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"New on the Shelves" is a list of recent additions to the collections of the State Historical Society of Iowa. It includes manuscript, audio-visual, and government records recently acquired or newly processed that we think might be of particular interest to readers of the Annals of Iowa. The list also includes published materials added to either library that are not reviewed elsewhere in some issue of the Annals. The “DM” or “IC” at the end of each entry denotes whether the item is held in Des Moines or Iowa City.

Manuscripts and Records

Beecher, Loyd and Rexine. Papers and Photographs, ca. 1860-1990. Addition to collection—farm records from owners of Union, Iowa, Century Farm, along with genealogical research files, materials pertaining to Rexine’s work with DAR, photograph albums (including several daguerreotypes and tintypes), etc. 9 ft. of manuscript material, plus ca. 200 photographs. IC.

Peet, Mary Eleanor Armstrong. Papers, 1860s-1968. Diaries of farm wife from north of Martelle, Iowa, documenting farm life, social activities, community and national events, ca. 1891-1961 (approximately 30 years missing), photographs of family and friends, correspondence among Armstrong family members, and family histories of Sieber and Armstrong families, ca. 1860s-1968. 3 ft. of manuscript material, plus 49 photographs. IC.

Audio-Visual

Conroy, Maggie. Videotape and script of “Irving Weber’s Iowa City,” a play written and directed by Maggie Conroy, presented October 6-8 and 13-14, 1995. This one-man play details significant events in Iowa City history as recollected and researched by Irving Weber. VHS videocassette, 1 hr. 15 min., 36-page computer printout, 1995. IC.

A History and Walking Tour of the University of Iowa. VHS videocassette, 31 min., 15 sec., 1995. Video documentary written and produced by Brad Parkel of New Perspective Video. Combines original photos, current footage and historical narrative about UI buildings. IC.

Iowa City Views. Oil painting of house on west side of Iowa River, formerly the residence of University of Iowa professor Francis Nipher, painted by "Harney," 1892; and daguerreotype of Old Capitol, ca. 1853, attributed to Isaac A. Wetherby. One painting, 50” x 30”; one daguerreotype. IC.

Juhl, Paul C. Additions to collection— Iowa stereograph views ca. 1865-1910. Depicts city street scenes, parks, buildings, houses, nature scenes, etc.; cabinet
cards showing advertising ladies, photo studios, etc. 72 stereographs, 5 cabinet cards, 2 cartes-de-visite, 1 5 x 7. IC.

Pioneer Seed Corn. Broadside, ca. 1950. Advertisement for Pioneer Seed Corn, placed by the Garst & Thomas Hybrid Corn Company, Coon Rapids, Iowa. Shows illustration of Harry Truman in overalls, holding a bag of Pioneer Seed Corn, with the slogan “Folks—You’ll be Happy with Pioneer.” 11 x 14, newsprint, framed. IC.

Society of Friends. Addition to collection—original photographs relating to Paullina and Stavanger Friends groups, as well as All American Friends Conference at Oskaloosa. 5 photographs, ca. 1890-1929. IC.

Agency Reports


Published Materials

An Address Delivered at the Third Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the Southern Iowa Horticultural Society, October 20, 1852, by John H. Rauch, M.D. Burlington, IA: Morgan, M’Kenny and Co., Printers, 1853. 17 pp. IC.


Benton Street Bridge Carrying Benton Street across the Iowa River, Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, by Jeffrey A. Hess and Robert Hybben. Denver, CO: Rocky Mountain Regional Office, National Park Service, 1989. IC, DM.


Civil War Experiences of a Foot Soldier Who Marched with Sherman: Causes Preliminary to the War; Battles, Campaigns, Marches with Sherman, by John C. Arbuckle. Columbus, OH, 1930. 188 pp. IC.

Comprehensive City Plan for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by J. F. Rall, ed. Cedar Rapids: City Planning Commission, 1931. 154 pp. IC.


Fort Madison, Iowa, 1911: Illustrating the City’s Manufacturing, Residential, Religious, and Educational Advantages. Fort Madison Commercial Club, 1911. 24 pp. IC.


From Obscurity to Distinction: The Story of Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, 1873–1993, by Sister Mary Brigid Condon. Iowa City: Mercy Hospital, 1993. 205 pp. IC.


