New on the Shelves

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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

Abraham, Cora. Papers, 1950–1951. 1 1/2 ft. Materials of this Mount Pleasant resident related to her activities as president of the Iowa Department of the American Legion Women’s Auxiliary, including meeting proceedings, a scrapbook, and copies of the Iowa Legionnaire newsletter. DM.

Civil War Scrapbook, 1893–1896. News clippings and articles compiled by Iowa historian Benjamin F. Gue pertaining to Iowa’s involvement in the Civil War, with partial index. DM.

Ducommun, Gilbert. Papers, 1957–1958. 5 ft. Scrapbooks, ephemera, and photographs related to Ducommun’s service with the 8th Army Headquarters Special Troops Detachment in Korea and Japan. DM.

Ecumenical Ministries of Iowa. Records, ca. 1970–2005. 22 ft. Records of this interfaith organization that supported such missions as outreach to rural families in crisis, international peace, racial justice, and responsible stewardship of the environment. Collection includes minutes, planning materials, project files, publications, and audio-visual materials. DM.

Rogers, Elizabeth. Papers, ca. 1973 and mixed dates. 1 ft. Materials collected and prepared by Rogers related to the Icarian colonies at Corning, Iowa, and Nauvoo, Illinois, with an emphasis on architectural and design elements. Includes a copy of her 1973 master’s thesis, “The Housing and Family Life of the Icarian Colonists,” for which much of the documentation was compiled. DM.

Smith, Harriet Estelle. Diary, December 1887–February 1888. Diary kept by 19-year-old Smith of Mason City during a trip (by rail) to California, reflecting her family’s interest in the arts and humanities. Original manuscript is accompanied by the donor’s annotated transcript. DM.

Varley, Andrew. Papers, 1982–1987. 1 1/2 ft. Speeches and supporting documentation for public appearances by Varley while he chaired the Iowa State Utilities Board (Iowa State Commerce Commission), covering such subject matter as nuclear energy and the deregulation of telephone companies. DM.

World War I. 22 broadsides, 1914–1917. Hand-illustrated broadsides made by Washington, Iowa, schoolchildren encouraging monetary contributions to wartime homefront and relief efforts. DM.
Audio-Visual

Drake University. 1 black-and-white photograph, May 8, 1930. Panoramic view showing faculty and students of Drake University. DM.

Iowa Railroad Commissioners. 1 black-and-white photograph, ca. 1920. Panoramic view showing a group of midwestern states' railroad commissioners at a conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. DM.

Larson, Andrew Orm. 39 glass plate negatives, ca. 1900. Views of Clermont and vicinity, including town scenes and images of threshing, a barnraising, and other rural activities. DM.

World War II. Two photograph albums, 1943–1945. Photos related to activities at the 20th General Hospital at Ledo, Assam, India; and the 32nd Station Hospitals at Tlemcen, Algeria, and Caserta, Italy. DM.

Published Materials

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

Town and County Histories


Boone. *“The City Beautiful.”* Boone: City of Boone, [197-?]. 40 pp. IC.


Cedar Rapids. *Cedar Rapids*. Cedar Rapids: Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, [198-?]. 14 pp. IC.


Council Bluffs. *From Trading Post to Modern City: A Brief History of Council Bluffs, Iowa*, prepared by the fourth-grade social studies teachers, Council Bluffs Public Schools. Council Bluffs: The Schools, 1954. 130 pp. IC.


Dallas County. *History of the Valley*, by Watson Knight. Fort Dodge, [1968?]. 16 pp. IC.


Fort Dodge. * Ft. Dodge New Iowans Pilot Community Workforce Assessment*, by Mark A. Grey and Andrew Conrad. [Cedar Falls]: New Iowans Program, University of Northern Iowa, 2001. 22 pp. IC.


Iowa City. *Houses of Iowa City: Index to Addresses*, compiled by Kevin Scott Burford. Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa, 2003. 43 pp. IC.

Iowa City. *Society Events in Iowa City: Trinity Episcopal Church "Sociables,"* by Loren N. Horton. Iowa City: Trinity Episcopal Church, 2003. 62 pp. IC.


Linn Grove. *[History of Linn Grove]*, n.p., n.d. 25 pp. IC.

Lyon County. *Historical Sketch of Lyon County, Iowa: And a Description of the County and its Resources,* by S. C. Hyde. [Sioux City?]: County Board of Supervisors, 1873. 40 pp. DM, IC.


Marshalltown. *Marshalltown New Iowans Pilot Community Assessment: A Report to the Marshalltown New Iowans Pilot Community Steering Committee.* [Cedar Falls]: New Iowans Program, University of Northern Iowa, 43 pp. IC.

Mason City. *Mason City New Iowans Pilot Community Assessment: A Report to the Mason City New Iowans Pilot Community Steering Committee,* by Mark A. Grey. [Cedar Falls]: New Iowans Program, University of Northern Iowa, 2001. 27 pp. IC.


Maxwell. “*As It Was Written.*” [Maxwell?]: Community Historical Society, [1976]. 96 pp. Includes the surrounding area, including the towns of Baxter, Collins, Farrar, Peoria, Iowa Center, and Mingo. IC.


School Histories


Fairfield School, Jackson County. *Fairfield #1 School: Also Known as Lone Pine and the Beck School*, by Donald B. Wentworth and the North Bend Writers’ Group. N.p., 2003. ca. 125 pp. DM, IC.


Iowa State University. *The Iowa State College: Chronology of Important Events of the First 100 Years*, compiled by Dorothy Kehlenbeck. Ames: The Library, 1958. 23 pp. DM, IC.

Iowa State University. *A Memorial of William Miller Beardshear, President of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, 1891-1902*, compiled by Isaac A. Loos. Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa, 1902. 38 pp. DM, IC.


University of Iowa. *Statement to the Architectural Selection Committee of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa for Architectural and Engineering Services for Lindquist Center for Measurement Phase II*, [Cedar Rapids]: Brown Healey Bock, 1976. DM.


Church Histories

Cedar Rapids. Grace Episcopal Church, 1891-1950. IC.

Cedar Rapids. Saint Wenceslaus Church, 1874-1974. DM.

Decorah. *Decorah Lutheran Church, 1863-1988*, IC.
Des Moines. Central Lutheran Church, 1876–1976. DM.
Des Moines. St. Ambrose Cathedral, 1890–1940. DM, IC.
Des Moines. St. George Greek Orthodox Church. DM.
Des Moines. Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1854–1954. IC.
Hopkinton. First Presbyterian Church, 1854–1954. IC
Iowa City. Trinity Episcopal Church, Memorials. IC.
Ivy. Centennial United Methodist Church, 1876–1976. IC.
Lowden. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1871–1946. IC.
Lowden. Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1863–1956. IC.
Monticello. St. John’s Lutheran Church, 1864–1964. IC.
Olin. St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1895–1945. IC.
Orchard. First Congregational Church and United Church of Christ, 1877–2003. IC.
Oxford Junction. Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1861–1961. IC.
Rock Island, Illinois. Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1856–1931. IC.
Sioux City. First Presbyterian Church, 1856–1998. IC.
Thor. Ullensvang Lutheran Church, 1872–1972. DM, IC.
Toledo. Fairview Methodist Episcopal Church, Rose Hill Church, and Pleasant Hill Church, 1865–1940. IC.