The executive office of the government of this state was established in 1838 by the organic law, and designated as the "Governor of the Territory." The office was appointive by the president of the United States. The first governor of the territory was Robert Lucas, appointed for a term of three years.

The Constitution of the state adopted in 1846 continued the office under the titular head of "Governor." The Constitution made the office elective by the qualified electors at a general election and provided that the term of office should be for two years.

The first governor of the state was Ansel Briggs.

From the fact that this office is the executive branch of the government and that the governor is given almost unlimited power in appointments and the further fact that he is commander in chief of the military forces has made this department rich in historical documents.

In the work of classifying the material in this department I found that during the period from 1838 to 1846 the number of documents and records preserved was very limited, due to the fact that in several instances the territorial governors considered the records as personal property after they had made their reports to the president of the United States and other departments of the government. The State Historical Society of Iowa made a very diligent search for the journals of Governors Lucas, Chambers, and Clarke and were partly successful in finding all of the Lucas journals and a small part of the others.

In making the classification in this office the matter has been arranged in chronological order and in every case, where practicable, is in alphabetical order.

Commissions are arranged in alphabetical order under each division.

In correspondence, under criminal matters, all papers belonging to each case are combined and the cases are arranged in alphabetical order by the defendants' names. The same in appointments under the names of applicants.

Under each subdivision in correspondence the letters are arranged in chronological and alphabetical order by the names of the writers.

Extraditions are classified by states in chronological order.
Proclamations are arranged by states in chronological order. Reports are arranged in chronological order by the different departments, institutions, etc., which make them. Vouchers are arranged by numbers and by the months for each calendar year.

The same general plan has been followed in each of the remaining divisions.

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Floyd Monument
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McKinley National Memorial Ass'n
Penitentiary (to locate)
Revenue Law
River Front Improvement
School Fund Lands
Southern Battlefields (to locate Iowa troops)
   Lookout Mountain
   Missionary Ridge
   Shiloh
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State Agents 5% Claim
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Notarial
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   College for the Blind
   Industrial School for Boys
   Industrial School for Girls
   Institution for Feeble Minded Children
   Iowa Soldiers' Home
   Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home
   Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
   Iowa State Teachers College
Penitentiaries
   Anamosa
   Fort Madison
State Hospital for Inebriates
State Hospitals for Insane
   Cherokee
   Clarinda
   Independence
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State University
Miscellaneous
State Officers, Members of Boards, Dept's, etc.
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District Attorney
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Educational Board of Examiners
Executive Council
Fish and Game Warden
Food and Dairy Commissioner
Geological Survey
Governor
Health, Board of
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Inspector of Bees
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Insurance and Banking Commissioners
Iowa State Library
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State Binder
State Fire Marshal
State Highway Commission
State Historical Society
State Land Office
State Mine Inspector
State Oil Inspector
State Printer
State Veterinary Surgeons
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Superintendent of Weights and Measures
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Grinnell
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Floyd Monument
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Lookout Mountain
Missionary Ridge
Shiloh
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    American Manufactures Exposition
    American Mining Congress
    American Peace Society
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    Antioption Convention
    Anti-Saloon Republican National Convention
    Antitrust Convention
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    Constitutional Defense Association
    Corn Palace
    Cotton Exposition
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Deep Water Harbor Convention
Farmers Co-operative Trust Association
Farmers' National Congress
Good Roads State Convention
Home Rule Convention
Illinois River Improvement Association
Immigration Congress
Improvement of Mississippi River Convention
Industrial Convention
International Deep Waterways Convention
International Fishing Congress
International Good Roads Convention
International Live Stock Exposition
International Military Congress
International Mining Congress
International Prison Congress
Interstate Coal Trust Convention
Interstate Deep Waterways Convention
Interstate Deep Harbors Convention
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Interstate Gold Mining Convention
Interstate Mississippi River Convention
Interstate Oil Conference
Interstate Railway Convention
Interstate Wool Growers' Convention
Iowa Good Roads Association
Iowa Semicentennial Celebration
Iowa State Dairy Convention
Irish National League Convention
Jamestown Exposition
Lakes to the Gulf Deep Water Convention
Lewis-Clark Centennial
Livestock Growers and Veterinarians
London Exposition
Louisiana Purchase Exposition
Mexican Exposition
Middle States and Mississippi Valley Exposition
Mississippi River Improvement Convention
Mississippi Valley Commercial Convention
Missouri River Improvement Convention
Missouri River Navigation
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National Cattle Breeders' Convention
National Cattle Growers' Convention
National Civic Federation
National Conference of Commissioners to promote Uniformity of Legislation
National Conference of Charities and Corrections
National Congress for Good Roads
National Congress of Mothers
National Dairy and Food Commissioners' Convention
National Drainage Association
National Exposition of Child Welfare
National Farmers' Congress
National Fishery Congress
National Good Roads Association
National Good Roads and Improvement Convention
National Irrigation Congress
National Livestock Association
National Militia Association
National Mining Congress
National Nicaragua Canal Convention
National Prison Association
National Prison Reform Association, U. S. A.
National Pure Food and Drug Congress
National Reform Congress
National Reciprocity Conference
National River and Harbor Convention
National Ship Canal Convention
National Silver Convention
National Stock Growers' Convention
National Tax Association
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New Orleans Commercial Convention
North, Central, and South American Exposition
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Pan-American Medical Congress
Paris Exposition
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Prison Congress at Stockholm
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Promotion of American Commerce
Pure Food Convention
River Improvement Convention
St. Louis Exposition and Music Hall Ass'n
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South Carolina Interstate and West India Expo.
Southern Commercial Congress
Southern Commercial Convention
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Attorney General
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Banking Department
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Clerk of Supreme Court
Control, Board of
Custodian of Public Buildings and Property
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Horticultural Society
Inspector of Bees
Inspector of Boats
Insurance Commission
Iowa State Highway Commission
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Law Examiners, Board of
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State Mine Inspectors
State Oil Inspection
State Printer
State Veterinary Surgeon
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Superintendent of Weights and Measures
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Indians, Asking for Protection from
Inspector of Penitentiary, for Removal of John Whitaker
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State Convict Labor, Laboring men against
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State Mine Inspector, Asking for an Investigation of the Examinations held by them
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Floyd Monument Commission
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Indian Relief Commission
Interstate Deep Harbor Commission
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Attorney General
Auditor, J. W. Brown
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Clerk of Supreme Court
Industrial School (Boys)
Penitentiaries
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Fort Madison
Warden Heisey
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National Irrigation Convention
Nicaragua Canal Convention
Northwestern Relief Commission
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Russian Famine Relief  
Scandinavian Relief Commission  
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School Fund Commission  
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Southern Battlefields  
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  Governor  
  Secretary of State  
  State Land Office  
  Supt. of Public Instruction  
  Treasurer of State  
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Trans-Mississippi Exposition  
Waifs' Rescue and Training Convention  
War and Defense Fund  
Waterways Convention  
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Industrial School for Girls  
Institution for Feeble Minded Children  
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  Auditor of State
  Clerk of Supreme Court
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  Custodian of Public Buildings and Property
  Dental Examiners, Board of
  Director of Weather and Crop Service
  District Attorney
  District, Circuit and Probate Court
  Education, Board of
  Educational Examiners, Board of
  Engineering Examiners, Board of
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  Fish and Game
  Food and Dairy Commission
  Geological Survey
  Governor
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  Inspector of Bees
  Inspector of Boats
  Iowa Industrial Commission
  Iowa State Library
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  State Fire Marshal
  State Highway Commission
  State Historical Society
State Land Office
State Mine Inspectors
State Oil Inspectors
State Veterinary Surgeons
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Superintendent of Weights and Measures
Territorial Agent
Treasurer of State
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Resolutions on death of James A. Garfield
Examination of the classification for the office of governor will disclose documentary items quite unfamiliar to the person acquainted only with current affairs. This is due to the creation and discontinuance from time to time during the past, of dependent offices or responsibilities, temporary in character, transient in nature or special in purpose.

In the present article is set out the classification as to the office of secretary of state. In so far as that office has been permanent in its statutory responsibilities it is identical in arrangement with the office of the governor. But like the office of governor the office of secretary of state has been, during the course of the history of the state, the titular head of other offices, officers and commissions, whose archives remained where they were left in ordinary course. The number of documents of great interest and of historical value to be found in this office is far in excess of the number to be found