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WILLIAM McCHESNEY MARTIN, SR.

(1874 - 1955)

The papers of William McC. Martin Sr., lawyer, banker, Chairman, Federal Reserve Agent and Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, are partly in the hands of his son Malcolm Martin, and partly incorporated in the file of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The papers in the Bank files may be used by permission from the Bank's president. Those in the hands of Mr. Malcolm Martin are being sorted and classified. Mr. Martin has promised to advise us if information of value to this project is found among them.

Biographical Note

- 1874, July 2 Born, Lexington, Kentucky
- 1895 A.B., Washington and Lee University
- 1896-99 Began working life with Louisville and Nashville R.R.
- 1900 LL.B., St. Louis Law School (Washington University)
- 1900-14 Successively from clerk to Vice President,
Mississippi Valley Trust Co.
- 1905, Nov. 21 Married Mary Rebecca Woods (2 sons, of whom one is
presently Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board)
- 1917 Chairman, District Committee on Capital Issues
- 1914-29 Class C Director, Chairman and Federal Reserve
Agent, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
- 1929-41 Governor, then President, Federal Reserve Bank
of St. Louis
- 1941-55 Practiced law with Martin, Peper & Martin, St. Louis
- 1955, March 1 Died

Author of: Modern Banking and Trust Company Methods. 1920.
Monographs and pamphlets on banking, banking law,
and the Federal Reserve System

See: Who's Who in Commerce and Industry, vol. 5, 1946