The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey

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Almanac (1949), a volume of nature sketches and philosophical essays recognized as one of the enduring expressions of an ecological attitude toward nature. Some have said Leopold was Iowa's Thoreau.


Anyone interested in The University of Iowa will enjoy browsing through this storehouse of bibliographic information. Earl Rogers of the University Archives has compiled some 575 citations over a period of seven years that relate to the University. The entries are conveniently arranged by subject starting with the general and working through the various colleges and departments. Other topics include athletics, buildings and grounds, alumni, traditions, etc. Included are not only published works, but also term papers, theses and dissertations, and oral histories. An index of personal names enhances the work. The University and Iowa City are so intertwined that reading the index of personal names is like reading a "Who's Who in Iowa City." This bibliography is an absolute "must" for every library collection.

The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey. By Wesley I. Shank. (Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 1979. xiii., 158 pp., illus., appendix, index, $8.95 paperback.)

This is one in a nationwide series of state catalogs which have been published since 1963. This volume lists buildings in Iowa recorded by the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) from 1933-1977. The program was begun in 1933 by the National Park Service as the first major step toward the identification and preservation of historic structures. The HABS program is currently continuing as part of the Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation Programs. In addition to the Iowa entries the book contains a valuable introductory essay on "Historic Architecture in Iowa" by the author and an appended essay on "A Survey of Styles" by Todd Mozingo. Over 100 buildings are indexed by city and structure and a physical description and historical account is included for each. This book fills a much needed statewide guide and resource work on Iowa Architecture.

Museums in Motion: An Introduction to the History and Functions of Museums. By Edward P. Alexander. (Nashville: American Association for State & Local History, 1979. 292 pp., illus., bibliography,