

# 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 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.

#### **100<sup>th</sup>**

**1968** On the **100<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 \$7.8 billion financial holding company, headquartered in Champaign, Illinois—providing a full range of financial services to more than 150,000 households. Van A. Dukeman, President & CEO, and the executive team lead more than 1,300 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 among **Best Banks to Work For** in the U.S. and **Best Places to Work in Illinois** by associates, **Best Companies Group** and **American Banker**.

**Busey welcomes Pulaski Bank** of greater St. Louis, Missouri on April 30, 2016.

**2017 First Community of Chicagoland and South Side Bank** of Peoria join Team Busey.

Busey is among **Best Companies to Work For in Florida** by associates, **Best Companies Group** and **Florida Trend** and receives the **BEST Award by Association for Talent Development**.



**2018** Busey is grateful for a storied history of 150 years—**fulfilling dreams since 1868.**

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