

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

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Archaeology:

- Sites
- Specimens

Architecture (notable architects/styles)

Artifacts

Arts:

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

Aviation: (See also *Military & War: WWII: Aviation*)

- Airplanes:
 - o Bi-Planes
 - o 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:
 - o Miscellaneous

- o U.S.S. *Des Moines*
- o U.S.S. *Iowa* (II)
- o U.S.S. *Iowa* (III)
- o 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:
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o 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:
 - o Amish
 - o Baptist
 - o Catholic: Convents/Monasteries
 - o Catholic: Miscellaneous
 - o Christian
 - o Church of Christ
 - o Congregational
 - o Episcopal
 - o Jewish
 - o Lutheran
 - o Methodist/Methodist Episcopal
 - o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
 - o Mormon
 - o Presbyterian
 - o Reformed
 - o 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:
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Motor Vehicle
- Natural:
 - o Drought
 - o Floods
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Snow & Ice
 - o Tornadoes

Documents & Letters

Entertainment & Amusement:

- Amusement Parks:
 - o Adventureland
 - o Miscellaneous
- Auditoriums/Coliseums
- Beauty Pageants
- Chautauqua
- Circuses/Sideshow/Carnivals
- Expositions & Exhibitions:
 - o Dairy Cattle Congress (Waterloo, Iowa)
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Sioux City Corn Palace
- Fairs:
 - o County
 - o State (See also Boxed Collection: Iowa State Fair)
 - o 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)

- o *For commercial sales see *Business & Industry: Product Distribution: Livestock Sales/Stockyards*
- 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):

- 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)
 - Poweshiek 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 capitols (Wisconsin Territory, Burlington, 1st Iowa City, 1st Des Moines)
 - Iowa City (2nd) ("Old Capitol")

- o 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:
 - o First Historical Building (E. 12th & Grand Ave.):
 - Construction/Renovation
 - Divisions:
 - Annals of Iowa
 - Archives
 - Library
 - Museum (Collections/Exhibits)
 - Employees
 - Exterior
 - Interior
 - Miscellaneous
 - o 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:
 - o A-L
 - o M-Z, and unidentified
- Spirit Lake/Okoboji

- Storm Lake

Law & Law Enforcement:

- Correctional Schools:
 - o Eldora
 - o Mitchellville
 - o Rockwell City
 - o 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
- Forts (for Ft. Des Moines Army Post see Military & War: U.S. Army: Ft. Des Moines):
 - o Fort Atkinson
 - o Fort Defiance
 - o Fort Des Moines
 - o Fort Dodge
 - o Fort Madison
 - o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- Militia
- Miscellaneous
- National Guard:
 - o Camps:
 - Camp Dodge

- Miscellaneous
 - Divisions/Regiments
 - Miscellaneous
- Relief
- Reserve Officers Training Corps (R.O.T.C.)
- U.S. Air Force

Military & War:

- U.S. Army:
 - Ft. Des Moines:
 - Artillery
 - Buildings & Grounds
 - Cavalry
 - Citizens' Military Training Camp
 - Miscellaneous
 - Women's Auxiliary Army Corps Training Center
 - Miscellaneous
 - 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:
 - Battles
 - Camps
 - Flags
 - Miscellaneous
 - Monuments
 - Portraits (unknown, or non-Iowa regimental affiliation)
 - Prisons
 - Regiments:
 - Cavalry
 - Infantry:
 - 1st-10th Iowa Volunteers
 - 11th-20th Iowa Volunteers
 - 21st-48th Iowa Volunteers
 - Miscellaneous and Unidentified
 - Reunions/G.A.R. (see also *Veterans' Organizations*)
 - Scenes (published views)
- Spanish-American War:
 - Bands
 - Camps
 - Hospitals/Nursing
 - Miscellaneous
 - Monuments
 - Portraits (see also specific Iowa regiments)
 - Regiments:
 - Infantry:
 - 49th Iowa
 - 50th Iowa
 - 51st Iowa
 - 52nd Iowa

- Miscellaneous/Unidentified

Military & War: Battles & Conflicts (in chronological order):

- World War I:
 - o Aviation
 - o Camps
 - o Divisions/Regiments
 - o Hospitals/Nursing
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Soldiers (usually portraits)

Military & War: Battles & Conflicts (in chronological order):

- World War II:
 - o Aviation
 - o Divisions/Regiments
 - o Homefront Activities:
 - Chicago, Northwestern Railroad "Wipes" (women)
 - Des Moines Register Pictorial History
 - Miscellaneous
 - o Hospitals/Nursing
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Soldiers (portraits, candids of individuals/small groups)

Military & War: Battles & Conflicts (in chronological order):

- 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

- o E-L
- o M
- o N-R
- o S-U
- o W-Z

Pioneer Life & Immigrants:

- Houses & other structures
- Individual/group/composite photos (pioneer settlers, etc.)
- Land Distribution & Settlement
- Miscellaneous
- Mormon

Politics:

- International
- National:
 - o Elections
 - o Miscellaneous
- State: Miscellaneous

Postal Service:

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

Prisons:

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

Railroads:

- Cars: Special Types
- Depots (by city):
 - o A-C
 - o Des Moines
 - o D-H
 - o I-M
 - o N-R
 - o S-Z
- Employees
- Lines:
 - o AMTRAK
 - o Burlington & Missouri
 - o Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern
 - o Chicago, Burlington & Quincy
 - o Chicago, Great Western
 - o Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific
 - o 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:

- o Fishing
- o Hunting:
 - Deer
 - Ducks
 - Pheasants
 - Small game (rabbits & squirrels, plus foxes/raccoons)
 - Miscellaneous
- Racing:
 - o Automobile & Motorcycle
 - o Horse
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Wrestling

Taverns

Transportation:

- Automobiles:
 - o Maytag/Mason
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o 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