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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)

Legislative Service Bureau. Legislative Interim Study Committee minutes and reports. 1991-1992. 13 ft.
State Fair Board. Iowa State Fair Photographs. 1900-1993. 7 ft.

Manuscripts and Records

Atlee, Samuel. Diary, 1911. One vol. “Motor trips” journal detailing the automobile travels of Samuel Atlee (and/or his wife) of Ft. Madison through Iowa and Illinois. Entries provide information about destinations, accompanying passengers, road conditions, weather, etc. IC.
Barringer, Lyman. Diaries, account records, and travel log kept by a Palo Alto County farmer, 1870-1896. 9 vols. DM.
Duncan, Jason K. “Tammany Farmer: Al Smith and the 1928 Presidential Campaign in Iowa.” Student paper, University of Iowa, 1996. 32 pp. IC.
Farwell, Mary. “Businessman Americanus: C. Lamb and Sons, Inc.” Manuscript relating to a lumber company in Clinton. 1996. 34 pp. IC.
Fletcher, Merna Irene. Diaries, 1926–1947 (not inclusive). 3 vols. Diaries of school teacher who worked in various places around the country, including Illinois, Oregon, Idaho, and Cedar Falls, Iowa. Entries discuss her teaching experiences, travel, social activities, friends and family, etc. IC.

Friends of Old Brick, Inc. Records, ca. 1975–1983. 1 ft. Records of group that organized to preserve and eventually purchase “Old Brick” Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. Includes meeting minutes, fundraising efforts, correspondence, flyers, newsclippings, and financial statements. IC.

Hoover Birthplace Grange, No. 2224. Records, ca. 1933–1954. 1 ft. Correspondence, meeting minutes, account books, membership records, National Grange materials, and miscellaneous Grange artifacts. IC.

Johnson County. Records, ca. 1867–1882. 1 vol., holograph. Justice of the Peace record book last kept by Eli Dickey listing and describing court cases and verdicts rendered (also contains two pages of recipes and four pages of farm-related notes). IC.

Keith Furnace Company. 75th anniversary album of the Keith Furnace Co. of Des Moines, containing product ads, promotional brochures, letters, and photographs. 1888–1972. DM.

Mississippi River Parkway. 3 blueprint maps showing the proposed Mississippi River Parkway, also known as the Great River Road, ca. 1961. DM.

Pammel, L. H. Addition to collection: information gathered by Professor L. H. Pammel for a history of Iowa State College, ca. 1922. 5 ft. DM.


Stille, Karolina (Gabelmann). Diaries, 1920–1921. 2 vols., holograph, and transcriptions. Diaries of farm woman near Clarksville, in Butler County, detailing farm and family life, social activities, and travels. IC.

Stronks, James E. Diaries and papers, 1911–1984. 3 ft. Diaries, business records, and miscellaneous papers of prominent Iowa Citian who was employed as a sales manager for a company selling a single-volume encyclopedia, The Volume Library. Stronks was also active in civic affairs and fundraising projects, and served on the SHSI board of curators. Entries in the thirty diary volumes describe his work experiences, civic activities, travel, local history, friends and family, national and international news, the University of Iowa, etc. IC.

Weber, Irving B. Papers, ca. 1920–1996. Ca. 20 ft. Research files of Iowa City’s official historian, including correspondence, drafts of articles, books, photographs, newsclippings, etc. relating to Iowa City, Johnson County, and University of Iowa history. IC.

Audio-Visual

Iowa Manufacturing Co. (and Iowa Steel & Iron Works). 120 black-and-white photographs, 52 color photographs, 51 negatives, ca. 1964–1990s. Images document the business activities of the Iowa Manufacturing Co. (and Iowa Steel & Iron Works) of Cedar Rapids, including the manufacturing plant operations, specific buildings being erected in Cedar Rapids, company employees (including the company basketball team), etc. IC.
The Iowa Story. Four reels of 16 mm film, ca. 1963–1965. Only known surviving films of project sponsored by Iowa Power & Light Co. of Cedar Rapids (105 five-minute historical vignettes were originally created for TV broadcasts statewide). The reels are titled “Bily Clocks,” “Cooper Shop,” “Blacksmith” (shop in Iowa City), and “Country Store.” IC.

Kent, Fred W. 41 photographs, 1915–1918 and 1955. Addition to collection: photographs by Fred Kent depicting Iowa City and surrounding area, including flooding on Iowa River, canoeing, boathouses, bird’s eye views of University of Iowa and Iowa City, and nature scenes. IC.

World War I. Two panoramic view of the 14th Infantry, Camp Dodge, 1918. DM.

Published Materials


Men to Remember: How 100,000 Neighbors Made History, as told by Kenneth D. Ruble. [Chicago?: n.p.], 1947. xv, 318 pp. IC.


