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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 particular 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


Chapman, Philo Judson. Papers, 1855–1866. 3 Civil War diaries by Philo Judson Chapman and hundreds of letters by him and his wife, Sarah Florence Taylor. Chapman was a musician with the Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. IC.

Fuller, Jared and Sarah. Correspondence, 1854–1884. ¼ ft. Letters of a Fort Dodge family, including Civil War correspondence of Jared Fuller (11th Pennsylvania Cavalry), and letters from the couple’s son written during his travels to Colorado and New Mexico in pursuit of gold. DM.

Peterson, Carl T. and Bertha. Records, 1931–1978. 1 ft. Agricultural records of a couple who farmed at rural Graettinger and Ruthven. Includes documentation kept as part of the USDA Farm Security Administration Program and accounting records prepared with forms provided through the Iowa State University extension service and local county co-operatives. DM.

Rigler, Robert. Papers, 1968. 2 ft. Addition to collection. Primarily materials related to this Iowa legislator’s work as chairman of the Iowa “Nixon for President” Committee, 1968. DM.

Sage Family Collection. Papers, 1844–2000. 4 ft. Copies of farm journals and diaries of five generations of the Horatio Sage family of Black Hawk County, 1844–2000; and a history of Rainbow Farms, Inc., prepared by James Sage, which traces the use of the family’s farmland from 1854 to 2000. DM.

Sivil-Langwith Collection. Papers, ca. 1830–1906. 3 ft. Letters, miscellaneous documents, and photographs related to the Sivil and Langwith families and other individuals who came to Lee County in 1845 as members of the British Emigrant Mutual Aid Society and established what became known as the “English Colony.” Also includes publications and papers related to the colony collected by the donor. DM.

Steele, Mildred R. Romedahl Family History in 15 volumes, 1800s–1998. Original source documents, photographs, letters, writings, and genealogies. IC.
Stephens’ Ancestors Adventures. Papers, 1850–1980s. Narratives including L. B. Cocklin’s escape from a Confederate prison camp during the Civil War; John Rothlisberger’s escape with the aid of the Balkan Underground after being shot down during World War II; the Stephens Party’s travels to the California gold fields in 1850–1853; and Gene Stephens’s writings. IC.


Audio-Visual

Baker, Anna May. 23 black-and-white photographs, ca. 1920s. Snapshots and photo postcards by Baker showing views of Rolfe and the aftermath of cyclone damage in Des Moines, 1923. DM.

Bristol, Mabel. 1 photograph album; 17 black-and-white photographs, 1918–1951. Photos related to Bristol’s employment at the Iowa Board of Control of State Institutions, including candid photos of coworkers in the workplace, on field outings, and at social functions. DM.


Published Materials

Note: Once per year, in the Fall issue, we will list separately in this section all of the books processed since the last such listing about specific locales (towns or counties), churches, and schools, listed alphabetically by town. Full publication data will be included for local histories; only the names of churches and schools and the years covered will be included for church and school histories.

Local Histories


Iowa City. Iowa City Jaycees Community Opinion Survey. Iowa City, [1967]. IC.

Iowa City. The Old Stone Capital Remembers: One Hundred Years of History, 1839–1939: The Iowa City Centennial in Pageant and Pictures. Iowa City: Athens Press, 1939. DM.


Johnson County. Shadows Eastward Thrown: Recollections of the Sixties in Johnson County, by John Springer. Iowa City, 1925. 20 pp. IC.

Keosauqua. Keosauqua, Iowa: Beautiful Town of the Lower Des Moines Valley. [Keosauqua, 1942?]. IC.


Richland. Oldest Town in Keokuk County, Richland, Iowa. [Richland: Richland Bi-Centennial Committee], 1976. 200 pp. IC.


Taylor County. Taylor County Almanac for 1874. Bedford: W. W. Clark, [1873?]. IC.


Webster County. *Ethnic History of Webster County,* by Roger B. Natte. [Fort Dodge]: Webster County Historical Society, 2001. 13 pp. IC.


West Union. *This is Union-Land.* West Union, 1975. 48 pp. IC.


**Church Histories**

Atlantic. Peace Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1887–1947. IC.

Baxter. Bethany Reformed Church, Dedication, 1951. IC.

Boone County. Swede Valley [Lutheran] Church, 1868–1928. IC.

Buffalo Center. First German Reformed Church, 1893–1993. IC.

Burlington. First Evangelical Church, Dedication, 1926. IC.

Burlington. St. Luke Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dedication, 1950. IC.

Calumet. Zion’s Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1892–1942. IC.

Coggon. Coggon Christian Church, 1866–1991. IC.

Coggon. Zion Presbyterian Church, 1868–1993. IC.

Coralville. Evangelical Free Church of Coralville, Dedication, 1953. IC.

Creston. St. John’s Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1878–1948. IC.

Denver. St. Paul’s Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1862–1947. IC.

Des Moines. St. Anthony’s Church, 1906–1981. IC.

Farmington. Farmington United Methodist Church, 1886–1986. IC.

Fayette. First Methodist Church, 1850–1950. IC.

Fertile. Fertile Lutheran Church, 1874–1999. IC.

Flint River Township, Des Moines County. St. John’s Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dedication, 1949. IC.

Fort Dodge. First Presbyterian Church, 1950–2000. IC.

Geneva. St. Peter’s Evangelical Church, 1850–1950. IC.

Griswold. St. John’s Evangelical Church, 1877–1934. IC.

Hartley. Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1899–1949. IC.

Iowa City. Christ the King Lutheran Church, Dedication, 1976. IC.
Lake Mills. Winnebago Lutheran Church, 1865–1990. IC.
Lakota. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1891–1991. IC.
Latimer. Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dedication, 1949. IC.
Lockridge Township, Jefferson County. New Sweden Chapel, 1851–1977. IC.
Lourdes. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1926–2001. IC.
Lowden. Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1863–1948. IC.
Mallard. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1893–1993. IC.
Mapleton. St. Peter’s Evangelical Church, 1919–1944. IC.
Marengo. St. Paul’s Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dedication, 1950. IC.
Massena. St. Peter’s Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1890–1940. IC.
Melbourne. St. John Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1888–1938. IC.
Oskaloosa. First Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1906–1939. IC.
Pella. First Reformed Church, Dedication, 1954. IC.
Pomeroy. First Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1879–1954. IC.
Preston. St. John’s Lutheran Church, 1890–1990. IC.
Primrose. Zion’s Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1871–1946. IC.
Radcliffe. Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 1893–1993. IC.
Randall. Elim Lutheran Church, 1868–1993. IC.
Rembrandt. Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 1868–1993. IC.
Saylorville: Saylorville Methodist Episcopal Church, Saylorville Community Church, and Saylorville Baptist Church. DM.
Sioux City. St. Marks Lutheran Church, 1956–2000. IC.
Sioux City. St. Thomas Episcopal Church and Weare Chapel, 1892–1992. IC.
Waukon. Salem Reformed Church, 1895–1945. IC.
Wellman. Wellman Mennonite Church, 1906–1986. IC.
West Branch. St. Bridget Church, 1894–1994. IC.
West Des Moines. West Des Moines Christian Church, 1890–1990. IC.
Westside. St. John’s Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1894–1944. IC.
Wheatland. St. Pauls Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1861–1936. IC.
Whitter. Whitter Friends Meetinghouse, 1893–1993. IC.
Wilton. Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church and Peace Evangelical Church, 1860–1935. IC.
Zwingle. Harmony Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1851–1951. IC.