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Biographical / Historical

Charles M. Figgat was the cashier at the Bank of Lexington who embezzled over \$145,000 and fled on February 14, 1895. Figgat's actions forced the closure of the bank and adversely affected the local economy. VMI incurred significant losses.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of items related to Charles M. Figgat, who embezzled over \$145,000 from the bank of Lexington, Virginia in 1895. Included is a reward notice distributed after Figgat fled, 10 cancelled checks from local banks (1870-1871) that bear Figgat's signature, and one petition to the Lexington school trustees endorsing Jacob Fuller for a teaching position, signed by Figgat and other citizens.

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