Public Archives of Iowa

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PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF IOWA.

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SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC ARCHIVES.

The matter of establishing a Hall of Public Archives for the care and preservation of the archives of the State of Iowa had been frequently agitated by Charles Aldrich, founder and curator of the State Historical Department, Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, of the Iowa State University, Judge Horace E. Deemer, of the Supreme Court of Iowa, and other men of prominence in the State. In the ANNALS OF IOWA, April, 1901, Mr. Aldrich points out the necessity for and strongly urges the establishment of a Hall of Public Archives, also in his Biennial reports for the State Historical Department in 1901 and 1905 he reinforces his former suggestions.

The Thirty-first General Assembly of the State of Iowa passed the following:

AN ACT providing for the care and permanent preservation of the public archives, and making an appropriation therefor:

Section 1. That for the care and preservation of the public archives the state library and historical department of Iowa are hereby given the custody of all the original public documents, papers, letters, records and other official manuscripts of the State executive and administrative departments, offices or officers, councils, boards, bureaus and commissions, ten years after the date or current use of such public documents, papers, letters, records or other of-
A Capitol garret from which was removed a confused mass of materials embracing all data concerning the erection of the new capitol; all population schedules census of 1870 and early records of a number the State Departments.
ficial manuscripts. Provided, that the executive council shall have the power and authority to order the transfer of such records or any part thereof at any time prior to the expiration of the limit of ten years hereinbefore provided or to retain the same in the respective offices beyond such limit according as in the judgment of the council the public interest or convenience may require.

Sec. 2. That the several state executive and administrative departments, officers or offices, councils, boards, bureaus and commissioners, are hereby authorized and directed to transfer and deliver to the state library and historical department, such of the public archives as are designated in Section one (1) of this act, except such as in the judgment of the executive council should be longer retained in the respective offices.

Sec. 3. That the state library and historical department is hereby authorized and directed to receive such of the public archives and records as are designated in section (1') of this act and provide that the same be properly arranged, classified, labeled, filed and calendared.

Sec. 4. That for the care and permanent preservation by the state library and historical department of the public archives hereinbefore designated, the executive council is hereby authorized and directed to provide, furnish and equip such room or rooms in the historical, memorial and art building (now in process of erection) as may be deemed necessary for the purposes of this act, and the room or rooms thus provided for shall be known as the hall of public archives.

Sec. 5. That for carrying out the purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) per annum for three years to be expended under the direction of the board of trustees of the State Library and Historical Department.

Approved April 10, A. D. 1906.

The trustees of the State Library and Historical Department assigned the work to Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh of the State University of Iowa, who spent the first year in investigation and preliminary work, which he reported in full in two reports, September 18, 1906, and May 11, 1907. These were published by the State Historical Department at Des Moines.

The Thirty-second General Assembly increased the appropriation and placed the supervision of the work and the disbursement of the appropriation under the direction of the
Executive Council instead of the Board of Trustees of the State Library and Historical Department. The general supervision of the work under the Executive Council was given Mr. A. H. Davison, its secretary, who devised our system of cleaning and filing. The writer was employed by the Executive Council in September, 1907, since which time he has had direction of the classification, arrangement, etc.

A great deal of the old material at the Capitol was found covered with dust, with packages broken open and papers scattered. In some instances they were ready to crumble to pieces. This was caused mainly by storage in hot, unventilated vaults and by frequent shifting into any available nook to give space for new material. During the session of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, I was called to the Capitol to inspect some material found in one of the garrets. Investigation was extended to all the garrets and a dray load of valuable documents was removed to the Archives Department. Among them were the earlier records of the commission which built the present Capitol. There were all the plans, tracings, blue prints, etc., of the Capitol and the Historical building, the earlier records of the Agricultural Department, Geological Department, Railroad Commissioners, Superintendent of Public Instruction, population schedules of the census of Iowa, etc., etc. These were from earlier, sometimes obsolete offices, had cumbered the present offices, and were "in the way" until "stored away."

In classifying the material I find thousands of valuable documents are missing. A large number of them have been destroyed, some by fire. The original manuscripts of others, such as reports, messages, etc., I have observed in my experience in subordinate situations in State offices, have gone to the printer for copy and when returned have been thrown into the waste basket. In some cases original papers instead of copies were delivered to the public when a call was made for them. A great many were scattered or lost by the several removals from one Capitol to another. Many of the documents supposed to be lost are now being found scattered among the different offices. Hundreds of these are returned to the
offices where they originated and to which they belong. While classifying the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of 1844, in the office of Secretary of State, I found the original manuscripts of the minutes and journals missing. I have since found them among materials from the office of Auditor of State.

All manuscripts and records are retained in the Archives Department. The printed materials are turned over to the Library and Historical Department.

All manuscript materials are treated in the following manner: They are thrown, first, into main divisions, for the office in which we are working. Then the actual work of classification begins. The papers are next all read and placed under proper divisions. Where possible many of these divisions are combined. Each division is then taken up separately and subdivided by subjects until the lowest subdivision is reached. They are then arranged in alphabetical order.

Next they are unfolded, dusted, repaired, cleaned with a wet sponge, pressed out flat between blotters and placed in heavy tag board folders, similar to those for vertical filing. These folders are legal size, with an index upon one of the inner pages. When properly labeled, these folders are placed in boxes made of binders' board, cloth-covered and dust-proof, and the boxes and bound records are placed in fireproof steel cases especially constructed for that purpose.

An idea of the amount of material and labor in the Department can be gained from the fact that we have now on file from the three offices of Governor, Secretary of State and Auditor: 1871 bound volumes; 1,250,000 sheet documents (estimated by the average number to each box); 2,225,000 unbound census schedules (population schedules).

The archives of all the other offices are in the storage cases, where there are awaiting us thousands upon thousands of unclassified documents from the garrets of the Capitol, from the State storage building, from the old Arsenal, and elsewhere. Among these are the records and proceedings of the different commissions appointed from time to time; of the
Custodian of Public Buildings; of the Geological Department; of the Agricultural Department; of the Railroad Commissioners; of the State Board of Health; Labor Commissioner; Superintendent of Public Instruction and Adjutant General. In addition to these there is still an immense amount of material in the vaults of the various State offices to be removed to the Archives Department as rapidly as storage room will permit.

Of the material now in the Department we have classified and filed the offices of Governor and of Secretary of State and are about three-fourths through with the office of Auditor of State. The last has been classified and a part of it cleaned and filed.

That such a department exists is rapidly becoming known, and personal applications and written requests for reference to material on file are more and more frequent. A great many come direct to the department in addition to those made to the different State offices and by them referred to the department. They come from attorneys, students and persons engaged in historical research, and from representatives of similar departments established or in contemplation in other States.

Iowa seems to have been one of the pioneers in the work. Several States had taken some prior steps toward the preservation of the public archives but had done very little systematic work. In the last two or three years the vital historical importance of public archives has aroused keener interest in a great many States and in the National Congress. This is due, to a great extent, to agitation by the American Historical Association, through its Public Archives Commission.

From information gleaned from all available sources it can be safely said that Iowa is excelled by none and equalled by only a few States in the advancement made toward the preservation of public archives. Having the reputation of never doing things by halves, it is safe to predict that in future Iowa will be found up to its standard: "In all that is good Iowa affords the best."
Below is given our classification for the office of Governor. It enters into detail more than simple outlines should for the reason that it must serve as a temporary index until each office is catalogued and indexed, when revision may take place.

GOVERNOR’S OFFICE.

In making the classification in this office the matter has been arranged in chronological order and in every case, where practicable, is in alphabetical order.

Commissions are arranged in alphabetical order under each division.

In Correspondence under criminal matters all papers belonging to each case are combined and the cases are arranged in alphabetical order by defendants’ names. The same in Appointments under names of applicants.

Under each subdivision in Correspondence the letters are arranged in alphabetical order by the names of the writers.

Extraditions are classified by States in chronological order.
Proclamations are classified by States in chronological order.
Reports are arranged in chronological order by the different departments, institutions, etc., which make them.
Vouchers are arranged by numbers and by the months for each calendar year.

The same general plan has been followed in each of the remaining divisions.

Following is the classification:

GOVERNOR’S OFFICE—CLASSIFICATION.

MAIN DIVISIONS.

Series I. Commissions.
Series II. Correspondence.
Series III. Elections.
Series IV. Extraditions.
Series V. Legislative.
Series VI. Miscellaneous.
Series VII. Petitions.
Series VIII. Proclamations.
Series IX. Reports.
Series X. Vouchers.
Governor's Office—Classification.

SERIES I. COMMISSIONS.

Bound Records.

Commission registers
Commission records
Notarial registers

Commissions.

Commissioners and agents
  Immigration
  Penitentiaries, to examine records at
  School Fund Commissioners, to examine records of
  Swamp Land Agents

Commissioner of Deeds
Delegates to expositions, conventions, etc.

Judicial
  Judges of Supreme Court
  Judges of District Court
  Judges of Circuit Court

Notarial
State institutions, Officers of
  Hospitals for insane
  School for the deaf
State officers, members of boards, departments, etc.
  Curator of Historical Society
  Mine inspectors

SERIES II. CORRESPONDENCE.

Bound Records.

Letter copying books
Volumes of Executive correspondence

Letters.

Affairs outside the State
Appointments
Charities
Commissions
Counties and towns
Criminal
Elections
Expositions, conventions, conventions, congresses, etc.
Documents ready to be classified. From the department of Banks and Insurance, office of Auditor of State.
Governor's Office—Classification.

Series II—Correspondence.

Letters.
- Lands
- Legislative
- Military
- Miscellaneous
- Resignations
- State institutions
- State officers, boards, departments, etc.
- Temperance
- Transportation

Affairs outside the State
- Foreign (correspondence with Ambassadors, Consuls, Vice Consuls, Ministers, etc., and miscellaneous)
- National (correspondence with departments of Agriculture, Interior, Justice, Navy, Post Office, State, War, Treasury, U. S. Senate, House of Representatives and miscellaneous)
- Other States (with Executive Departments, Secretaries of State, Librarians, etc., concerning conventions, celebrations, statistics, conditions, etc., and miscellaneous)

Appointments
- (Applications, recommendations, acceptances, declinations, petitions, protests, etc., arranged in alphabetical order by the names of the applicants)

Commissioner of Deeds

Commissioners and agents
- Capitol
- Cherokee Hospital for Insane (to locate)
- Des Moines River Lands
- Immigration
- Industrial Home for Blind
- Miscellaneous
- Penitentiary (to locate)
- Revenue Law
- School Fund
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.
Appointments.
Commissions and agents
Soldiers' Home
Southern Battlefields (to locate Iowa troops)
Swamp Land Agents
Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc. (delegates)
Agricultural Congress
Agricultural Convention—Kansas City
Agricultural Convention—Lake Charles
Agricultural Convention—Philadelphia
American Board Cheap Transportation
American Commerce Convention, 1878
American Exhibition—London
Anti-option Convention
Bi-metallic Convention
Board of Trade Convention
Boys and Girls National Home and Employment Assn., 1891, 1894
Canadian Thistle Convention, St. Paul
Capital Commissioners
Centennial Celebration of American Constitution
Centennial Celebration of Inauguration of Washington
Centennial Celebration of Surrender of Cornwallis
Centennial Exposition—Cincinnati
Centennial Exposition—Inaugural of Washington, 1889
Centennial Exposition—Philadelphia
Centennial Exposition—Washington, 1883
Cheap Transportation Convention, 1874, 1875, 1876
Chilian Exposition—Santiago, 1875
Commercial Congress—Kansas City, 1891
Commercial Convention, 1869, 1891
Congress of Bankers
Cotton States National Exposition, 1895
Deep Water Harbor Convention, 1889, 1892, 1893, 1897
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.

Letters.

Appointments.

Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.

Edinburgh International Exhibition
Educational Conference
Forestry Congress, 1885, 1889
Grant Monument
Great Lakes & Tide Water Convention
Industrial & Commercial Convention
Immigration Convention
Improvement of Western Waterways Convention
International Congress Hygiene, etc.
International Deep Waterways Convention
International Exposition
International Gold Mining Convention
International Prison Association, 1874, 1878
Interstate Agricultural Convention
Interstate Anti-trust Convention
Interstate Coal Trust Convention
Interstate Deep Water Harbor Convention, 1888, 1889
Interstate Irrigation Association
Interstate Railway Convention
Interstate Wool Growers Association
Iowa Semi-Centennial Celebration
Mexican Exposition
Mississippi Improvement convention, 1879, 1881, 1883, 1884, 1887, etc.
Mississippi & Lake Michigan Canal Convention
Mississippi Valley Commercial Convention
Nashville Exposition
National Agricultural Association
National Agricultural Society Meeting
National Butter, Cheese & Egg Convention, 1879, 1885
National Capital Convention, 1869, 1870
National Cattle Growers Convention, 1884, 1885, 1887
National Commercial Convention
National Conference State Board of Live Stock Com., etc.
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.
Appointments.

Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.

National Conference Charities & Corrections, 1878, 1897
National Convention Board of Trade
National Farmers Congress, 1885, 1897
National Food & Dairy Commissioners Convention
National Guard Association
National Irrigation Congress
National Mining Congress
National Mining & Industrial Congress
National Nicaragua Canal Convention
National Prison Congress, 1874, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1892, 1896
National Railroad Convention
National Ship Canal Convention
National Silver Convention
New Orleans Commercial Convention
New York Celebration
Nicaragua Canal Convention
North, Central & South American Exposition
Northwest Waterways Convention
Pan-American Bi-metallic Association Convention
Pan-American Medical Congress
Pan-Republic Congress
Paris Exposition, 1867, 1878, 1889
Penitentiary and Reformatory Congress
Pork and Beef Combine Convention
Prison Reform Congress, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1885
Producers and Consumers Convention
Pure Food Convention
St. Louis Wheat Growers Convention
Silver Convention, 1889, 1893
Southern Commercial Convention
State Veterinarians
Tennessee Centennial & International Exposition
Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress—
Omaha, 1891, Denver, 1892
Governor’s Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.

Appointments.

Expositions, Conventions, Congresses, etc.
- Trans-Mississippi & International Exposition
- Vienna Exposition
- Waifs Rescue and Training Association
- Western Waterways Convention, 1887, 1891, 1895
- World’s Agricultural Congress
- World’s Fair
- World’s Industrial & Cotton Centennial Exposition
- World’s Real Estate Congress
- General

Military

Miscellaneous

Notarial

State Institutions (Officers)
- College for the Blind
- Industrial School for Boys at Eldora
- Industrial School for Girls at Mitchelville
- Institution for Feeble-minded Children
- Iowa Soldiers’ Home
- Iowa Soldiers’ Orphans’ Home
- Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
- Iowa State Teachers College
- Penitentiaries
  - Anamosa
  - Ft. Madison
- School for the Deaf
- State Hospital for Inebriates
- State Hospitals for Insane
  - Cherokee
  - Clarinda
  - Independence
  - Mt. Pleasant
  - General
- State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis
- State University
Governor's Office—Classification.

Series II—Correspondence.

Letters.

Appointments.

State officers, members of boards, departments, etc.

- Adjutant General
- Attorney General
- Auditor of State
- Clerk of Supreme Court
- Control, Board of
- Custodian of Public Buildings and Property
- Dental Examiners, Board of
- Director of Weather and Crop Service
- District Attorney
- District, Circuit & Probate Courts (Judges)
- Educational Board of Examiners
- Educational Commission
- Fish and Game Warden
- Food and Dairy Commissioner
- Geological Board
- Health, Board of
- Inspector of Bees
- Inspector of Boats
- Iowa State Library
- Labor Statistics, Bureau of
- Library Commission
- Optometry Examiners, Board of
- Parole, Board of
- Pharmacy, Commission of
- Railroad Commissioners
- Secretary of State
- State Binder
- State Land Office
- State Mine Inspectors
- State Oil Inspectors
- State Printer
- State Veterinary Surgeon
- Superintendent Public Instruction
- Superintendent Weights and Measures
- Superior Court (Judges)
- Supreme Court (Judges)
- Supreme Court Reporter
Governor's Office—Classification.

Series II—Correspondence.

Letters.

Appointments.

State officers, members of boards, departments, etc.

Treasurer of State
Voting Machine Commissioners, Board of
U. S. Senators

Charities

Chicago fire
Churches, appeals for aid
Cyclones
Adair County
Britt, Hancock Co.
Grinnell
Pomeroy
Grasshopper invasion
Johnstown flood
Institutions, colleges, homes, etc.
Nebraska and Kansas, aid for
Personal relief, Requests for
Public Charities, Board of
Russian famine
Sunday schools
Wisconsin and Michigan, forest fires
Yellow fever sufferers
Y. M. C. A., W. C. T. U., W. R. C.

Commissions

Capitol
Expositions, World's Columbian
Revenue law
Soldiers and Sailors Monument
Southern Battlefields

Counties and towns

County affairs
Town affairs

Criminal

Cases, including: Requisitions, pardons, remissions, restorations, etc., arranged in alphabetical order
Industrial schools (same arrangement as above)
General matters
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.

Elections
Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.

Agricultural Convention—Lake Charles
Agricultural Convention—Philadelphia
American Agricultural Society (Assn.)
American Bankers Association
American Exposition—London
American Forestry Congress
American Peace Society
American Social Science
Andrew Jackson Celebration
Anti-option Convention
Anti-saloon Republican National Convention
Anti-Trust Convention
Association of Military Surgeons
Augusta National Exposition
Board of Trade & Transportation Convention
Boys & Girls National Home and Employment Association, 1889, 1892, 1894
Cattle Owners Convention
Centennial Anniversary of the Adoption of the Constitution
Centennial at Cincinnati
Centennial Celebration—Philadelphia
Centennial Celebration of Inauguration of Washington
Centennial Exposition at Washington
Chilian International Exposition
Commercial Congress
Congress of Bankers and Financiers
Constitutional Defense Association
Corn Palace
Cotton Exposition
Cotton States International Exposition
County Auditors Convention
Deep Water Harbor Convention
Farmers Cooperative Trust Association
Farmers National Congresses
Home Rule Convention
Illinois River Improvement Association
Immigration Congress
Reading and classifying documents.
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.

Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.

- Improvement of Mississippi River Convention
- Industrial Convention
- International Deep Waterways Convention
- International Prison Congress
- Interstate Coal Trust Convention
- Interstate Deep Harbor Convention
- Interstate Deep Waterways Convention
- Interstate Fair—Kansas City
- Interstate Gold Mining Convention
- Interstate Railway Convention
- Interstate Wool Growers Convention
- Iowa Semi-Centennial Celebration
- Irish National League Convention
- Law and Order League
- Live Stock Growers and Veterinarians
- London Exhibition
- Mexican Exposition
- Mississippi River Improvement Convention
- Mississippi Valley Commercial Convention
- National Agricultural Convention
- National Agricultural Exposition—Kansas City
- National Bazaar Industrial Art Convention
- National Butter and Egg Convention
- National Capitol Convention
- National Cattle Breeders Convention
- National Cattle Growers Convention
- National Conference of Charities and Corrections
- National Congress for Good Roads
- National Dairy and Food Commissioners Convention
- National Farmers Congress
- National Fishery Congress
- National Irrigation Congress
- National Mining Congress
- National Nicaragua Canal Conventions—St. Louis, New Orleans
- National Prison Association
- National Prison Reform
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.

Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.
National Reform Congress
National Ship Canal Convention
National Silver Convention
National Stock Growers Convention
New England Fairs
New Era Exposition
New Orleans Commercial Convention
North, Central and South American Expositions
Northwest Industrial Convention
Ohio Centennial
Pan-American Bi-metallic Association Convention
Pan-American Medical Congress
Paris Exposition
Pork and Beef Combine Convention
Prison Congress at Stockholm
Prisoners Aid Association
Promotion of American Commerce
Pure Food Convention
River Improvement Convention
St. Louis Exposition & Music Hall Association
St. Louis Railroad Convention
Semi-Centennial Celebration—Pella
Social Science Congress
Southern Commercial Congress
Southern Commercial Convention
Southern Exposition
Southern Interstate Road
Southwest Grain and Trade Congress
State Temperance Alliance
Tennessee Centennial & International Exposition
Texas Spring Palace
Trans-Mississippi Congress
Trans-Mississippi International Exposition
Vienna Exposition
Waifs Rescue and Training Association
Waifs Savings Association
Western States Congress
Western Waterways Convention, 1891, 1895, 1897
Governor’s Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.

Expositions, Conventions, Congresses, etc.
Wheat Growers Convention
Worlds Columbian Exposition—Chicago
Worlds Fair (Midwinter at San Francisco)
Worlds Industrial & Cotton Centennial Exposition
Worlds Real Estate Congress
Youths National Employment Association
General

Lands
Agricultural College
Des Moines River
Railroad
Saline
School
Swamp
University
General

Legislative
Correspondence with the Legislature
Letters concerning legislative matters

Military
Militia, general correspondence relating to riots, mobs, strikes, etc., at
Ackley
Albia
Angus
Appanoose County
Calaman
Cedar Rapids
Clinton
Council Bluffs
Creston
Dubuque
Independence
Iowa City
Kelley’s Army invasion
Mahaska County
Marshalltown
Sioux City
Governor's Office—Classification.

Series II—Correspondence.

Letters.

Military.

Orders, general and court martial
War matters, relating to deceased soldiers, draft regulations, protests against returning Confederate flags, letters of Governor Kirkwood, southern boundary troubles, voting of Iowa regiments in the field, etc.

War claims

Miscellaneous

Acknowledgements
Banks
Battleship Iowa, in regard to silver service
Capitol, new
Census
Complaints
Congratulations
Cranks
Educational matters
Good roads
Hog cholera
Indian affairs
Inquiries
Insurance
Invitations
Judicial
Kate Shelly
Monuments
Portraits
Recommendations
Requests
Returned letters and telegrams
Soldiers and sailors reunion (See also invitations)
State line
Taxation
Thanks
Unclassified
Governor’s Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.

State officers, boards, departments, etc.

Resignations
County and local officers
Legislature, Members of
Outside the State, Officers
Senators
Representatives in Congress
Commissioners, etc.
State institutions, Officers of
State officers, Members of Boards of

State Institutions
College for the Blind
Industrial (or reform) School for Boys
Industrial (or reform) School for Girls
Institution for Feeble-minded Children
Iowa Soldiers’ Home
Iowa Soldiers’ Orphans’ Home
Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
Iowa State Teachers College
Penitentiaries
Anamosa
Ft. Madison
School for the Deaf
Iowa Hospitals for Insane
Cherokee
Clarinda
Independence
Mt. Pleasant
General
State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis
State University

State officers, boards, departments, etc.
Adjutant General
Agriculture, Department of
Attorney General
Auditor of State
Clerk of Supreme Court
Control, Board of
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series II—Correspondence.
Letters.

State officers, boards, departments, etc.

Custodian of Public Buildings and Property
Dental Examiners, Board of
Director of Weather and Crop Service
District Attorney
District, Circuit and Probate Courts
Educational Board of Examiners
Educational Commission
Executive Council
Fish and Game Warden
Food and Dairy Commissioner
Geological Board
Governor
Health, Board of
Historical Department
Horticultural Society
Inspector of Bees
Inspector of Boats
Iowa State Highway Commission
Iowa State Library
Labor Statistics, Bureau of
Law Examiners, Board of
Library Commission
Optometry Examiners, Board of
Parole, Board of
Pharmacy, Commission of
Railroad Commissioners
Secretary of State
State Binder
State Historical Society
State Land Office
State Mine Inspectors
State Oil Inspectors
State Printer
State Veterinary Surgeon
Superintendent Public Instruction
Superintendent Weights and Measures
Superior Court
Supreme Court
Supreme Court Reporter
Treasurer of State
Voting Machine Commissioners, Board of
Governor's Office—Classification.

Series II—Correspondence.

Letters.

Temperance
Transportation
   Railways
   Water

SERIES III. ELECTIONS.

Documents.

Abstracts of general and special elections
Certificates of presidential electors
Certificates of judges of superior courts
Nomination papers
Miscellaneous

SERIES IV. EXTRADITIONS.

Bound Records.

Executive Journals—Criminal matters
Records of warrants

Requisitions from other States.

(The arrangement is in chronological order, by States, and all papers belonging to each case are combined.)

SERIES V. LEGISLATIVE.

Bound Records.

Executive Journals

Acts, Resolutions, etc.

Legislature of Iowa
Other States
National Congress

Addresses of the Governor.

Inaugurals
Miscellaneous

Communications.

Nominations
Confirmations
Governor’s Office—Classification.
Series V—Legislative.
Certificates of Election.
Trustees, Superintendents, etc., of State institutions
United States Senators

Messages.
Biennial
Special

SERIES VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

Bound Records.
Executive journals
All unclassified documents
Contracts, bonds, articles of agreement, etc.
Printed matter

SERIES VII. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.
(As distinguished from petitions and letters endorsing and recommending.)

SERIES VIII. PROCLAMATIONS.

Bound Records.
Executive journals
Iowa (arranged in chronological order)
Other States (arranged in chronological order)

SERIES IX. REPORTS.

Bound Records.
Documents.
County officers
Commissions, commissioners, agents, delegates, etc.
Miscellaneous
Railroads
State institutions
State officers, boards, departments, etc.

County officers
Church property
Cities and towns, Indebtedness of
Counties, Indebtedness of
Cleansing and pressing documents.
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series IX—Reports.
Documents.

County officers.

Insane in counties
Jails and prisoners
Paupers
Pleuro-pneumonia
Poorhouses and poor farms
Saloons
Shorthand reporting, Cost of
Commissions, commissioners, agents, delegates, etc.
Baker monument
Boundary line
Building
Hospital for Insane, Clarinda
School for the Deaf
Capitol
Cattle Commissioners Convention
Convict labor at Fort Madison, Leasing of
First Iowa Cavalry, Agent to secure back pay for
France (American Horse Breeders Assn.)
Grant monument
Hospital for Insane at Clarinda, Examination of
Interstate Deep Water Harbor Convention
Investigations
Adjutant General (National Guard)
Attorney General
Auditor of State (Brown)
Governor's contingent fund (Stone)
Iowa Reform School
Penitentiaries
Anamosa
Ft. Madison, 1893
Warden Heisey
Warden Craig
State Hospitals for Insane
Clarinda
Independence
State University
Superintendent Public Instruction (Eads)
Swamp land fund
U. S. Senators (Credit Mobilier)
Governor's Office—Classification.
Series IX—Reports.
Documents.

Commissions, commissioners, agents, delegates, etc.

- Iowa Columbian
- Iowa Prisoners Aid Association
- National Conference of Charities and Corrections
- National Industrial Convention
- Northwestern Relief
- Paris Exposition
- Penitentiary at Ft. Madison, Examination of accounts of
- Russian Thistle
- Saline lands, Agent to select
- School fund
- School lands, Agent to select
- State institutions, Examination of accounts of
- State officers, Examination of books and accounts of
  - Auditor of State
  - Governor
  - Secretary of State
  - State Land Office
  - Superintendent Public Instruction
  - Treasurer of State

- Vicksburg, Location of Iowa troops at siege of
- Waifs Savings Association
- War and defense fund
- Western Waterways Convention

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