

COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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MELVIN ALVAH TRAYLOR

(1878 - 1934)

The papers of Melvin A. Traylor, lawyer, bank president, member and vice president of the Federal Advisory Council, member of the organization committee for the Bank for International Settlements, are housed in the sub-basement of the First National Bank of Chicago. They are classified and filed as they came from Mr. Traylor's office after his death in 1934. They include considerable material concerning the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Advisory Council.

Measure of size: 4 steel file cabinets, each containing
4 drawers

Approximate number of items:

It is thought that these papers were not used when Cyril James was studying the Forgan papers (in the same sub-basement).

The collection would be made available to qualified students working under the Committee on the History of the Federal Reserve System and obtaining permission from the President of the First National Bank of Chicago.

Biographical Note

- 1878, Oct. 21 Born, Breeding, Kentucky
 Educated public schools of Adair Co., Ky.
 Studied law at night
- 1898 Moved to Texas
- 1901 Admitted to Texas bar
- 1901 City clerk, Hillsboro, Texas
- 1904-05 Assistant county attorney, Hill County, Texas
- 1905-07 Cashier, Bank of Malone, Texas
- 1906, June 8 Married Dorothy Arnold Yerby (2 children)
- 1907-11 Cashier, later vice president, Citizens National Bank of Ballinger, Texas. When that bank and First National were consolidated, became president of First National Bank.
- 1911-14 Vice President, Stock Yards National Bank, East St. Louis
- 1914-16 Vice President, then President, Live Stock Exchange National Bank, Chicago
- 1914-19 President, Chicago Cattle Loan Co.
- 1919 President, First Trust and Savings Bank (now First Union Trust and Savings Bank)
- 1919-34 Vice President, director, and then President, First National Bank of Chicago
- 1930-33 Member and vice president, Federal Advisory Council, 7th (Chicago) district
- 1929 Member, organizing committee, Bank for International Settlements
- 1934, Feb. 14 Died

See: Who Was Who in America, 1897-1942, vol. I, Marquis
 Who's Who in Finance, Banking and Insurance in U.S. and Canada,
 1931/32, Leonard