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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

Asbach, John. Papers, 1864. Four Civil War letters written by German immigrant John Asbach (Decatur County) while serving with Company M of the 3rd Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, and a letter written by Co. M’s Captain George Johnson to Asbach’s father informing him of his son’s death during the Battle of Osage. Translations accompany the letters, which are written in German and broken English. DM.

Civil War. Records, 1863. 11 muster rolls for field, staff, band, and individual companies of the 6th Iowa Infantry, created when the unit was attached to the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, Army of the Tennessee. Rolls cover October 31-December 31 and include notations about regimental activities. DM.

Temple, William A. Two scrapbooks, 1918-1919. 1½ ft. Scrapbooks compiled by Temple while stationed at Gievres, France, with Headquarters Section Detachment #8 of the Army Service Corps’ Engineering Division. Included in the scrapbooks are satirical illustrations, mixed media layouts, and commentary prepared by Temple, who served as a graphic artist for Younker Brothers department store (Des Moines) before and after his service, and helped produce the newspaper “La Croix de Gievres” for his engineering post. DM.

Audio-Visual

Automatic Washer Company (Newton). One digital video disk obtained from 16mm black-and-white film (no audio), 1929. 10 mins. Footage related to the Smiling Thru airplane used by company president H. L. Ogg as his “flying office.” Film shows christening event at Newton; plane’s aerial secretary Katharine McBride, and pilot Wilford Gerbracht; interior of plane with onboard office equipment; washing machines being loaded on plane for express delivery; and film star Gary Cooper, who was transported to his college reunion aboard the Smiling Thru. DM.

Hotels. Seven photographic and lithographic postcards, ca. 1910–1938. Interior and exterior views of the Randolph Hotel (Des Moines) and the Lafayette Inn (Clinton). 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 will be included for local and school histories; only the names of churches and the years covered will be included for church histories.

Local Histories

Appanoose County. The Appanoose County Courthouse Centennial. [Centerville?]: Appanoose Courthouse Centennial Committee, 2004. 47 pp. DM, IC.


Cedar Rapids. Cedar Rapids: Our People, Our Story. [Cedar Rapids]: The Gazette, 2004. IC.


Clayton County. 1856 Census, Clayton County, Iowa, by Bertyln Crouse Johnston. [Des Moines?: Iowa Genealogical Society?], 2005. DM.


Linn County. *Growth Trends*, by the staff of the Department of Planning and Redevelopment under the auspices of the Linn County Regional Planning Commission. 3rd ed. Cedar Rapids: The Commission, 1995. DM.


New Sharon. See Mahaska County.


Storm Lake. *A Pageant: The History of Storm Lake: Time 1870–1921 [microform]*, presented by the Storm Lake Public Schools with the assistance of the people of the town. [Storm Lake?: Pilot Press, 1921]. 32 pp. DM.

Storm Lake. *Storm Lake Chautauqua, July 21–30, 1905: Souvenir Program [microform]*. [Storm Lake], 1905. DM.


Webster City. *Webster City (population 7,024), County Seat of Hamilton County (population 20,978): One of the Best in the State of Iowa*. [Webster City?: Webster City Business Association?, 1936?]. 11 pp. IC.

Church Histories

Bellevue. *First Presbyterian Church, 1858–1983*.

School Histories


Grand Community Schools. See Boxholm Community Schools.


Iowa City City High School. *It's a Great Day to be a Little Hawk!: A History of City High Athletics*, by John Raffensperger. N.p., [2005?]. 168 pp. IC.


