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Collections Recently Processed and Available for Research

1) Secretary of State. Land Office. Copies of plats based on original land surveys (in color), ca. 1835-1860. 12 volumes. Recently transferred from the secretary of state's vault, these invaluable plats contain notes on Indian villages and trails, old roads, and pioneer dwellings. They cover the entire state.

2) Secretary of State. Land Office. Original plats based on original land surveys (in color), ca. 1835-1860. 10 volumes. Includes colors, meander notes, and other information not recorded on copies. Ranges 37 through 49 West are missing.

3) Governor Robert Lucas (1838-1841). “Report on and Recommendations for Restoration of Governor Robert Lucas Residence, Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa,” 1943. ½ cubic foot. Includes three blueprints by the State Conservation Commission and nine black and white photos of the residence before restoration, in addition to the eight-page report.


The staff of the State Archives has also been moving the older archives material from the Historical Building to the Records and Property Center. To date, all of the official records of the office of governor have been transferred. These include two volumes of “Letters from the correspondence of Robert Lucas, John Chambers, and James Clark, Territorial Governors and Superintendents of Indian Affairs for the Territory of Iowa, 1838-1846.”