Photographs and Audio Visual Collection: General (Iowa) Subject Files

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Available at Des Moines Research Center

Archaeology:
- Sites
- Specimens

Architecture (notable architects/styles)

Artifacts

Arts:
- Applied
- Centers & Galleries
- Fine:
  - Dance
  - Drama
  - Miscellaneous
  - Music
  - Painting/Drawing
  - Photography
  - Sculpture
  - Writing

Aviation: (See also Military & War: WWII: Aviation)
- Airplanes:
  - Bi-Planes
  - Miscellaneous
- Airports
- Miscellaneous (includes balloons, dirigibles, helicopters, autogiros, airshows, stunt fliers)
- Space Travel

Black Americans

Boats & Boating:
- Barges/Dredges/Rafts
- Miscellaneous
- Racing
- Recreational & Pleasure
- Sail
- Steamboats
- Warehouses & Shorelines
- Warfare:
  - Miscellaneous
- U.S.S. Des Moines
- U.S.S. Iowa (II)
- U.S.S. Iowa (III)
- U.S.S. Iowa (IV)

**Bridges & Viaducts:**
- Covered Bridges
- Passenger
- Railroad

**Business & Industry:**
- Advertisements
- Construction/Demolition
- Delivery & Shipping
- Employees
- Miscellaneous
- Office Interiors

**Business & Industry: Product Distribution:**
- Automobiles
- Bakeries
- Books/Magazines/Newspapers
- Boots & Shoes
- Chinaware
- Department Stores
- Drug & Pharmacy
- Dry Goods
- Elevators
- Farm Implements
- Florists
- Fuel
- Furniture & Appliances
- Grocery (includes liquor)
- Hardware
- Jewelry
- Livestock Sales/Stockyards
- Lumber
- Meats & Butchering
- Millinery
- Miscellaneous
- Music Stores
- Nursery/Greenhouse/Seed Co.
- Tobacco
- Toys
- Wagons/Buggies/Sleighs

**Business & Industry: Product Production & Extraction:**
- Automobiles:
  - Miscellaneous
  - Spaulding Automobile
- Boots & Shoes
- Bottling & Packaging
- Brewery/Winery
- Brickyards
- Canning
- Cement
- Corn
- Dairy
- Electronics
- Farm Implements
- Feed & Grain
- Fish Hatchery/Commercial Fishing
- Food:
  - Quaker Oats
  - Miscellaneous
- Foundry
- Fuel
- Furniture & Appliances:
  - Maytag
  - Miscellaneous
- Garment:
  - Buttons
  - Miscellaneous
- Glass
- Gypsum
- Hemp
- Ice
- Lumber
- Meat Packing
- Metal Work
- Mills (See separate subject heading Mills)
- Mining:
  - Coal
  - Miscellaneous
- Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- Office Supplies & Stationery
- Ordnance
- Pharmaceuticals
- Planing Mill
- Plastics
- Public Utilities
- Publishing
- Quarries
- Soybeans
- Sports Equipment
- Starch
- Tiles & Pottery
- Tobacco
- Toys
- Wagon Wheel & Carriage Manufacturing
- Wool

**Business & Industry: Service:**
- Advertising
- Banking (includes investment companies)
- Barber Shop/Beauty Salon
- Blacksmith
- Carpentry
- Construction
- Dredging/Tiling/Well boring
- Funeral Homes/Undertaking
- Garage & Filling Station
- Insurance
- Junkyards & Waste Disposal
- Laundry/Drycleaning
- Livery Stable
- Masonry
- Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- Photography
- Printing/Lithography

**Business & Industry: Service:**
- Real Estate & Surveying
- Tailor

**Cemeteries & Headstones**

**Churches & Religion:**
- Clergy & Congregations
- Denominations:
  - Amish
  - Baptist
  - Catholic: Convents/Monasteries
  - Catholic: Miscellaneous
  - Christian
  - Church of Christ
  - Congregational
  - Episcopal
  - Jewish
  - Lutheran
  - Methodist/Methodist Episcopal
  - Miscellaneous & Unidentified
  - Mormon
  - Presbyterian
  - Reformed
  - United Brethren
- Miscellaneous
- Revivals/Evangelism

**Communication:**
- Radio
- Telegraph
- Telephone
- Television

**County Government:**
- Agencies & Officials
- Buildings & Grounds (see separate heading for Courthouses, County)

**Courthouses (by county):**
- A-C
- D-G
- H-J
- K-N
- O-V
- W-Z

**Dams:**
- Davenport
- Dubuque
- Keokuk
- Red Rock
- Other locations: A-G
- Other locations: H-Z

**Disasters:**
- Accidents:
  - Miscellaneous
  - Motor Vehicle
- Natural:
  - Drought
  - Floods
  - Miscellaneous
  - Snow & Ice
  - Tornadoes

**Documents & Letters**

**Entertainment & Amusement:**
- Amusement Parks:
  - Adventureland
  - Miscellaneous
- Auditoriums/Coliseums
- Beauty Pageants
- Chautauqua
- Circuses/Sideways/Carnivals
- Expositions & Exhibitions:
  - Dairy Cattle Congress (Waterloo, Iowa)
  - Miscellaneous
  - Sioux City Corn Palace
- Fairs:
  - County
  - State (See also Boxed Collection: Iowa State Fair)
  - Town
- Halls & Opera Houses
- Miscellaneous
- Motion Pictures (celebrities, location shoots, etc.) (See *Theaters* for buildings)
- Nightclubs
- Rodeos
- Theaters

**Ethnic & Minority Groups**

**Explorers & Exploration**

**Farms & Farming:**
- Auctions/Sales (closing-out/bankruptcy)
● Buildings & Barnyards:
  o pre-1920
  o post-1920

● Crops:
  o Field
  o Garden

● Equipment & Machinery:
  o Horse & Hand
  o Modern
  o Steam

● Events

● Farm Crisis, 1980’s

● Humor

● Miscellaneous

● Organizations:
  o Future Farmers of America
  o Miscellaneous

● Rural Electrification

● Special Types:
  o Dairy
  o Horses
  o Livestock:
    • Cattle
    • Miscellaneous (goats, buffalos, exotic & mixed)
    • Sheep
    • Swine
  o Poultry

Federal Government:

● Agencies & Officials:
  o Congress
  o Miscellaneous
  o Presidents:
    • Hoover, Herbert
    • Johnson, Lyndon B.
    • Miscellaneous
    • Nixon, Richard M.

● Buildings & Grounds

● Programs:
  o Civilian Conservation Corps
  o Miscellaneous
  o National Youth Administration
  o Works Progress (Projects) Administration/Civil Works Administration

Fires & Fire Departments:

● Equipment & Firemen

● Fires

● Fire Stations

Geology

Historic Sites & Museums (by city):

  o A-C
- D-E
- F-J
- K-M
- N
- O-R
- S
- T-Z

Historical Societies (local)

Holidays & Celebrations:
- Christmas
- Easter
- Halloween
- Iowa Statehood Centennial (1946)
- Local (by city):
  - A-G
  - H-O
  - P-R
  - S-Z
- Memorial Day
- Miscellaneous
- New Year
- Patriotic
- Thanksgiving
- U.S. Bicentennial
- Valentine's Day

Hospitals:
- City (includes patient transportation)
- County
- State:
  - Clarinda
  - Glenwood
  - Independence
  - Knoxville
  - Miscellaneous
  - Mt. Pleasant
  - Oakdale
  - Woodward
- Veterans

Hotels/Motels

Houses & Households:
- Architectural Styles
- Construction/Razing: Miscellaneous
  - World War II (wartime boom and post-war housing shortage)
- Domestic Chores
- Famous (see also Historic Sites & Museums):
  - Governors
  - Miscellaneous
- Furnishings
- Gardens: See Farms & Farming; Crops: Garden
- Miscellaneous (flower beds, lawn ornaments & other yard features)
- Mobile Homes/Tourist Camps
- Multi-units
- Rural: Exterior:
  - Identified
  - Unidentified
- Slums
- Special Types (log, stone, sod, etc.)
- Urban:
  - Exterior:
    - Identified
    - Unidentified
  - Interior: Identified

Indians:
- Battles & Uprisings:
  - Miscellaneous
  - Spirit Lake Massacre
- Hunting & Agriculture
- Miscellaneous
- Monuments & Markers
- Mounds
- Tribes:
  - Fox: see Meskwaki
  - Meskwaki:
    - Chiefs:
      - Black Hawk
      - Keokuk
      - Miscellaneous
    - Miscellaneous (includes photos of Tama Settlement unrelated to August PowWow)
      - Poweshie family
      - Tama PowWow
      - Young Bear Family
  - Miscellaneous:
    - A-B
    - C-M
    - N-Z and unknown
  - Sac/Sauk: see Meskwaki
  - Sioux:
    - Chiefs
    - Miscellaneous

Iowa, State of: Agencies & Officials:
- General Assembly
- Governors
- Health Department
- Miscellaneous
- State Institutions
- Supreme Court

Iowa, State of: Buildings & Grounds:
- Capitol:
  - Past territorial and state capitol (Wisconsin Territory, Burlington, 1st Iowa City, 1st Des Moines)
  - Iowa City (2nd) ("Old Capitol")
Des Moines (2nd):
- Complex
- Construction
- Events
- Exterior: 1st & 2nd Capitols (both shown in photo)
- Exterior: Miscellaneous
- Fire (1904)
- Fountain
- Interior: Artwork:
  - Kenyon Cox lunettes
  - Miscellaneous
- Interior - Miscellaneous
- Miscellaneous
- Monuments:
  - Allison
  - Lincoln & Tad
  - Miscellaneous
  - Soldiers & Sailors

- Historical Building:
  - First Historical Building (E. 12th & Grand Ave.):
    - Construction/Renovation
    - Divisions:
      - Annals of Iowa
      - Archives
      - Library
      - Museum (Collections/Exhibits)
    - Employees
    - Exterior
    - Interior
    - Miscellaneous
  - Second Historical Building (600 E. Locust St.):
    - Construction:
      - Demolition of buildings on site, 1984
      - Designs/Plans
      - Fundraising Event, Nov. 1984
      - Groundbreaking, Dec. 1984
      - Miscellaneous
    - Employees (includes Historical Society's Iowa City staff)
    - Exhibits
    - Exterior
    - Interior
    - Miscellaneous

- Miscellaneous

Iowa, State of: Miscellaneous

Lakes & the Lake District:
- Clear Lake
- Iowa Lake
- Manawa
- Miscellaneous:
  - A-L
  - M-Z, and unidentified
- Spirit Lake/Okoboji
● Storm Lake

**Law & Law Enforcement:**
- Correctional Schools:
  - Eldora
  - Mitchellville
  - Rockwell City
  - Toledo
- Courtroom Scenes
- Crimes
- Iowa Highway Patrol
- Jails
- Judges
- Juvenile Correction
- Lawyers
- Miscellaneous
- Police
- Prisons: see separate subject heading *Prisons*
- Prohibition
- Traffic Violations

**Libraries (by city):**
- A-P
- Q-Z
- Miscellaneous & Unidentified

**Maps & Plats**

**Medicine:**
- Dentistry
- Disease & Disease Prevention
- Doctors
- Drug Abuse & Treatment
- Education
- Miscellaneous
- Nursing
- Optometrists/Opticians
- Veterinarians

**Military & War:**
- Battleships (see Boats & Boating: Warfare)
- Civil Defense
  - Fort Atkinson
  - Fort Defiance
  - Fort Des Moines
  - Fort Dodge
  - Fort Madison
  - Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- Militia
- Miscellaneous
- National Guard:
  - Camps:
    - Camp Dodge
Military & War:
  ● U.S. Army:
    o Ft. Des Moines:
      • Artillery
      • Buildings & Grounds
      • Cavalry
      • Citizens’ Military Training Camp
      • Miscellaneous
      • Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps Training Center
    o Miscellaneous
    o Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC)
  ● U.S. Coast Guard
  ● U.S. Marine Corps
  ● U.S. Navy (includes WAVES)

Military & War: Battles & Conflicts (in chronological order):
  ● Mexican War
  ● Civil War:
    o Battles
    o Camps
    o Flags
    o Miscellaneous
    o Monuments
    o Portraits (unknown, or non-Iowa regimental affiliation)
    o Prisons
    o Regiments:
      • Cavalry
      • Infantry:
        ● 1st-10th Iowa Volunteers
        ● 11th-20th Iowa Volunteers
        ● 21st-48th Iowa Volunteers
        ● Miscellaneous and Unidentified
      o Reunions/G.A.R. (see also Veterans’ Organizations)
      o Scenes (published views)
  ● Spanish-American War:
    o Bands
    o Camps
    o Hospitals/Nursing
    o Miscellaneous
    o Monuments
    o Portraits (see also specific Iowa regiments)
    o Regiments:
      • Infantry:
        ● 49th Iowa
        ● 50th Iowa
        ● 51st Iowa
        ● 52nd Iowa
Military & War: Battles & Conflicts (in chronological order):
  ● World War I:
    ○ Aviation
    ○ Camps
    ○ Divisions/Regiments
    ○ Hospitals/Nursing
    ○ Miscellaneous
    ○ Soldiers (usually portraits)
  ● World War II:
    ○ Aviation
    ○ Divisions/Regiments
    ○ Homefront Activities:
      • Chicago, Northwestern Railroad "Wipes" (women)
      • Des Moines Register Pictorial History
      • Miscellaneous
    ○ Hospitals/Nursing
    ○ Miscellaneous
    ○ Soldiers (portraits, candids of individuals/small groups)
  ● Korean War
  ● "Cold" War
  ● Vietnam War
  ● Persian Gulf War

Mills (by county):
  ● A-C
  ● D-I
  ● J-P
  ● Q-Z
  ● Miscellaneous & Unidentified

Monuments & Markers

Motels: See Hotels/Motels

Municipal Government:
  ● Agencies & Officials
  ● Buildings & Grounds

Music:
  ● Audio Equipment
  ● Bands
  ● Bandstands
  ● Choruses and Singers
  ● Instruments
  ● Miscellaneous
  ● Orchestras

Natural Phenomena
Nature:
- Animals
- Birds
- Conservation
- Flowers & Plants
- Pollution
- Scenes
- Science
- Seasons:
  - Fall
  - Summer
  - Winter (see also Disasters - Natural - Snow & Ice)
- Trees
- Weather (see also Disasters - Natural - Snow & Ice):
  - Rain

Newspapers & Periodicals:
- Cartoons
- Miscellaneous

Organizations & Clubs:
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Charity/Relief
- Civic: Miscellaneous
- Country Clubs
- Elks
- 4-H
- Fraternities & Sororities
- Hobbies/Special Interest
- I.O.O.F (Odd Fellows)/Rebekahs
- Labor Unions
- Masons/Eastern Star
- Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Professional
- Shrine
- Turner Society
- Veterans' Organizations: See separate subject heading Veterans' Organizations
- Women's:
  - Miscellaneous
  - Women's Christian Temperance Union
- Y.M.C.A./Y.W.C.A.

Orphanages & Old Age Homes

Parades

Parks & Park Recreation:
- City: A-F
- City: G-Z
- National Parks: Effigy Mounds
- State Parks (by name):
  - A-D
Pioneer Life & Immigrants:
- Houses & other structures
- Individual/group/composite photos (pioneer settlers, etc.)
- Land Distribution & Settlement
- Miscellaneous
- Mormon

Politics:
- International
- National:
  - Elections
  - Miscellaneous
- State: Miscellaneous

Postal Service:
- Express
- Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- Post Offices (by city):
  - A-C
  - D-F
  - G-O
  - P-S
  - T-Z

Prisons:
- Anamosa
- Clive Prison Farm
- Ft. Madison
- Miscellaneous & Unidentified

Railroads:
- Cars: Special Types
- Depots (by city):
  - A-C
  - Des Moines
  - D-H
  - I-M
  - N-R
  - S-Z
- Employees
- Lines:
  - AMTRAK
  - Burlington & Missouri
  - Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern
  - Chicago, Burlington & Quincy
  - Chicago, Great Western
  - Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific
  - Chicago, Northwestern.
• Kate Shelley Collection
• Miscellaneous
  o Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific
  o Illinois Central
  o Iowa Central
  o Manchester & Oneida
  o Mason City & Ft. Dodge Passenger Line
  o Midwest Central
  o Milwaukee Road
  o Minneapolis & St. Louis
  o Miscellaneous and Unidentified
  o Union Pacific
  o Wabash
• Miscellaneous
• Narrow Gauge
• Steam
• Tracks/Siding/Shops/Yards/Signals
• Wrecks

Recreation:
• Buildings
• Camping/Outings (including picnics)
• Children's Activities
• Dancing & Dance Halls
• Gambling
• Games
• Hobbies
• Miscellaneous
• Pool & Pool Halls
• Skating (ice and roller)
• Swimming
• Teens' Activities

Restaurants

Rivers & Creeks:
• Creeks
• Rivers
  o Cedar River
  o Des Moines River
  o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
  o Mississippi River
  o Missouri River
  o Raccoon River
  o Skunk River
  o Turkey River
  o Wapsipinicon River

Roads & Highways:
• Construction & Maintenance
• Highways
• Streetlights/Signs/Traffic Signals
• Unsurfaced
Schools & Education:
- Academies
- Adult Education
- Business
- Colleges & Universities:
  * Des Moines colleges and universities filed in Des Moines Subject File
    - Briar Cliff College
    - Buena Vista College
    - Central College
    - Clarke College
    - Coe College
    - Cornell College
    - Dordt College
    - Ellsworth College
    - Grinnell College
    - Iowa State University
    - Iowa Wesleyan College
    - Kirkwood Community College
    - Leander Clark College
    - Loras College
    - Luther College
    - Miscellaneous & Unidentified
    - Morningside College
    - Mt. Mercy College
    - Parsons College
    - St. Ambrose College
    - Simpson College
    - State University of Iowa
    - Tabor College
    - University of Dubuque
    - University of Northern Iowa
    - Upper Iowa University
    - Wartburg College
    - William Penn College

Schools & Education:
- Elementary:
  - Activities/Classroom Interiors
  - Class Pictures
  - Miscellaneous (includes exterior views of buildings. When grade level of school is not known, photo is filed under Secondary)
- Indian
- Miscellaneous
- One-Room
- Pre-Schools/Nurseries
- Religious
- School Lunch
- Secondary:
  - Activities/Classroom Interiors
  - Class Pictures
  - Miscellaneous (includes exterior views of buildings. When grade level of school is not known, photo is filed under Secondary)
  - Special Education:
    - Iowa School for the Blind
· Iowa School for the Deaf
  · Miscellaneous
    o Teachers
    o Vocational/Technical

Social Life & Customs:
  ● Babies
  ● Clothing, pre-1920
  ● Clothing, post-1920
  ● Communal Societies:
    o Amana Colonies
    o Miscellaneous (includes Communia & Icarian Community)
  ● Community Centers
  ● Dating
  ● Depression, The Great
  ● Dining/Food
  ● Disabled Persons
  ● Discrimination/Racism
  ● Divorce
  ● Family Activities
  ● Friendship
  ● Funerals/Death
  ● Miscellaneous
  ● Old Age & Retirement
  ● Parties
  ● Pets
  ● Toys
  ● Weddings

Social Protest:
  ● Abolition (Slavery)
  ● Anti-War
  ● Capital Punishment
  ● Civil Rights
  ● Kelly's Army
  ● Miscellaneous
  ● Temperance: See also Organizations & Clubs: Women's Christian Temperance Union
  ● Women's Suffrage (See also Boxed Collection)

Social Services:
  ● Adoption & Child Welfare
  ● Relief

Sports:
  ● Baseball
  ● Basketball:
    o Men's
    o Women's
  ● Bowling
  ● Cheerleading
  ● Football
  ● Golf
  ● Gymnastics
  ● Hunting & Fishing:
Fishing
Hunting:
  - Deer
  - Ducks
  - Pheasants
  - Small game (rabbits & squirrels, plus foxes/raccoons)
  - Miscellaneous

Racing:
  - Automobile & Motorcycle
  - Horse

Tennis
Track & Field
Wrestling

Taverns

Transportation:
  - Automobiles:
    - Maytag/Mason
    - Miscellaneous
    - Morrison Electric Car
  - Bicycles
  - Buses
  - Cabs
  - Horseback
  - Motorcycles
  - Parking
  - Stagecoaches & Coaches
  - Trolleys/Interurbans/Streetcars
  - Trucks
  - Wagons/Buggies/Sleighs

Veterans’ Organizations:
  - American Legion
  - Grand Army of the Republic
  - Miscellaneous
  - Women’s Auxiliaries