

Busey's History & Heritage

*Our **promise** began when we first opened our doors in 1868. Our founders were leaders that understood the significance of economic prosperity and the importance of bettering the community. They offered more than a bank—they enabled a means to grow businesses, build homes and start families.*

That was nearly 150 years ago. Since then, we have built on our tradition of outstanding service through close relationships and broad financial capabilities. Today, Busey is a leading financial institution serving Illinois, Indiana, Florida and Missouri. We occupy a unique position. We are large enough to provide innovative products and services while making local decisions and knowing our customers by name. Looking back, we've come a long way, yet the core values—dedicated associates, strong customer partnerships and thriving communities—instilled years ago are still the cornerstones of Busey.



1868 Busey Brothers & Company Bank opens its doors on January 13, 1868 in Urbana, a young county seat with a population of approximately 2,000. The financiers took in \$9,555.60 that first day.

1903 Trevett-Mattis Banking Company, founded in 1861, is incorporated in Champaign, Illinois.

1922 Trust powers are granted to the Shelby Loan & Trust Company in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Pulaski Building and Loan Association opens to assist the St. Louis community with saving money and purchasing homes.



1926 Farm Management Services is founded to meet the needs of the deep agricultural roots in Central Illinois.

Member
FDIC

1935 Busey State Bank joins the FDIC. After weathering the stock market crash and depression, the bank continues without a penny of deposits being lost.

1945 The bank receives its federal charter on September 1, 1945, becoming Busey First National Bank, the day before World War II ended.

1963 Celebrating a century of service in Champaign, **Trevett-Mattis becomes Bank of Illinois.**

1967 Pulaski Building and Loan Association becomes the first association in the country to install a fully automated online computer operation.

100th

1968 On the **100th anniversary** of Busey First National Bank, assets exceeded \$34 million.

1971 Busey First National Bank changes ownership. For the first time, the bank is controlled by someone outside the Busey family.

1975 Busey inaugurates Champaign-Urbana's Sweetcorn Festival, an event that continues to this day.

1980 Busey First National Bank organizes **First Busey Corporation as a bank holding company.**



1984 FirsTech, Inc. opens to offer lockbox processing services to large, utility firms. Today, FirsTech processes millions of transactions in 36 states.

1987 Busey First National Bank, Champaign County Bank & Trust and City Bank merge to form Busey Bank, a state chartered bank.

1991 Pulaski Building and Loan Association renamed to **Pulaski Bank**—reflecting their broad array of consumer financial services.

1993 Busey Bank celebrates its 125th anniversary. Thanks to customer loyalty, Busey remains an independent financial institution committed to bettering the communities we serve.

1995 Trevett-Mattis, now known as BankIllinois, merges with Champaign National Bank, keeping the name BankIllinois.



1997 Busey ebank is launched as a fully transactional electronic bank.

Today, First Busey Corporation is an approximately \$7.6 billion financial holding company, headquartered in Champaign, Illinois—providing a full range of financial services to more than 134,000 households. Van A. Dukeman, President & CEO, and the executive team lead nearly 1,600 Busey associates and remain dedicated to ensuring the ***Busey Promise*** is fulfilled for each of our **4 Pillars**—*associates, customers, shareholders and communities.*

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1998 Busey Bank expands to Indianapolis, Indiana, creating a loan production office to serve the needs of the community.



Pulaski Financial Corp. and First Busey Corp. stocks trade on NASDAQ under the symbols PULB and BUSE. Busey farm brokerage is established.

1999 Busey Investment Group forms and opens First Busey Trust & Investment Company to more fully serve the wealth management needs of customers.

First Busey Corporation's total assets, for the first time in its history, **exceeds \$1 billion.**

2000 Main Street Trust, Inc. forms as a result of the merger of BankIllinois Financial Corporation and First Decatur Bancshares, Inc. Main Street operates 19 banking centers and is the parent company of BankIllinois, First National Bank of Decatur, First Trust Bank of Shelbyville and FirsTech, Inc., a telecommunications bill processing company.

Today, FirsTech, Inc., continues to process millions of transactions in 36 states.



2001 Fort Myers, Florida becomes headquarters for Busey Bank Florida.

2004 BankIllinois and The First National Bank of Decatur merge, taking the name Main Street Bank & Trust.

2005 Main Street Bank & Trust acquires Citizens First Financial Corporation.

2007 First Busey and Main Street Trust merger is finalized on July 31, 2007—Van A. Dukeman is named President and Chief Executive Officer. A new Busey brand is introduced representing the strength and stability of the combined organizations.

2009 Busey becomes one of the first in the banking industry to launch mobile banking—text messages, mobile web browsers and Busey's Mobile App—allowing customers the ability to manage their finances anytime, anywhere.

First Busey Corporation merges with its subsidiary, Busey Bank, N.A., headquartered in Fort Myers, Florida, becoming Busey Bank.



2011 Busey engages audiences through social media.



2012 The Busey family of financial services expands its offerings by founding **Trevett Capital Partners**, a boutique firm dedicated to serving the wealth management needs of high net worth families.

Busey associates and their families give back to the community during the inaugural **Community Promise Week**—a tradition of service to local organizations that has since expanded to a month-long event.

2013 and 2014 Busey is named among Forbes' list of America's most trustworthy companies—a tribute to our model of openness and integrity.

2015 Building on a storied tradition of outstanding service and community commitment, Herget Bank joins the Busey family of financial services.

Busey is recognized by the Independent Community Bankers of America® among the Top 50 Community Bank Leaders in Social Media for the second consecutive year.



2016 Busey is voted among the **Best Banks to Work For** in the U.S. and **Best Places to Work in Illinois** by our associates, *Best Companies Group* and *American Banker* magazine.

Busey welcomes Pulaski Bank on April 30, 2016—expanding our strong foundation, with deeply-rooted community ties, in the St. Louis area and beyond.

2017 First Community of Chicagoland and South Side Bank of greater Peoria join the Busey team.

Busey is named among **Best Companies to Work For in Florida** by our associates, *Best Companies Group* and *Florida Trend* magazine—and is recognized by the *Association for Talent Development* with the **BEST Award**.