

## Treasurer of State

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County Clerks  
 Dictionaries  
 Secretary of State  
 Stationery  
 Resolutions by Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Com.  
 School Fund, Trial Balance Sheets  
 State Revenue, Collection of delinquent by John Foster  
 Swamp Land Claims of Mitchell County

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### TREASURER OF STATE

This department of the government was established January 24, 1839, and designated "Treasurer of the Territory." The office was appointive and the first incumbent was Thornton Bayless, appointed by Governor Lucas. By the provisions of the Constitution of 1846 the department was continued under the title of "Treasurer." This constitution made the office elective and at the next election Morgan Reno was elected. The Constitution of 1857 continued the department under the titular head of "Treasurer of State."

The documents and records of the department mainly pertain to the receipt and disbursement of the revenues of the state. But many of a different character result from legislative changes in the duties of the office. This variety in the duties of the office appears in the classification of the documents.

There are also found in this department many historical documents not classed as public archives. These are mainly letters and documents of temporary commissions, not of statutory character, such as "Johnstown Flood" and "Russian Famine," where the treasurer's office has been made the voluntary depository of gratuitous funds.

One of the most important of the additional duties assigned by law to this department is the collection of the collateral inheritance tax. Much material has accumulated in this division since its establishment in 1896. The office of State Treasurer retains all this under its control for the present, but there was obtained through the courtesy of Mr. Quincy C. Willis, deputy treasurer of state, who had been in direct charge of this division of the administrative work for a number of years, information necessary to enable an outline to be made for its classification when transferred to the Historical Department.

OFFICE OF TREASURER OF STATE—CLASSIFICATION  
MAIN DIVISIONS

- SERIES I. BIDS
- SERIES II. BONDS
- SERIES III. CERTIFICATES
- SERIES IV. COLLATERAL INHERITANCE TAX
- SERIES V. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.
- SERIES VI. CORRESPONDENCE
- SERIES VII. NOTICES
- SERIES VIII. ORDERS
- SERIES IX. REPORTS
- SERIES X. VOUCHERS
- SERIES XI. MISCELLANEOUS

SERIES I. BIDS

DOCUMENTS

State Warrants, Purchase of

SERIES II. BONDS

DOCUMENTS

Administrators  
Official

SERIES III. CERTIFICATES

DOCUMENTS

Bonds  
Deposit  
Election  
Indebtedness  
Purchase  
School fund, Interest on  
Swamp land indemnity  
Miscellaneous

SERIES IV. COLLATERAL INHERITANCE TAX

BOUND RECORDS

Estates reported, by counties  
Register of estates  
Register of receipts

DOCUMENTS

(All documents are filed in the following order under each estate.  
The estates are arranged in chronological and alphabetical order.)

Appraisalment  
Notices  
Release from appraisalment  
Reports  
Miscellaneous

SERIES V. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.  
DOCUMENTS

Miscellaneous

SERIES VI. CORRESPONDENCE

BOUND RECORDS

Letter books

Collateral Inheritance Tax

County Attorneys

General

State Institutions

LETTERS

Agricultural College loans

Checks and drafts

County officers

County Attorney

County Superintendent

Lands

Des Moines River

General

Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts

Railroad

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific

Des Moines & Fort Dodge

Des Moines Valley

Iowa Falls & Sioux City

Miscellaneous

Saline

School

Swamp

University

Revenue

Counties

Miscellaneous

School fund

State institutions

College for the Blind

Industrial Home for the Blind

Industrial Schools

Boys, at Eldora

Girls, at Mitchellville

Institution for Feeble-minded Children

Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home

Iowa Soldiers' Home

Iowa State Teachers College

Penitentiaries  
     Anamosa  
     Fort Madison  
 School for the Deaf  
 State Hospital for Inebriates  
 State Hospitals for Insane  
     Cherokee  
     Clarinda  
     Independence  
     Mount Pleasant  
 State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis  
 State University  
 State Offices, Boards, etc.  
     Adjutant General  
     Attorney General  
     Auditor of State  
     Control, Board of  
     Custodian of Public Buildings  
     Dental Examiners, Board of  
     Executive Council  
     Fish and Game Wardens  
     Food and Dairy Commission  
     Geological Survey  
     Governor  
     Historical Department  
     Iowa State Library  
     Labor Statistics, Bureau of  
     Library Commission  
     Medical Examiners, Board of  
     Pharmacy, Commission of  
     Railroad Commissioners  
     Secretary of State  
     State Mine Inspectors  
     State Oil Inspectors  
     State Printer  
     Treasurer of State  
 Taxes  
     Collateral inheritance  
     Davenport and Dubuque Street Railway Company  
     Express  
         Continental  
         Pacific  
         United States  
     Insurance  
     Lands

- Railroads
  - Companies
  - Counties, to aid in building
  - United States
- Refining Companies
- Refrigerator Transit Companies
- Telegraph
- Telephone
- Warrants
- Miscellaneous
- Warrants
  - Miscellaneous
  - Banks
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  - Claims
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  - Gray uniforms
  - Johnstown Flood
  - Laws
  - Licenses
    - Itinerant peddlers
    - Peddlers
    - Miscellaneous
  - Notices
  - Refunds
    - Columbian Commission
    - Legislative
    - Miscellaneous
  - Reports
  - Russian Famine
  - Vouchers
  - Unclassified

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## DOCUMENTS

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- Fines collected
- Interest due on Agricultural College Loans
- Investments
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  - Banks
  - Insurance Companies
  - Postal Telegraph
  - Warrants

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Revocation  
Suspension  
Miscellaneous

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Transfers  
Board of Control  
Transfer, Credit, etc., of the Funds of State Institutions

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Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts  
Miscellaneous

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Iowa Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition  
Public Buildings  
School Fund Commission  
County Officers  
County Superintendent of Schools  
Fees  
County Treasurers  
Revenue  
State Institutions  
College for the Blind  
Industrial Home for the Blind  
Industrial (or reform) Schools  
Boys, at Eldora  
Girls, at Mitchellville  
Institution for Feeble-minded Children  
Iowa Soldiers' Home  
Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home  
Iowa State Agricultural College, etc.  
Penitentiaries  
Anamosa  
Fort Madison  
School for the Deaf  
State Hospital for Inebriates  
State Hospital for Insane  
Cherokee  
Clarinda  
Independence  
Mount Pleasant

State Officers, Members of Boards, etc.

- Adjutant General
  - Sales of ammunition
  - Sales of arms and stores
- Auditor of State
  - Fees
    - Banks
    - Building and Loan
    - Insurance
    - Municipal examinations
    - Miscellaneous
  - Warrants issued
    - Des Moines River Improvement fund
    - General revenue
    - War and defense
- Clerk of Supreme Court
  - Fees
- Custodian of Public Buildings
- Dental Examiners, Board of
- Educational Board of Examiners
- Food and Dairy Commission
- Governor
- Health, Board of
  - Embalmers' Department
  - Maternity Hospital
  - Medical Examiners, Board of
  - Nurses' Department
  - Veterinary Medical Examiners, Board of
- Iowa State Library
- Library Commission
- Pharmacy, Commission of
- Secretary of State
  - Fees
- State Land Office
- State Mine Inspectors
  - Fees
- State Oil Inspectors
  - Fees
- Treasurer of State
  - Monthly
  - Quarterly
  - Railroads
  - Warrants endorsed
  - Warrants redeemed
- Miscellaneous
  - General Land Office
  - Swamp Land Indemnity



## SERIES X. VOUCHERS

## BOUND RECORDS

- Balance Books
- Invoices
- Journals
- Ledgers
- Registers
  - Bonds
  - Checks
  - Drafts
  - Deposits
  - Warrants
- Stub Books
  - Checks
  - Express
  - Fees
  - Institutions
  - Insurance
  - Revenue
  - Miscellaneous

## DOCUMENTS

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- Notes paid and cancelled
- Receipts
  - Dictionary fund
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  - Interest of Agricultural College loans
  - Salaries
    - Auditor of State
    - Members of General Assembly
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- Affidavits
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- Distribution of 5% School Fund
- List of lots at Iowa City
- Opinions of Attorney General
- Release of Railroad Lands
- Statements
  - Banks
  - Bond agents
  - State Treasurer
- Transcripts
- Unclassified

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 SIR RICHARD COBDEN LECTURES AT DUBUQUE
 

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Yesterday Sir Richard Cobden, the sturdy English champion of reform, paid our city a visit. He was on the road from Chicago to St. Louis. During his stay here he was the guest of Rufus Spaulding, Esq. In company with several of our citizens he visited some of our city schools, with which he was most highly delighted, expressing himself astonished at the perfection to which our school system had attained, and farther, that such a system could never succeed in England, or on the Continent generally owing to the predominance of secular despotic influence. He made a few remarks at the city high school which are said to have been brim full of good sense. Sir Robert has arrived at middle age, is some five feet ten, florid, open countenance, and a portly figure of a genuine John Bull. He seems, like Greeley, to be always intently thoughtful and listens to one's remarks with an earnestness almost painful in its intensity. His conversation is deliberate, impressive, exact, and is expressed in pure rugged Saxon. He complimented the present condition of the West and spoke cheerfully of its future. He left yesterday afternoon for St. Louis on the War Eagle.—*Dubuque Express and Herald*, March 26, 1859. (In the Newspaper Collection of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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