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Biographical/Historical Notes

The State Bank at Camden was founded in 1812 when the New Jersey General Assembly passed an act to established banks at Camden, Trenton, New Brunswick, Elizabeth, Newark, and Morris. The Camden bank, incorporated sixteen years before the city itself, was permitted a subscription total of \$800,000, and was the most heavily capitalized of the six (Newark and New Brunswick followed with \$400,000 each). The bank's first president was William Rossell, a judge from Mt. Holly. The first cashier, Richard M. Cooper, became the bank president by 1814 and served in the position for twenty-nine years. The second cashier was William Hillegas, and Richard W. Ogden held the office for at least a decade from the mid-1820s.

In 1865 the State Bank at Camden became the National State Bank of Camden. The first of its series of mergers took place in 1922, when it joined with the First National Bank to become the First National State Bank. A second took place in 1927 when a merger with the Camden National Bank resulted in the First Camden National Bank & Trust Company.

Collection Overview

The State Bank of Camden Records spans the period from 1812 through 1837 and contains correspondence and financial documents relating to the bank's founding and transactions by some of its stockholders. The collection is divided into two series: Correspondence and Documents.

Series I, Correspondence (1813-1837) contains a few random letters regarding routine financial transactions.