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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, Iowa Division. Additions to Records, ca. 1987–2006. 4 ft. Includes minutes, directories, programming, newsletters, awards, and information on the Iowa Education Equity Council & Iowa Roundtable on Education Equality, and ERA Coalition project. Also National publications and convention information, plaques, and videocassettes, “Voices for Choices.” IC.

Davis, Merle O. Papers, 1927–2005. 5 ft. Research files on Iowa labor history, including articles from Iowa and midwestern newspapers, United Mineworkers’ Journal, and various labor newspapers with articles relating to Iowa. IC.

Davis, Merle O. Additions to Papers, 1938. ¼ ft. Materials relating to 1938 strike at Swift & Co. meatpacking plant in Sioux City, Iowa, including correspondence, list of workers and job classes, wage rates, etc. IC.

Davis, Merle O. Additions to Papers, 1956. ¼ ft. Materials relating to 1956 strike at Swift & Co. meatpacking plant in Sioux City, Iowa, including list of employees and pay rates, publicity from company, clippings from Sioux City newspapers, lists of employees with job classifications, telegram from company regarding strike; report on incidents during strikes by Swift’s “chief of police,” plus daily reports naming people on strike picket line and their schedule. IC.

Davis, Merle O. Additions to Papers, 1840s-1880s. ½ ft. Includes various documents and letters written to and from Iowa: 1) Memoranda Book, 1883–1884, kept by Marshall County, Iowa, farmer of expenses, etc.; 2) Letter, 1849, from John Scott of Garnavillo, Iowa, requesting store; 3) Letter, 1859, from E. G. Barber in northeast Iowa regarding price of land; 4) Letter, 1866, from “Lisa” in Albia, Iowa, after several months of living in Albia; 5) Letter, 1867, from Henry Mire of Keosauqua, Iowa, to his mother regarding purchase of land and coal mine; 6) Letter, 1876, from Mary Higgens of Tiffin, Iowa, regarding family trip to local coal mine; 7) Letter, 1882, from “Aaron” of Neola, Iowa, to sister and brother about family matters; 8) Letter, 1873, from brother “Eugene” in Burlington, Iowa, to my dear “Smith” (he was a salesman selling whiskey around Iowa and Missouri); 9) Letter, 1859, from James Dreper of Ottumwa, Iowa, to G. W. Dreper, telling about the farm in Iowa and selling coal to Burlington and Missouri Railroad. IC.
Davis, Merle O. Additions to Papers, 1986. ½ ft. Unemployed, A Bored [Board] Game for 2–6 players Age 10 through Retired. Published by Bummer Brothers, copyright Peter G. Stiefel, Burlington, Iowa. IC.

Dougher, Rich and Woodburn (Des Moines). Architectural drawings and files, 1923–1947. Documentation from 24 Iowa projects completed by this firm, which specialized in design of public and semi-public buildings. Includes plans for schools, churches, a hospital, and a Masonic temple. DM.

Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO. Additions to Records, 1995–2006. 13 ft. Materials include daily files and communications. IC.


South Central Federation of Labor. Additions to Records, 1995–2006. 1 ft. IC.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1835. Records, ca. 1912–2000. Records of union in Waterloo, Iowa, includes minutes of meetings, financial records, membership lists, photographs, political broadside, apprenticeship training manual, scaffold building books, promotional pens and pencils, stickers, videotapes for training, lapel pin, book, certificates, community service information, conference materials, cap with local union logo, panorama of 33rd national convention, dues records, contracts and agreements, retirement records, etc. IC.

Women’s Auxiliary to the National Postal Transport Association (Des Moines). Two scrapbooks, 1958–1962. Materials compiled by this group (previously named the Women’s Auxiliary to the Railway Mail Association) to record activities of individual railway mail workers and their local union. Scrapbooks include a number of newsletters of Des Moines Local 64-T of the United Federation of Postal Clerks. DM.

Audio-Visual Materials

Anderson, Waldo. Photograph album, ca. 1920–1930. 1 vol. (ca. 144 black-and-white photographs). Photograph album of college days at the University of Iowa and subsequent teaching experience in Iowa. IC.

Friends of the Iowa Judiciary. Oral history interview on digital video disk, December 15, 2005. Honorable Mark McCormick (Ft. Dodge) discusses his experiences as Iowa Supreme Court Justice (1972–1986), his work in private practice and other regional court jurisdictions, and his general philosophies on the interpretation and practice of law. DM.

Garrison, Iowa. 13 black-and-white photographic postcards, ca. 1910–1911. Views in and around Garrison, including photos showing aftermath of a Rock Island train wreck on April 11, 1910, and destruction caused by a 1911 fire. DM.
Golz, Richard A. Photographs, ca. 1960s–1990s. 1,236 color slides. Aerial views and scenes of Bloody Run, Iowa parks, general Iowa ecology, Elkader, Waterloo, Clayton County, and vacation trips. IC.

Meskwaki Films. 3 films, ca. 1960–1970, transferred to DVD format: The Red Earth People, 16mm, black-and-white, sound, 30 minutes; Home for the Weekend, 16mm, color, sound, 14 minutes; and regular 8mm and Super 8 compilation of home movies of powwows, color, silent, 20 minutes. IC.

Meskwaki Photographs. 27 original black-and-white photographs of Meskwaki Indians, ca. 1900–1905. Includes studio portraits and informal snapshots of Meskwaki on the streets of Tama, etc., originally owned by Arthur Selzer. IC.

Treptow, Leland Earl (Sgt.). Scrapbook, 1942–1945. Compiled photographs, letters, ephemera, and original poems documenting Sgt. Treptow’s military service with the 3943rd Quartermaster Truck Company, a unit assigned to the U.S. Army’s Persian Gulf Command. DM.

Witt, William. Photographs, 1976–2003. Ca. 2,000 color transparencies and slides of scenes and activities around Iowa, shot for The Iowan magazine, including Hotel Manning, polka fest, Sturgis Falls Days, Mechanicsville, Czech museum, various business and corporate photos such as Mighty M Corporation in Peosta and American Popcorn Company in Sioux City. IC.

Published Materials


Conserving Iowa’s Prehistoric Heritage, by Marshall McKusick. N.p., n.d. 5 pp. IC.

Constitutional Limitations and Their Observance, by Charles M. Harl. [Waterloo?: Iowa State Bar Association?, 1908]. 22 pp. DM.


Council-Manager Government in Iowa, by Clayton L. Ringgenberg. Iowa City: Institute of Public Affairs of the State University of Iowa in cooperation with the League of Iowa Municipalities, 1953. 96 pp. DM, IC.

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Farm on the Hill, by Madeline Darrough Horn; illustrated by Grant Wood. New York: C. Scribner’s Sons, 1936. 76 pp. Fiction. DM, IC.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Custer Battle, 1876–1926. [Sheridan, WY]: National Custer Memorial Assoc., 1926. 78 pp. IC.


Final Report [of the Iowa Legislative Processes Study Committee]. [Des Moines, 1968.] 27 pp. DM.


Forms of Municipal Government Available in Iowa, by Mary Osborne Bryant. [Iowa City]: Institute of Public Affairs, University of Iowa, [1969]. 12 pp. DM.


Growing up Danish: Memories of Life in Rural Iowa during the 1920’s, 30’s and Beyond, by Elna M. Petersen. Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse, 2005. 365 pp. DM.


Hildebrand, by Louis P. Brown. Des Moines, 1927. 18 pp. Poem by Iowa author. DM.


How Students Understand the Past: From Theory to Practice, by M. Elaine Davis. Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press, 2005. x, 189 pp. DM.

I Am a Man: The Indian Black Hawk, by Cyrenus Cole. Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa, 1938. 312 pp. DM, IC.


Iowa Historic Property Study: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Bridge No. 89 Over the Raccoon River, City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, by Jan Olive Nash. [Iowa City: Tallgrass Historians, L.C., 2005.] 55 pp. DM, IC.


Iowa Manual of Legislative Procedure, compiled under the direction of Benjamin F. Shambaugh. [Des Moines?): State of Iowa, 1917. 223 pp. DM, IC.

The Iowa Unified Court System, by Jerry Beatty et al. N.p., 1974. 76 pp. DM.


Let’s Look at the Record, by Thomas R. Amlie. Madison, WI: Capital City Press 1950. 612 pp. Records how all of the “present” (in 1950) members of the U.S. Congress have voted on 666 key roll call votes IC.


New Guide to Health; Or, Botanic Family Physician, Containing a Complete System of Practice upon a Plan Entirely New, with a Description of the Vegetables Made Use of, and Directions for Preparing and Administering Them to Cure Disease . . . , by Samuel Thomson. 9th ed. Columbus, OH: J. Pike, 1833. 229 pp. IC.

No Hands – No Feet, No Problem?: Don Lund’s Story, by Don Lund and Brian Fleck. [Martinsville, IN]: Bookman, 2005. x, 116 pp. IC.


Prohibition Platform. Chicago: Prohibition National Committee, [1888?]. 4 pp. IC.


Rand, McNally & Co’s Indexed County and Township Pocket Map and Shippers’ Guide of Iowa: Accompanied by a New and Original Compilation and Ready Reference Index, Showing in Detail the Entire Railroad System, the Express Company Doing Business Over Each Road, and Accurately Locating All Cities, Towns, Post Offices, Railroad Stations, Villages, Counties, Islands, Lakes Rivers, etc. Chicago and New York: Rand, McNally & Co., 1895. IC.


Retrieving the Master’s Degree from the Dustbin of History: A Report to the Members of the American Historical Association, Prepared for the AHA Committee on the Master’s Degree in History, by Philip M. Katz. [Washington, DC]: American Historical Association, 2005. 88 pp. IC.


Roswell Garst, the Innovator, [by Hiram M. Drache]. Coon Rapids: Garst and Thomas Hybrid Corn Co., [1979?]. 39 pp. A chapter reprinted from Beyond the Furrow, by Hiram M. Drache. IC.


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“So I’m Talkin’ to This Guy,” by Rob Borsellino. Des Moines: Des Moines Register, 2005. 262 pp. DM, IC.


US Route 30, Lincoln Highway Corridor Management Plan, Iowa, produced by the Department of Landscape Architecture, Iowa State University. [Ames: Iowa Dept. of Transportation], 2005. 2 vols. DM, IC.


Variety Is the Spice of Life: The Autobiography of Georgia Bay Robertson. N.p., [1983?]. 245 pp. Robertson recounts stories of her youth on a farm in Van Buren County, her teaching experiences (in a rural school near Keosauqua, in China, at Iowa State University, and elsewhere), and family affairs. DM.


Wild Flowers of Pinicon Ridge Park. [Cedar Rapids: Linn County Conservation Board, 1969]. v, 62 pp. IC.

