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**Finding Aid for the**  
**Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan Collection, 1924-1970**

**Collection Overview**

**Title:** Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan Collection

**Dates:** 1924-1970

**ID:** WMS

**Primary Creator:** Wilmington Historical Society (Calif.), Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan

**Extent:** 0.5 lin. ft.

**Arrangement:** Arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by topic.

**Forms of Material:** Documents, photographic materials, booklets, ledgers

**Language of materials:** English

**Abstract**

The Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan Collection, 1924-1970 contains materials that are related to the business operations of the bank. It contains business minutes, and documents, as well as photographs of the bank.

**Biographical/Administrative History**

Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan was originally chartered on September 11, 1920 as Wilmington Mutual Building and Loan, located at 316 Canal Street (now Avalon Bl.), Wilmington, California. The institution was founded by Erhard Opp, who was its first president. When Opp passed away in 1929, Louis Denni became president. Louis Denni was succeeded by his son, Joseph A. Denni. The corporate name was changed to Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan in 1943, and in 1952 the bank moved to the corner of Opp St. and Avalon.

**Scope and Contents**

The Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan Collection, 1924-1970 is a collection that provides a window into the business functionality of this important local bank to Wilmington. The collection contains the meeting minutes of the bank, cash receipt ledgers, photographs and

they all provide great insight into the operation of the bank and how money was used by those in Wilmington. The collection tells the story of Wilmington by way of business.

## **Subjects/Access Terms**

### **Creator**

#### **Organization Names:**

Wilmington Historical Society (Calif.),  
Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan

### **Subject Headings**

#### **Topical Term:**

Banks and banking  
Financial Institutions  
Savings and loan associations

#### **Personal Names:**

Opp, Erhard, 1852-1929  
Denni, Joseph, 1902-1990  
Denni, Louis, 1859-1933

#### **Geographical Locations:**

Los Angeles County (Calif.)  
Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

#### **Documentary Forms:**

Documents  
Photographic materials

## **Administrative Information**

### **Processing Information:** Holli Teltoe, 2024

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**Conditions Governing Access:** The collection is open for research use.

**Preferred Citation:** Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan Collection. Wilmington Historical Society.

**Acquisition:** This collection has been acquired and assembled by the Wilmington Historical Society from a variety of sources. The sources and dates of acquisition are unknown.

## Collection Contents

### Box 1

**Folder 1:** *2,001 Household Hints and Dollar Stretchers*, 1957

**Folder 2:** Envelopes, Wilmington Savings and Loan Association

**Folder 3:** *A Half Century* (3 copies), Promotional Booklet, 1970

**Folder 4:** Maps, San Francisco to Los Angeles, Los Angeles and Vicinity Freeway System

**Folder 5:** Minutes of Meetings, Board of Directors, Wilmington Mutual Building and Loan Association (1 of 3), 1925-1945

**Folder 6:** Minutes of Meetings, Board of Directors, Wilmington Mutual Building and Loan Association (2 of 3), 1925-1945

**Folder 7:** Minutes of Meetings, Board of Directors, Wilmington Mutual Building and Loan Association (3 of 3), 1925-1945

**Folder 8:** Wilmington Mutual Savings and Loan, Photographs, 1955, 1960

### Box 2

**Item 1:** Ledger, Transfer Cash Receipts Records, April 1924-June 1940

### Box 3

**Item 1:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Matchbook, 1970

**Item 2:** Coin Bank, Promotional Item

**Item 3:** Letter Opener, Promotional Item

**Item 4:** Passbook Cover

**Item 5:** Thermometer, Promotional Item

### Map Case 7

**Flat File 1:** Report on Audit, 1929

**[end of box list]**