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Historical/Biographical Notes

The Home Co-operative bank opened for business on February 9, 1948. It became Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Worcester on December 31, 1965. Its home offices were at 61 Pleasant Street, 282 Main Street and in 1968 the company moved into its new offices at 419 Main Street. In 1966, Home Federal became one of the first banking institutions in the country to start compounding interest on savings accounts daily, by computer, so as to offer the highest possible yield at a given interest rate. Home Federal was also a pioneer in offering savings certificates. During the 1970s, Home Federal Savings was the fastest growing federal savings in New England

Home Federal's rapid growth strategy in the early seventies pushed the bank into trouble by the late seventies and by 1980 the company went through a major staff overhaul with new management and new directors. By 1990, the Savings and Loan scandal had spread through the country and marked the end of Home Federal Savings and Loan.

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Series Descriptions

Series 1: Photographs

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