Public Archives of Iowa

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Articles on this subject have heretofore been published in the *Annals*, treating of the archives of the offices of Governor, Secretary of State and Auditor of State. In this article is presented similar information upon the office of Treasurer of State.

This department of the government was established January 24, 1839, and designated "Treasurer of the Territory." The office was appointive and the first incumbent was Thornton Bayless, appointed by Governor Lucas. By the provisions of the Constitution of 1846 the department was continued under the title of "Treasurer." This constitution made the office elective and at the next election Morgan Reno was elected. The Constitution of 1857 continued the department under the titular head of "Treasurer of State."

The documents and records of the department mainly pertain to the receipt and disbursement of the revenues of the State. But many of a different character result from legislative changes in the duties of the office. This variety in the duties of the office appears in the classification of the documents.

There are also found in this department many historical documents not classed as public archives. These are mainly letters and documents of temporary commissions, not of statutory character, such as "Johnstown Flood" and "Russian Famine," where the Treasurer’s office has been made the voluntary depository of gratuitous funds.

One of the most important of the additional duties assigned by law to this department is the collection of the collateral inheritance tax. Much material has accumulated in this division since its establishment in 1896. The office of
State Treasurer retains all this under its control for the present, but there was obtained through the courtesy of Mr. Quincy C. Willis, Deputy Treasurer of State, who has been in direct charge of this division of the administrative work for a number of years, information necessary to enable an outline to be made for its classification when transferred to the Historical Department.

OFFICE OF TREASURER OF STATE—CLASSIFICATION.

MAIN DIVISIONS.

Series I Bids.
Series II Bonds.
Series III Certificates.
Series IV Collateral Inheritance Tax.
Series V Contracts, Agreements, etc.
Series VI Correspondence.
Series VII Notices.
Series VIII Orders.
Series IX Reports.
Series X Vouchers.
Series XI Miscellaneous.

SERIES I. BIDS.

Documents.
State Warrants, Purchase of

SERIES II. BONDS.

Documents.
Administrators
Official

SERIES III. CERTIFICATES

Documents.
Bonds
Deposit
Election
Indebtedness
Purchase
School fund, Interest on
Swamp land indemnity
Miscellaneous
SERIES IV. COLLATERAL INHERITANCE TAX.

Bound Records,
- Estates reported, by counties
- Register of estates
- Register of receipts

Documents.
(All documents are filed in the following order under each estate. The estates are arranged in chronological and alphabetical order.)
- Appraisement
- Notices
- Release from appraisement
- Reports
- Miscellaneous

SERIES V. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

Documents.
- Miscellaneous

SERIES VI. CORRESPONDENCE.

Bound Records,
- Letter books
  - Collateral inheritance tax
  - County attorneys
  - General
  - State institutions

Letters.
- Agricultural College loans
- Checks and drafts
- County officers
  - County attorney
  - County superintendent

Lands
- Des Moines river
- General
- Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
- Railroad
  - Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific
- Des Moines & Fort Dodge
- Des Moines Valley
- Iowa Falls & Sioux City
- Miscellaneous
Lands—Continued.

Saline
School
Swamp
University

Revenue

Counties
Miscellaneous

School fund

State institutions

College for the Blind
Industrial Home for the Blind
Industrial Schools
Boys, at Eldora
Girls, at Mitchellville
Institution for Feeble-minded Children
Iowa Soldiers' Home
Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home
Iowa State Teachers' College
Penitentiaries
Anamosa
Ft. Madison
School for the Deaf
State Hospital for Inebriates
State Hospitals for Insane
Cherokee
Clarinda
Independence
Mt. Pleasant
State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis
State University

State Offices, Boards, etc.,

Adjutant General
Attorney General
Auditor of State
Control, Board of
Custodian of Public Buildings
Dental Examiners, Board of
Executive Council
Fish and Game Wardens
Food and Dairy Commission
Geological Survey
Governor
Historical Department
Iowa State Library
Labor Statistics, Bureau of
State Officers, Boards, etc.—Continued.

Library Commission
Medical Examiners, Board of
Pharmacy, Commission of
Railroad Commissioners
Secretary of State
State Mine Inspectors
State Oil Inspectors
State Printer
Treasurer of State

Taxes

Collateral inheritance
Davenport and Dubuque Street Railway
Company
Express
Continental
Pacific
United States
Insurance
Lands
Railroads
Companies
Counties, to aid in building
United States
Refining companies
Refrigerator transit companies
Telegraph
Telephone
Warrants
Miscellaneous

Warrants

Miscellaneous

Banks
Bids and contracts
Bonds
Centennial Exposition
Claims
Dictionary fund
Grey uniforms
Johnstown flood
Laws
Licenses
Itinerant peddlers
Peddlers
Miscellaneous
Notices
Miscellaneous—Continued.

Refunds
Columbian Commission
Legislative
Miscellaneous
Reports
Russian Famine
Vouchers
Unclassified

SERIES VII. NOTICES.

Documents.

Appointments
Fines collected
Interest due on Agricultural College loans
Investments
Protests
Banks
Insurance companies
Postal telegraph
Warrants
Publication
Revocation
Suspension
Miscellaneous

SERIES VIII. ORDERS.

Documents.

Auditor of State
Transfers
Board of Control
Transfer, credit, etc., of the funds of State institutions.

SERIES IX. REPORTS.

Bound Records.

Auditor
Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
Miscellaneous

Documents.

Commissions, Commissioners, etc.
Iowa Trans-Mississippi and International Ex-
position
Commissions, Commissioners, etc.—Continued.
Public Buildings
School Fund Commission

County Officers
County Superintendent of Schools
Fees
County Treasurers
Revenue

State Institutions
College for the Blind
Industrial Home for the Blind
Industrial (or reform) Schools
Boys, at Eldora
Girls, at Mitchellville
Institution for Feeble-minded Children
Iowa Soldiers' Home
Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home
Iowa State Agricultural College, etc.
Penitentiaries
Anamosa
Ft. Madison
School for the Deaf
State Hospital for Inebriates
State Hospitals for Insane
Cherokee
Clarinda
Independence
Mt. Pleasant

State Officers, Members of Boards, etc.
Adjutant General
Sales of ammunition
Sales of arms and stores
Auditor of State
Fees
Banks
Building and Loan
Insurance
Municipal examinations
Miscellaneous
Warrants issued
Des Moines River Improvement fund
General revenue
War and defense
Clerk of Supreme Court
Fees
State Officers, Members of Boards, etc.—Continued.

Custodian of Public Buildings

Dental Examiners, Board of

Educational Board of Examiners

Food and Dairy Commission

Governor

Health, Board of

Embalmers Department

Maternity hospital

Medical Examiners, Board of

Nurses department

Veterinary Medical Examiners, Board of

Iowa State Library

Library Commission

Pharmacy, Commission of

Secretary of State

Fees

State Land Office

State Mine Inspectors

Fees

State Oil Inspectors

Fees

Treasurer of State

Monthly

Quarterly

Railroads

Warrants endorsed

Warrants redeemed

Miscellaneous

General Land Office

Swamp Land indemnity

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SERIES X. VOUCHERS.

Bound Records.

Balance Books

Invoices

Journals

Ledgers

Registers

Bonds

Checks

Drafts

Deposits

Warrants
Bound Records—Continued.

Stub Books
- Checks
- Express
- Fees
- Institutions
- Insurance
- Revenue
- Miscellaneous

Documents.
- Labor and materials on Capitol
- Notes paid and cancelled

Receipts
- Dictionary fund
- Deposit of bids on Capitol, etc.
- Distribution of laws
- Expense of prosecutions by Pharmacy Commission
- Express companies
- Interest of Agricultural College loans
- Salaries
  - Auditor of State
  - Members of General Assembly
- Sales
  - Iowa City lots
  - Land sale notes
  - Railroad lands
  - State revenue (by counties)
  - Swamp land indemnity fund (by counties)

Warrants
- Miscellaneous

SERIES XI. MISCELLANEOUS.

Bound Records.
- Abstracts
- Memoranda
- Miscellaneous

Documents.
- Acts of General Assembly
- Affidavits
- Approval by Executive Council of Investigation of Agricultural College Funds
- Checks (see list)
- Deeds
- Distribution of 5% School Fund
- List of lots at Iowa City
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Documents—Continued.

Opinions of Attorney General
Release of railroad lands
Statements
  Banks
  Bond agents
  State Treasurer
Transcripts
Unclassified

BRUSSELS CARPET MANUFACTORY IN MUSCATINE.

Our down river sister city Muscatine is a live place. Its people are not asleep, as its rapid improvement and its un-tiring energy in extending its railroads, and in making itself a commercial center, abundantly prove.

Muscatine does not, like Davenport, go a-begging for other people to build its roads. Its people do not advocate either county or state debt, in their behalf.

But the spirit of the people of that town is manifested in various ways and in many things they have taken the lead.

It would hardly be believed that there is at present a manufactory of Brussels Carpets in the state of Iowa; yet such is the fact, and that manufactory, too, is in Muscatine, as we learn from the Journal of last Friday. It states that "Mr. James Kitley has engaged in the business of carpet weaving, and there is to be seen in his shop a piece of Brussels Royal Velvet, of his own make, equal to any imported carpet. We can from personal knowledge say that he is master of his trade. His place is at east end of Eighth St."

We look upon this single fact as the beginning of an important era in the history of the State. Let Iowa manufactures prosper, say we.

Dubuque, Express and Herald, Nov. 4, 1858.

GREENE & MERRITT,
Attorneys-at-Law and Solicitors in Chancery.

George Greene and Edward Merritt, having associated themselves for the practice of law at Dubuque, Iowa, will punctually attend to professional business in the several counties in the Territory, and will also act as general land agents, Dubuque, April 24, 1844.

Dubuque, Iowa Transcript, November 1, 1844.
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