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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**

Art Directors Association of Iowa. Records, 1957–2010. 6 ft. Records of this professional organization for commercial artists, includes minutes, promotional materials, newsletters, and files related to the group’s annual exhibition. DM.

Elliott, James F. Diaries, 1861, 1864. ¼ ft. Civil war diaries of Pvt. Elliott of the 7th Iowa Infantry plus photo and information on his sister, Melcencia Elliott Arnold, a civil war nurse. DM.


Iowa Designer Craftsmen, Inc. Records, 1979–2000. 1 ft. Records of this statewide organization of fine artists working in craft media, includes newsletters, minutes, member directories, exhibition information. DM.

Lewis, George D. Papers, 1941–1945. 17 documents, 14 photographs. Military documents and snapshots of Pvt. George D. Lewis (Des Moines), who served with Co. H of the 405th Infantry, 102nd Division, Ninth Army during World War II. Includes snapshots of the aftermath of the Gardedelen Massacre (April 13, 1945), which the 405th discovered.

Liberty Coal Mining Company (Des Moines). Records, 1925–1926. 3 ft. Monthly pay rolls recording each employee’s pounds of coal per day, earnings, and deductions. May 1925–December 1926. DM.

Midland United Dairy Industry Association. Records, 1976–1999. 8 ft. Records of this organization of dairy producers in Iowa, Missouri, and eastern Kansas, including by-laws, minutes, annual reports, etc. DM.

Miller, Hiram. Correspondence, 1858–1880s. ¼ ft. Correspondence related to the Hiram Miller family, pioneer settlers of Otsego and Oelwein (Fayette County). DM.

Rorer, David. Papers, 1832–1867. 8 documents. Documents of Judge David Rorer (Burlington), including letter exchange with Captain Jacob Brown regarding the Seneca Agency and military roads in Indian Territory, 1832; history of 1st U.S. Dragoons by James C. Parrott, a lieutenant in that regiment, 1867; chapters for a history of preterritorial Iowa; account of Missouri trip, ca. 1861;
and compiled newspaper citations mentioning Rorer and his role in originating the nickname “Hawkeyes” for Iowans. DM.

Spencer, Myra. Papers, 1966–1973. 8 scrapbooks compiled by Myra Spencer (Earlham) related to her son, Lt. Commander Larry H. Spencer, Iowa’s first Vietnam prisoner of war, who was shot down February 18, 1966, over the Gulf of Tonkin. Contains clippings, documents, and photographs. DM.

Audio-Visual Materials

Burnell, Donald. 596 35mm color slides, ca. 1980s–2000s. Slides of one-room schools, covered and iron bridges, historic sites, and remnants and markers of the Mormon Trail. DM.

Des Moines City Railway Company. 4 black-and-white photographs, 1906–1915. Photos of Center Street streetcar, 1906; Urbandale streetcar, 1915; and Des Moines City Railway Band, 1914 and 1915. DM.

Des Moines — Parades. 1 photographic postcard and 11 black-and-white snapshots, ca. 1900–1910. Circus parade on Walnut Street, ca. 1910; snapshots of parade on Court Avenue, ca. 1900. DM.

Kisken, Bob. 102 black-and-white and color digital prints, 2009. Portraits of hobos at the National Hobo Convention in Britt, including former kings and queens of the event. DM.

Webber, Philip. 220 color 35mm slides and 36 color 35mm negatives, 1980s–1990s. Photography documenting landmarks and activities connected with various ethnic and religious groups in Iowa, including African Americans, Hispanics, Scandinavians, Czechs, Swiss, Native Americans, southeast Asians, Indians, and Islamic Americans. DM.

Published Materials


*A Brief History of Alcoholics Anonymous in Dubuque: In Commemoration of 65 Years of A.A. in Dubuque, Iowa.* Dubuque, 2010. 36 pp. IC.

*Crocker’s Brigade,* by Lee Miller. [2009.] xxiii, 760 pp. DM, IC.


“The Effect of Social Inequality on Civil Society Access and Participation in Communities in Rural Iowa,” by Victor Jason Raymond. Ph.D. diss., Iowa State University, 2008. IC.
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1142: The History and Growth of the N. Oakes, Grant Wood, Dr. Pauline Moore, James P. Hayes House: 1142 East Court Street, Iowa City, Iowa, by Richard Alan King. Hiawatha, 2008. iii, 143 pp. DM, IC.


Farm House: College Farm to University Museum, by Mary E. Atherly. 2nd ed. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2009. xi, 250 pp. DM, IC.

Greater Outlook; An Address Delivered on the Occasion of the 51st Annual Commencement of the State University of Iowa by Peter Stenger Grosscup. Des Moines: State Board of Education, 1911. 32 pp. IC.


Historic Scenes by Mildred Pelzer, 1934, by Bob Hibbs. [Iowa City]: Bob Hibbs in association with the Johnson County Historical Society, 2009. 87 pp. DM, IC.


“Iowa, Abiding Place of Plenty: The State Where the Tall Corn Grows Provides the Nation with a Tenth of its Food Supply,” by Leo A. Borah. From National Geographic Magazine 76 (August 1939), 143–82. IC.


Palaces on the Prairie, by Rod Evans. [Fargo]: North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies, North Dakota State University, 2009. iv, 242 pp. IC.


Popular Self-Mastery: The Duty of Lawyers Towards its Promotion; An Address Delivered on the Invitation of the Faculty, Before the Graduating Class of the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, at the Annual Commencement, June 9, 1897, by Hon. Peter S. Grosscup. Iowa City: University of Iowa, 1897. 22 pp. IC.


