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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.

Government Records
(in the State Archives in Des Moines)


Manuscripts and Records

Blake, Eliot. "Our Nurses Are Gems': The Burlington Nurses' Strike and Community Support." Student paper, University of Iowa, 1995. 23 pp. IC.


Cochran, J. L. Records of Cochran’s grocery store in Percy, Iowa, 1915 and scattered materials from 1933–1939. DM.

Jasper County Superintendent of Schools. Account ledger, 1918–1934. DM.
Johnson County. Records, 1860–1878. Record book kept by the Madison Township Clerk (Johnson County), containing Board of Trustees meeting minutes, election results, financial records, court warrants and decisions, etc. IC.

Kiene, Peter, Sr. 23-page manuscript, containing reminiscences of a Swiss immigrant who came to Dubuque in 1840, including an account of his journey, the nature of Dubuque in 1840, and his involvement in a surveying expedition. DM.


Rea, Lucretia. Correspondence, 1843–1845. Letters written by Lucretia Rea, Burlington and Marion County, Iowa, to Amy Rea, New Jersey. The letters, dated May 20, 1843, and May 24, 1845, refer to land settlement conditions, crops, trade with Indians, and costs of procuring dry goods. DM.


Sauer, Burton P. 44-page manuscript. Reminiscences of farm life in Buchanan County during the 1920s and 1930s, describing farm equipment and operations in detail. DM.

Shaw, Leslie M. Papers, 1898–1907. 1 ft. Bound copies of speeches, inaugural addresses, and proclamations of Iowa Governor Leslie M. Shaw. DM.

Stamper, Isaac. Correspondence, 1855–1867. One folder. Letters written by Isaac Stamper of Keokuk, mostly to his mother, sister, and wife, primarily concerning family matters, but also detailing his experiences as a Civil War soldier. IC.

Stanley, Leonard. Papers, 1917–1918. 2 ft. Leonard Stanley’s correspondence during his term as representative in the Iowa General Assembly, 1918; Howard Stanley’s correspondence from time of his service with the Coastal Artillery Corps, 1918; ephemera relating to Carrie Stanley, who served as English instructor at the State University of Iowa for 34 years. DM.

Town and Country Alliance for Ministry. Records, 1987–1996. 1 ft. Photographs, slides, video tapes, news clippings, financial records, correspondence, and training manuals from the now disbanded support group. IC.

Wagner, Jacob A. Records, ca. 1926–ca. 1940. Ten scrapbooks relating to circuses compiled by Jacob A. Wagner of Des Moines, who was president of the Circus Fans of America Association (CFA), 1929–1930, and chairman of Iowa’s local chapter. Scrapbooks contain news clippings, ephemera, and photographs of local and national performances and circus personalities, as well as the activities of the national and local CFA organizations. DM.

Audio-Visual

Borts, Alice. 2 audio cassettes, notes, release agreement. Iowa City, 1993. Oral history interview with Iowa City resident detailing her nursing training and career, family life, weddings (including a shivaree), the Great Depression, weather, local history, etc., covering the time period of ca. 1929–1980s. IC.

*Celebrating 4-H through the Years.* One VHS videocassette, 11 min., 58 sec.; and program script. Ames, 1996. Video produced by Iowa State University (Extension), discussing the development and history of 4-H programs in Iowa through historical narrative and testimonials. IC.

Deatsch collection. 96 photographs, plus manuscript material, Johnson and Washington Counties, ca. 1850–1930. Photographs (mostly portraits) relating to the Deatsch, Birrer, Boyd, Quinn, Rummelhart, and Thompson families. IC.


Husmann, Alfred. Photo album, Clinton and Scott County, ca. 1915–1930. Photos of early Iowa aviation, including images of Oscar Solbrig and his planes, farming activities, Mississippi River transportation. DM.

Iowa State Fair. 16mm motion picture film footage made by Frank Burns, Sr. and Jr. of Des Moines, showing grandstand feature attractions at the Iowa State Fair in the early 1930s. Events include staged train wreck, auto polo, acrobats, plane stunt crash into house. DM.

Lewis, Jay W. 85 prints (made from glass plate negatives at Delaware County Historical Society), ca. 1896–1955 (mostly ca. 1900). Collection of photographs of an amateur photographer who owned a jewelry store in Manchester. Images are almost exclusively from Manchester and include street scenes, store fronts and interiors, river scenes, parades, schools, courthouse, president William McKinley, organizations and clubs, etc. IC.

*Our Iowa Home.* 2 VHS videocassettes, approximately 35 minutes each, 2 audio cassettes, and a printed teacher study guide. Dubuque, 1995. Education kit developed by LoPot Productions (Lou and Joey Fautsch) to “celebrate and promote an interest in Iowa, the people who live here and the history behind it all.” IC.

Powers, Leonard. Photographs of creamery, Powersville, ca. 1900; Powers Manufacturing Company, Waterloo, 1900–1970s; factories designed by Leonard Powers or associated with his Waterloo factory, 1920s. DM.

Smith, Milton E. 82 postcards and 5 programs, ca. 1906–1908. Includes several postcards depicting scenes in Eldora, Mason City, and New Providence as well as different holidays, along with several graduation programs from Alden, Eldora, and New Providence high schools. IC.

*Voices: A Brief History of Johnson County.* One VHS videocassette, 18 minutes. Iowa City, 1995. Video produced by the Johnson County Historical Society and Steve Holmes Productions, relating the history of Johnson County through historic photographs, current footage of local historic sites, and accounts of the past given by historical figures (as portrayed by local actors). IC.
W.H.O. Radio-Television. 5 phonograph recordings of 2 farm shows, 1953; 3,300 feet of motion picture film of National Plowing Match (1947), Nikita Khrushchev's visit to Des Moines (1959), and Karl King interview and concert (1971); approximately 5,000 news negatives used by the Des Moines station, 1954–1960s; 468 photos of Iowa communities featured in the station's "Moments In . . ." series, ca. 1975. DM.

Published Materials


Fremont County, Iowa, by Fremont County Heritage Book Committee. Dallas, TX: Taylor Publishing Co., 1996. 458 pp. IC, DM.


Reminiscences of Newcastle, Iowa, 1848: A History of the Founding of Webster City, Iowa, by Sarah Brewer-Bonebright, as told to Harriet Bonebright-Closz. Des Moines: Historical Department of Iowa, 1921. xvii, 307 pp. DM.


