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Collection Information

Abstract : The firm of Laraia & Ermilio operated a bank, finance company, real estate office, and served the financial needs of the Italian community in Worcester, as well as the general public, from the 1910s through the 1930s.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Joseph Petrone, owner of Primo's Restaurant, former Banca Italiana building, who found the records on the premises.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Laraia & Ermilio (Worcester, Mass.)
Banca Italiana (Worcester, Mass.)
Italian Finance Company (Worcester, Mass.)
Banks and banking – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Italian Americans – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Italian Americans – Massachusetts – Worcester – Economic conditions.
Italian community in Worcester. local
Bankbooks. aat
Ledgers. aat
Cashbooks. aat
Check stubs. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

Gennaro Laraia and Pompeo Ermilio established the firm of Laraia & Ermilio about 1917, operating as a real estate agency, finance company, and bank. The business operated through the middle 1960s. In the early years the firm financed immigration expenses for relatives of recent Italian immigrants in Worcester, as well as providing banking services, small and large loans, and a real estate agency. The bank was located at 157 Shrewsbury Street in the heart of the Italian neighborhood, and served primarily the Italian American community in Worcester and neighborhood businesses.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of two cash books, 1926-1927; three journals of various accounts, 1927-1933; two check stub books, 1932-1933 and 1936-1937; and bankbooks of six depositors, ca. 1920s. Arrangement by format.

Series Description

Series 1: Ledgers, bound volumes. (7 items)

Series 2: Bankbooks. (6 items)

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Series 1, Ledgers, Bound Volumes

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	BV	2000.86.1.1	Italian Finance Company, "A" Account, Feb. 1, 1928-Sept. 10, 1928. 152 p. Ledger with repayment dates and amounts from loan recipients.
1	BV	2000.86.1.2	Italian Finance Company, "B" Account Journal, Jan. 1927-March 1933. 152 p. Ledger with loans and business expenses.
1	BV	2000.86.1.3	Italian Finance Co., "B" Account, Feb. 1, 1928-March 30, 1929. 152 p. Ledger with repayment dates and amounts from loan recipients.
1	BV	2000.86.1.4	#B. Italian Finance Co. of Worcester Cash Book, Jan. 19, 1926-Oct. 15, 1928, some 1922 entries. 1 vol., irreg. numbered. Includes "A" Account repayments and balances.
1	BV	2000.86.1.5	Italian Finance Company, "B" Account Cash Book, Jan. 1927-Jan. 1928. Irreg. numbered.
2	BV	2000.86.1.6	Laraia & Ermilio check register, check stubs # 6500-6712, (6713-7000 unused), Aug. 22, 1932-March 14, 1933. Some canceled checks inserted.
2	BV	2000.86.1.7	Laraia & Ermilio Real Estate check register, check stubs #7497-7994, May 16, 1936-Jan. 6, 1937. Some cut checks inserted.

Series 2, Bankbooks

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	1	2000.86.2.1	Bankbook, Account # 171, Antonio Corcione (?), entries February and March, no year.
2	1	2000.86.2.2	Bankbook, Account # 142, Guiseppe di Carlo, entries April-December, no year.
2	1	2000.86.2.3	Bankbook, Account # 147, Celestino de Cataldo, entries September, March, September, no years.
2	1	2000.86.2.4	Bankbook, Account #249, Salvatore Doria ... , entries September - November, no year.
2	1	2000.86.2.5	Bankbook, Account # 167, Francesco Piccirillo, entries February - October, 1919.
2	1	2000.86.2.6	Bankbook, Account # 186, Stefano Solari, entries June, no year.