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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

Ankeny, Henry Giese. Papers, 1861–1864. ½ ft. Civil War letters of this Adams County resident written to his wife while serving with Company H of the 4th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Subjects include troop movements, military engagements (Pea Ridge, Helena, Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta), casualties, camp life, and appropriation of civilian property. DM.

Bassett, Thomas C. Papers, 1898. 18 documents and 7 photographs. Materials related to Bassett’s training assignments with Company M of the 52nd Iowa Infantry during the Spanish-American War. DM.

Benner, Mabel (Falls). Papers, 1899–1964. ¼ ft. Journal and scrapbook maintained by this Belle Plaine resident, featuring diary entries from her high school years (1899–1901) and local history clippings and ephemera. DM.

Beymer and Company (Des Moines). Records, 1909–1946. 1½ ft. Sales and accounting records, advertising materials, and photographs of this lighting and heating appliance distributor, which, during its four decades of existence marketed such innovative products as fireproof gas and electric lighting systems and oil-burning heaters for the home. DM.

Brann, Denny. Papers, 1933–1940. ½ feet. Various professional and business materials of this Des Moines pharmacist, past president of the National Association of Retail Druggists, and cofounder of the American College of Apothecaries. In addition to his affiliations with these professional organizations, Brann also served as a director for The Squibb Plan, Inc., a cooperative created by pharmaceutical company E. R. Squibb & Sons (New York). The Brann papers include correspondence, documentation related to the formation of the American College of Apothecaries, ephemera, and several photographs. DM.

Business Women’s Association Foundation (Des Moines). Records, 2005–2008. ½ ft. Addition to the organization’s collection, including minutes, reports, and correspondence. DM.

Central Iowa Mineral Society. Records, 1946 to current. 3½ feet. Records of this regional organization for mineral collectors and enthusiasts, including minutes, newsletters, correspondence, and scrapbooks containing ephemera, clippings, and photographs. DM.
Civic Music Association of Des Moines. Records, 1925 to current. 2 ft. Scrapbooks, event programs, compiled histories, and other materials documenting this organization’s efforts to coordinate and present fine arts performances, educational opportunities, and civic musical resources for the Des Moines community. DM.


Des Moines Rapids Canal (Keokuk). Records, 1878. 5 documents. Appropriation forms itemizing expenses incurred during U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project for “Improving Des Moines [River] Rapids of the Mississippi River,” an outcome achieved by installing a canal that operated from 1877 to 1913. DM.

Gwynne, John W. Papers, ca. 1920–1972. 9½ ft. Documentation of this Waterloo municipal court judge (1920–1926), Black Hawk County Attorney (1929–1934), Republican congressman (1935–1949), and Federal Trade Commission member (1953–1959) and chairman (1955–1959). Includes speeches, authored articles and literature, correspondence, reference materials and publications related to legislation and trade commission cases with which Gwynne was associated, scrapbooks, ephemera, news clippings, photographs, and sound recordings. DM.

Audio-Visual

Civil War portraits. 2 black-and-white photographs and 1 crayon portrait, ca. 1862. Portraits of James Ewing (Co. E, 3rd Iowa Infantry), Captain Wilbur Dimmitt (Co. F, 24th Iowa Infantry), and Ishmael White (Co. H, 2nd Iowa Infantry). DM.

Hamburg, Iowa. 10 black-and-white photographs, 1943. Views showing flooding in the community. DM.


Jackson, Frank D. 1 black-and-white photograph. 1893. Autographed portrait of this Iowa governor from the time of his successful political campaign. DM.

Martin, Thomas E. 41 black-and-white photo negatives, 1955–1959. Publicity photos of this U.S. senator from Iowa taken at a variety of events including civil rights and armed services hearings, and the signing of a U.S.-Israel beef agreement. DM.

Robertson, Andrew Eugene. 7 black-and-white photographs, 1925 and ca. 1925. Images related to Robertson’s work as an inspector with the dairy and food division of Iowa’s State Department of Agriculture. DM.

United Mine Workers of America. 1 black-and-white panoramic photograph, 1911. Attendees of the UMWA meeting at Des Moines. DM.
Published Materials


After the West Was Won: Homesteaders and Town-Builders in Western South Dakota, 1900–1917, by Paula M. Nelson. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 1986. xvi, 220 pp. IC.


“Diversity and Unity: Two Themes in American History,” inaugural lecture of Wesley Frank Craven, George Henry Davis Professor of American History in Princeton University, November 10, 1964. 20 pp. IC.


Gray Fox: Robert E. Lee and the Civil War, by Burke Davis. New York: Rinehart, 1956. 466 pp. DM.


The Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution, by Caroline C. Burbank. Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa, 1904. 18 pp. Reprinted from The Iowa Journal of History and Politics 2 (1904) for the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution. 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 Valley Scenic Byway. Amana: Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau and Welcome Center. 1 folded sheet. IC.


Iowa’s Heritage in Water Pollution Control, including a History of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association, edited by Harris F. Seidel. [Clear Lake: Iowa Water Pollution Control Association, 1974.] x, 613 pp. DM, IC.


Joint Session of the 57th General Assembly of the State of Iowa to Observe the Centennial of the Constitution of 1857, House Chamber, State House, Des Moines, Thursday, March 14, 1957, 11 A.M. [Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa, 1957?]. 24 pp. DM IC.


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To Okinawa and Back during World War Two: The Story of an Iowa Boy Lost in War, by Lyle E. Ebner. N.p., [2005?]. DM.


Traveling Library of Iowa: How to Obtain Books and Rules and Regulations Regarding Their Use. Iowa Library Commission Leaflet no. 5. Des Moines: Iowa Library Commission, [1904?]. DM.


“Wells Fargo Staging over the Sierra,” by W. Turrentine Jackson. From the California Historical Society Quarterly (1970), 99–133. IC.


Whit and Orpha: They Danced All Night, by Ramon D. Hansen. [Carthage, NY: Ramon D. Hansen, 2006.] 227 pp. Account, based on the diary of Whitfield Horatio Needham, 1881–1885, of life as a hired farmhand at various locations in Iowa before settling with his wife in Nebraska. IC.


Workmen’s Compensation and Employers’ Liability Acts. [Des Moines: State of Iowa?], 1913. 33 pp. DM.


