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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 manuscripts, audio-visual materials, and published materials recently acquired or newly processed that we think might be of interest to the readers of the *Annals of Iowa*. 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


American Association of University Women, Keokuk Branch. Additions to records, 1923–2005. 2 ft. Includes minutes of meetings, history, news clippings, certificates, and awards. IC.

American Association of University Women, Muscatine Branch. Additions to records, 1978–2001. ½ ft. Includes minutes of meetings, financial records, and membership information. IC.

Angel, Jim. “Railroading.” Manuscript detailing a life working for the Milwaukee Road and Chicago and North Western in Iowa, late 1940s–1950s. 46 pp. IC.

Bridgman family. Papers, 1855–1890. ½ ft. Family letters, biographical material, photographs, and engravings relating to Keokuk family. IC.

Coffman, Virgil S. Papers, 1930s–1960s. ½ ft. 37 farm account books and related records, including tax and livestock receipts from a farmer near South English. IC.


Daughters of American Revolution, Mercy Otis Chapter, Des Moines. Additions to records, 1926–1967. 4 ft. Includes minutes of meetings, scrapbooks, and membership records. IC.


Denison, Jesse W. Papers, 1854–1870s. ½ ft. Materials of this Iowa businessman, Baptist minister, and politician who, as an agent of the Providence West-
ern Land Company (Rhode Island), helped settle Crawford County and founded the county seat that bears his name. Collection contains memoranda books, correspondence, deeds, contracts, and some financial documentation related to a soap works he operated at one time. DM.

Goosetown Neighborhood, Iowa City. Papers, 1863–2000. 3 ft. Research files created by Marybeth Slonneger, including articles, nomination forms for National Register of Historic Places, photographs, maps, correspondence, certificates, and Goosetown Project files. IC.

Iowa Council for Social Studies. Additions to Records, ca. 1920–2003. 3 ft. Includes newsletters, membership, correspondence, reports, etc. IC.

Iowans Care for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, Inc. Records, 1968–1979. Materials created and compiled by this organization, which originated as the Iowa affiliate of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, and incorporated in 1970 with the stated purpose of securing humane treatment for American prisoners of war. Collection includes literature and decals disseminated by Iowans Care and other activist groups to raise awareness of their cause; a run of The Voice of POWs and MIAs, a newsletter published by Voices in Vital America; and news clippings documenting the organization’s activities and providing updates on Iowa soldiers who were imprisoned and missing. DM.

Krahling, George Henry. Papers, 1917–1918. ½ ft. Correspondence, including about 50 letters describing military service in World War I. Also discharge papers, biographical information, and two photographs. IC.

Matill, Henry. Papers, 1918. 1 vol. and 20 letters. Diary kept by Matill while he was in the army during World War I and letters sent home from Europe to his family. IC.

The Memorial Society of the Iowa River Valley. 1 folder, 1980s–2003. Pamphlets, instructions, forms, and newsletter of society formed to provide information and advice to those who have had a death in their family. IC.

Moeller, Leslie and Dorothy. Papers, 1852–1995. 20 ft. Original documents, letters, writings, photographs, genealogy, books, newspaper clippings, etc., related to their life and work at the University of Iowa and as newspaper editors in Waverly. The papers span multiple generations, including the Zentner, Mumby, and Wilson families. IC.

Music Study Club of Iowa City. Additions to records, 1990–2005. ½ ft. Minutes of meetings, treasurer’s reports, publicity notebooks, and various papers and articles. IC.

Nagel Music Club (Des Moines). Records, 1930s–1976. ¼ ft. Minutes and scrapbook of this women’s music appreciation club founded by former pupils of Frank Nagel, pianist, composer, and former dean of the Highland Park College of Music and Oratory (Des Moines). DM.

Phelps, Fred Otto. Papers, 1967–1968. 1 ft. Letters written by Fred Phelps while serving as a nurse in Vietnam, to parents and friends. Also news clippings, photographs, and 15 open reel tapes. IC.
Pilgrim, Doris. Papers, 1975–1980s. 1 ft. Papers of a Clinton woman relating to Republican women, efforts to pass Equal Rights Amendment, a national women’s political caucus, etc. IC.

Shauck, Cornelius. Day book, 1858–1873. Record kept by Shauck, millwright and proprietor of the Hartford Flouring Mills, Warren County. Included are itemized business accounts, some of which detail materials and labor involved in constructing several mills and a schoolhouse; recipes for paints, stains, and varnishes; domestic accounts; and several poems of unknown authorship. DM.

Sergeant, Van Buren Whipple. Papers, 1890s. Photocopy of 36-page typescript, photos, obituary, etc. Civil War reminiscences of a Clayton County enlistee who later moved to Pocahontas County, where he died. IC.

Rust, J. Bradley. Addition to papers, 1940–1991. 812 sheets of architectural plans for buildings in Independence, Lamont, Iowa City, Eldora, Union, Mapleton, and Coralville. IC.

Stuart, William W. 61 diaries, 1909–1970. 5 ft. Diaries kept by Des Moines electrical engineer and patent holder William W. Stuart, who began recording daily entries while training at the Westinghouse Electric Company in Pittsburgh, and continued the practice until the day before his death in 1970. Content includes technical information related to his work, as well as commentary on his leisure activities in Des Moines. DM.

University Club. Additions to records, 1999–2004. ½ ft. Includes yearbooks, reports, newsletters, obituaries, photographs, correspondence, bylaws, and official seal. IC.

Audio-Visual Materials

Corso family. 14 reproductions of black-and-white photographs, ca. 1900–1910. Includes views of business and portraits of Corso family members who ran a grocery and fruit stand in Iowa City. IC.


Fort Dodge Creamery (Rosedale Dairy). One digital video disk obtained from 16mm, black-and-white film (with audio), ca. 1950. 5 minutes. Promotional film segment showing operations at the Rosedale Dairy (Fort Dodge), including packaging of ice cream and Eskimo Pie® ice cream bars. Footage introduced and narrated by Edward J. Breen, owner of Fort Dodge’s KVFD radio and KQTV television stations. DM.

Hamburg, Iowa. 1 black-and-white photograph of entire student body during 1937–38 school year on steps in front of high school; and 79 colored postcards and ephemera for Hamburg high school, ca. 1907–1940. IC

Ida Grove, Iowa. 40 black-and-white photographs, ca. 1900–1920s. Studio portraits, courthouse views, and buildings in Ida Grove. IC.
Iowa stereographs. Reproductions of 81 Iowa stereographs, 1 carte-de-visite, 1 tintype, and 7 cabinet cards, ca. 1865–1900. Collected by Paul C. Juhl. IC.

Keating, Irene. 10 black-and-white photographs, ca. 1916–1956. Reproduced from Irene Keating scrapbook relating to public health, State Hygienic Lab, and Oakdale Campus, University of Iowa. IC.

Marken, DeLoss. Two digital video disks obtained from videocassette version of 16mm, color and black-and-white film (with added audio). 2 hours, 50 minutes. Footage taken by Chaplain DeLoss Marken while serving with the 34th Infantry Division during World War II, documenting troop activities and local conditions in Ireland, England, North Africa, and Italy. DM.

McDonald, Bob. 14,000 color photographs and matching 35mm negatives. Views of Iowa City, 1995–2005. Depict building exteriors, parks, green spaces, community events, signs, and other topics. Also photos of county courthouses and various Iowa towns. IC.

Red Bull Division, 34th Infantry Division. 1 videocassette, 2002. Program about Red Bull Division: 34th Infantry Division, made up of Iowa men engaged in the European theater during World War II. Black-and-white, 29 minutes. IC.

Restoring Fire. 1 DVD, 2005. Purpose is to focus attention on the growing problem of dangerous conditions in Iowa’s wild land/urban interface. IC.

Souvenir Folder of the Tri-Cities. Ca. 1920s. Booklet of fold-out postcard-sized color illustrations of various landmarks in the Tri-Cities area (Davenport, Rock Island, and Moline), including street scenes, notable landmarks, Monkey Island, etc. By Hickey Bros, Davenport. IC.

Talle, Henry O. One digital video disk obtained from 16mm, black-and-white film (no audio), August 24, 1957. 5 minutes. Footage showing Iowa Congressman Henry O. Talle at the decommissioning ceremony for the U.S.S. Iowa (IV) at the U.S. Navy Yards, Norfolk, Virginia. Talle, a U.S. Navy veteran of World War I, is shown meeting the ship’s Captain Julian Becton, reviewing the Marine honor guard, addressing the crowd, and touring the ship. DM.

Wettach, A. M. Additions to collection: 17,228 black-and-white photographs and negatives, 1930s–1950s, depicting agricultural scenes and various subjects in Iowa and other states. IC.

Theaters of Iowa City. 1 DVD, 2005. Program on the history of the movie theater experience in Iowa City, produced by University of Iowa students Ben Hill, Emily Light, and Angie Margis. Color, sound. IC.

Published Materials


Blessed: I’m So Damned Grateful, by Raymond M. Saunders, with Craig R. Saunders. Bloomington, IN: AuthorHouse, 2004. xviii, 544 pp. Memoir by a farmer who spent 92 years on the same farm near Manilla where he was born. IC.


Calendar of the Amana Heritage Society. Amana: Amana Heritage Society, 2004. 2005 calendar includes a timeline of events in Amana history, with each month illustrated by a photograph representing community activities or a significant historical event that took place in that month. DM, IC.


Canals of Mid-America, by Leslie C. Swanson. [Moline, IL, 1964.] 42 pp. DM, IC.


Comments on the Plan for Sectioning Classes on the Basis of Ability, by C. E. Shore. N.p., n.d. 8 pp. IC.


Dinosaurs in Iowa. Iowa City: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Geological Survey Bureau. Pamphlet. IC.


Eugene Cowles Law Briefs: Iowa Supreme Court. N.p., 1873–1879. IC.

The Extra Session and Its Benefits, by H. W. Byers. Des Moines: State Printer, 1897. 8 pp. IC.


Geologic Sources of Historic Stone Architecture in Iowa. Iowa City: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Geological Survey Bureau, 2001. IC.


History of Iowa Society, Daughters of the American Colonists. N.p., 1952. DM.


How to Plant and Grow a Garden. Shenandoah: Earl May Seed Co., n.d. 31 pp. DM.


Iowa Bird Study, prepared by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Des Moines: Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources, [1989?]. 16 pp. DM, IC.


The Judicial Recall: President’s Address, by Charles G. Saunders. 1912. 27 pp. DM.


Landscape Features of Iowa. Iowa City: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Geological Survey Bureau, 2001. IC.


Meteors that Struck Iowa. Iowa City: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Geological Survey, 2002. IC.


The National Thresherwomen Cook Book. Van Wert, OH: The National Thresherwomen, 1954. 132 pp. IC.


Port of Burlington Historical Mural, Burlington, Iowa, by Lyle Magneson. N.p., n.d. 31 pp. IC.

The Ragan Lectures. [Dubuque: Grand Opera House, 1890?.] Pamphlet promoting a series of travel lectures by H. H. Ragan at the Grand Opera House in Dubuque. IC.


The Twenty-Second. N.p., n.d. Civil War regimental history of the U.S. Army’s 22nd Iowa Infantry Regiment, reprinted from the Iowa State Press, 9/10/1890. IC.


U.S. Infantry Tactics: For the Instruction, Exercise, and Manœuvres of the United States Infantry, including Infantry of the Line, Light Infantry, and Riflemen, Prepared under the direction of the War Department, and authorized and adopted by the Secretary of War, May 1, 1861. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1861. 450 pp. DM.


Water Forms of Iowa. Iowa City: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Geological Survey Bureau, 2001. IC.