think it a good thing. Now in regard to establishing these Regional Banks, of course I am for Texas first, but after that, should Texas not be able to obtain one of these Banks with a good territory with it I would prefer St. Louis, as next chose.

I feel like from what I have learned of the situation, that if Texas could get in with Okla. Ark. Kansas, Mo. and some parts of some other states that would naturally fall to this territory that we would have an ideal territory for one of these districts and would have a district that would be almost independent in itself.

Trusting that you may be able to secure Texas in with the you in this district, we remain,

Yours very truly,

*Tom Sellman*  
Cashier.

*San Antonio, Texas*

Resolved that it is the sense of the Members of the San Antonio Clearing House that in arranging the districts with reference to Regional Banks that this section would be benefited by being placed in a district west of the Mississippi River embracing the entire State of Texas and extending north to include St. Louis, Mo. and all of the territory intervening.

Resolved further that the San Antonio Clearing House favor the establishing of a Regional Bank in Texas, but if this can not be accomplished, retaining the district as outlined, we waive the claim for a Regional Bank in Texas as we feel that the outlines of the district are of more importance than the location of a Regional Bank in our State.



J. C. DONEGHY, PRESIDENT.

S. A. STREET, VICE-PRESIDENT.

L. D. CREATH, CASHIER.

No. 9805.

# THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

OF WELLINGTON,

CAPITAL, - \$50,000.00.

WELLINGTON, TEXAS,

February 4th, 1914.

Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D.C.

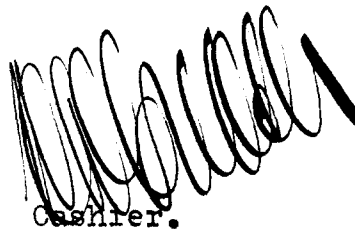
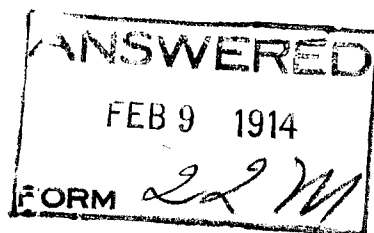
Gentlemen:-

Permit us to recommend that we be placed  
in the Federal Reserve District to be served by the pro-  
posed Federal Reserve Bank in Saint Louis, Mo.

We believe the natural location of Saint  
Louis will afford us better service than any other city.

Hoping a favorable consideration of the  
above, we beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,



Cashier.

THOS. F. SHELTON  
BANKER  
(UNINCORPORATED)

WINNSBORO, TEXAS, June 15 - 1914

Dear Ben & Emma  
St. Louis Mo  
My dear Sirs

Ob. clo. my wish  
Now that I am in St. Louis  
District I now wish to center  
my small business to St.  
Louis Respectfully  
Thos F. Shelton

Washington, D.C.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

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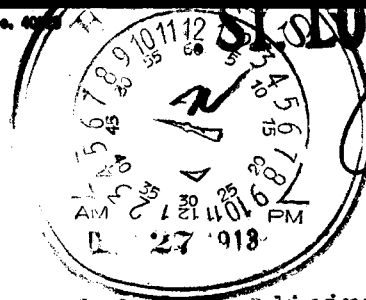
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Treasury Department

TELEGRAM

StLouis Mo Dec 27 1913

Hon W G McAdoo

Secy of the Treasury Washn DC

City club requests the honor of your company together with the  
Secretary of Agriculture at dinner during January visit  
Kindly confer with him as to evening he is a member of the  
club and will notify me best wishes of the season

G Tuckerman Civic Secretary

239pm

Decline Perry Houston

ANSWERED

Dec 31 1913

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December 31, 1913.

My dear Sir:


I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Agriculture to say that they extremely regret it will be impossible for them to accept the kind invitation of the City Club to dinner during the visit of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee to St. Louis. The time of the Committee in St. Louis will be practically entirely occupied with the hearings in connection with the planning of the Federal Reserve district and the selection of the location for the Federal Reserve Bank.

With assurances of their regret,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

Private Secretary.

G. Tuckerman, Esq.,  
Secretary, City Club,  
St. Louis, Mo.

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StLouis, Mo., Jan. 14, 1914.

Honorable W.G. McAdoo, Secretary of The Treasury,

Washington, DC.

Through the courtesy of Judge W.H. Sanborn of the United States Court of Appeals we tender you the exclusive use of his court room in the Federal building ninth and Olive Streets on January twenty first and twenty second for your hearings regarding the location of Federal reserve banks. Please wire reply.

Festus J. Wade, President StLouis Clearing House.  
Association.

923p.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

TO

**Festus J. Wade, President,  
Clearing House Association,  
St. Louis, Mo.**

**January 16, 1914.**

**Hearings will be held in Judge Sanborn's United States Appellate Court Room, Federal Building, beginning ten A.M. Wednesday, January twenty-first. Will be glad if you can wire me list of those to appear in behalf of St. Louis.**

**Secretary pro tem  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS.  
GOVERNMENT RATES.**

**CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR**

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.



## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

**January 16, 1914.**

To **Festus J. Wade,**  
**President St. Louis Clearing House Association,**  
**St. Louis, Mo.**

**Am directed by Committee to accept with thanks use of Court**  
**Room of Judge Sanborn for hearings on twenty-first and twenty-second.**

**Secretary pro tem**  
**Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.  
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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

**January 16, 1914.**

To **Chairman,  
Clearing House Association,  
Little Rock, Ark.**

**Committee will be glad to hear representatives of Little Rock  
January twenty-second. Hearings held in Judge Sanborn's Court Room,  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Building, St. Louis. Will be glad if you  
wire me list of those desiring to appear.**

**Secretary pro tem  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

To

January 16, 1914.

Chairman,  
Clearing House Association,  
Cairo, Illinois.

Committee will be glad to hear representatives of Cairo on Thursday, January 22d. Hearings held in Judge Sanborn's room, U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Building, St. Louis. Will be glad if you wire me list of those desiring to be heard.

Secretary pro tem  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

**January 16, 1914.**

To  
**Chairman, Clearing House Association,  
East St. Louis, Illinois.**

**Committee will be glad to hear representatives from East St. Louis  
on afternoon of Wednesday January twenty-first at hearings to be held in  
Judge Sanborn's Court Room, U. S. Court of Appeals, Federal Building,  
St. Louis. Will be glad if you can wire a list of those desiring to appear.**

**Secretary pro tem  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

TO **Chairman,  
Clearing House Association,  
Evansville, Ind.**

**January 16, 1914.**

**Committee will be glad to hear representatives of Evansville on Thursday, January twenty-second. Hearings held in Judge Sanborn's Court room, U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Building, St. Louis. Will be glad if you will wire me list of those desiring to be heard.**

**Secretary pro tem  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

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January 17, 1914.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COOKSEY:**

Festus J. Wade will send to Chicago list of appearances for St. Louis. Look out for it.

On behalf of Detroit:

George H. Russell, Pres., Peoples State Bank  
William J. Gray, Pres., First National Bank

will appear.

At St. Louis: David S. Lansden and one or two others will appear to represent Cairo Commercial Club and National banks of Cairo.

Frank E. Pherson, representing Iowa bankers, has asked to see me personally before the meeting. Will you call him up at La Salle hotel?

Secretary  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

*Jefferson 1/17/14*

January 17, 1914.

**MEMORANDUM FOR RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:**

Hearings at St. Louis, Mo.

Have arranged for hearings to be held in Judge Sanborn's Court Room, U. S. Court of Appeals, Federal Building, beginning 10 A.M. Wednesday, January twenty-first.

Have advised St. Louis; East St. Louis, that Committee will hear their representatives on Wednesday, and Little Rock, Arkansas; Cairo, Illinois; and Evansville, Indiana, on Thursday.

Secretary  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

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# NIGHT LETTER

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M C ELLIOTT

SECRETARY PRO TEM RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE WASHN DC  
ANSWERING YOUR TELEGRAM REPRESENTATIVES OF EVANSVILLE WILL MEET YOU  
THURSDAY JANUARY TWENTY SECOND IN STLOUIS THE DELEGATION WILL BE  
LEADED BY MR M S SONNTAG PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA BANKERS ASSN  
AND MR HENRY REIS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EVANSVILLE CLEARING HOUSE  
TOGETHER WITH A COMMITTEE FROM THE BUSINESS MENS ASSN WHICH COMMITTEE  
WILL BE SELECTED ON MONDAY NEXT AND INTRODUCED TO YOU BY MR  
SONNTAG

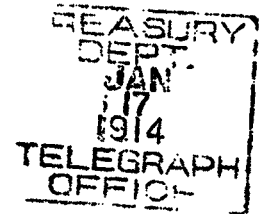
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**Treasury Department**

**TELEGRAM**



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ST. LOUIS Mo Jan 17 1914

M C Elliott, Secretary Pro Tem,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D.C.

Will mail you at Chicago list of those who will appear before committee here Wednesday and Thursday to present StLouis

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Festus J Wade, President,  
StLouis Clearing House Association

1236pm

Treasury Department

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M C Elliott,

Secretary pro tem Reseve Bank Organization Committee  
Washington D C

Your wire sixteenth to chairman Clearing House association has been handed us Mr David S Lansden and Possible one or two others will appear at St Louis next Tuesday representing Cairo Commercial Club and the two National Banks here in Cairo

J H Galligan

President of Cairo Commercial Club,  
and Cashier Alexander County National Bank,  
E E Cox, Cashier Cairo National Bank.

1206pm

January 19, 1914.

MEMORANDUM FOR RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

ST. LOUIS.

Arrangements have been made for meetings to be held in Judge Sanborn's Court Room, U. S. Court of Appeals, Federal Building, beginning ten A.M., Wednesday, January 21st.

Have advised St. Louis and East St. Louis that Committee will hear their representatives on Wednesday, and Little Rock, Arkansas; Cairo, Illinois, and Evansville, Indiana, on Thursday.

APPEARANCES FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1914:

Mr. Festus J. Wade, President, St. Louis Clearing House Association, advised that he would send list to Chicago of those who will appear. Have wired Mr. Cooksey to look out for this list. If not received Mr. Wade should be communicated with.

East St. Louis will be represented by St. Clair County Bankers Association, Commercial Club of East St. Louis, and representatives from five East St. Louis banks. Mr. H. D. Sexton, of East St. Louis, will act as Chairman and furnish names of those to appear.

APPEARANCES FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1914:

Cairo, Illinois, will be represented by Mr. David S. Lansden and possibly one or two others who will appear as representatives of the Cairo Commercial Club and the two national banks of Cairo. Mr. J. H. Galligan, President of the Club, and E. E. Cox, Cashier, Cairo National Bank, will probably appear.

Evansville, Indiana, will be represented by a Committee headed by Mr. M. S. Sonntag, President, Indiana Bankers Association, and Henry Reis, Vice-President Evansville Clearing House, together with Committee from the Business Mens Associa-

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tion, which Committee will be selected on Monday, January 19th, and presented by Mr. Sonntag.

Little Rock, Arkansas, has been notified of the time and place of hearing and will be represented, but list has not been furnished to date.

Secretary,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

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ST. LOUIS Mo Jan 19 1914

Secretary Reserve Bank Organization Committee,

Washington, D.C.

East St. Louis will be represented by the St. Clair County Bankers Association, the Commercial Club of East St. Louis and representatives from five East St. Louis banks

H D Sexton, Chairman

1151am

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM



WHERE WRITTEN:

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

Washington,

TO **Law Reporting Company,  
One hundred fifteen Broadway,  
New York City.**

**January 20, 1914.**

**Hearings will be held in St. Louis in Judge Sanborn's Room,  
United States Court Appeals, Federal Building. At Denver in Court room  
Eighteen, Federal Building. Will wire other places to-morrow or next  
day.**

**Secretary  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.  
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M C Elliott, Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

Have telegram from Evansville Indiana Clearing House Association  
giving names to be heard St. Louis Thursday

Cooksey

140pm

(St Louis)

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

January 21, 1914.

TO Hon. William G. McAtee,  
Jefferson Hotel,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Following telegram received:

Just completing list of those who will appear before Committee. What is the committee's plan for spending Sunday? Would they accept invitation to drive about city in afternoon and take dinner at our country club in the evening with small party of prominent business men? Signed Denver Chamber of Commerce. Will you reply direct?

Secretary,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

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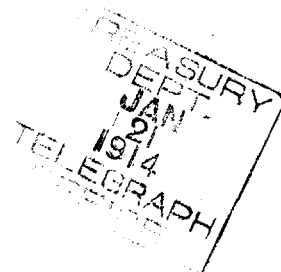
**M C Elliott, Secretary Reserve Bank Organization Committee,**

**Washington, D.C.**

**Just completing list of those who will appear before committee. What is the committee's plan for spending Sunday. Would they accept invitation to drive about city in afternoon and take dinner at our country club in the evening with small party of prominent business men**

**Denver Chamber of Commerce**

**239pm**



## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,  
RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

January 21, 1914.

To

George R. Cooksey,  
Jefferson Hotel,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Have arranged for hearings Kansas City to be held in Federal Court  
Room beginning ten A.M. Will wire list appearances as soon as received.

Secretary  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

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CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

**January 21, 1914.**

To **George R. Cooksey**  
**Jefferson Hotel,**  
**St. Louis, Missouri.**

**Clearing House Association arranging place hearing. Will wire you list of names received to-morrow and will have Bank Examiner at Kansas City meet you on arrival with additional lists.**

**Secretary,**  
**Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.  
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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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M C ELLIOTT

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FOR MEETINGS AT POINTS WHERE LOCATED

COOKSEY

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