

Photographs and Audio Visual – Des Moines (City of) Subject Files

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Arts: Applied (Crafts)

- o Centers & Galleries
- o Fine:
 - o Dance
 - o Drama
 - o Painting/Drawing

Aviation

Bird's-eye & Aerial Views

Black Americans

Bridges & Viaducts

Buildings: Commercial

Business & Industry:

- o Advertisements
- o Construction/Demolition (3 files)
- o Delivery & Shipping
- o Office Interiors

Business & Industry: Product Distribution:

- o Automobiles
- o Bakeries
- o Books/Magazines/Newspapers
- o Boots & Shoes
- o Department Stores
- o Drug & Pharmacy
- o Dry Goods
- o Elevators
- o Farm Implements
- o Florists
- o Food
- o Fuel
- o Furniture & Appliances
- o Glass
- o Grocery (includes liquor)
- o Hardware
- o Jewelry

- o Lumber
- o Machinery
- o Meats & Butchering
- o Millinery
- o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- o Music Stores
- o Nursery/Greenhouse/Seed Co.
- o Paint & Wallpaper
- o Pawnshops/Secondhand Stores
- o Shopping Centers/Malls
- o Sporting Goods
- o Tobacco
- o Toys

Business & Industry: Product Production & Extraction:

- o Aircraft
- o Automobiles
- o Bottling & Packaging
- o Brewery/Winery
- o Brickyards
- o Cement
- o Clay
- o Containers
- o Dairy
- o Farm Implements
- o Feed & Grain
- o Food
- o Foundry
- o Fuel
- o Furniture & Appliances
- o Garment
- o Gypsum
- o Ice
- o Machinery
- o Meat Packing
- o Metal Work
- o Mills (see separate heading "Mills")
- o Mining
- o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- o Monuments
- o Pharmaceuticals
- o Public Utilities
- o Publishing
- o Sash & Door
- o Soybeans
- o Sports Equipment
- o Steel
- o Tires & Rubber
- o Wagon Wheel & Carriage Manufacturing
- o Wool

Business & Industry: Service:

- o Advertising
- o Banking (includes investment co.'s)

- o Barber Shop/Beauty Salon
- o Blacksmith
- o Construction
- o Delivery & Shipping
- o Funeral Homes/Undertaking
- o Garage & Filling Station
- o Insurance:
 - o Banker's Life
 - o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- o Junkyards & Waste Disposal
- o Laundry & Drycleaning
- o Livery Stable
- o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- o Painting/Decorating
- o Photography
- o Printing/Lithography
- o Real Estate & Surveying
- o Restaurants (see separate main heading *Restaurants*)
- o Taverns (see separate main heading *Taverns*)

Cemeteries & Headstones:

- o Glendale
- o Miscellaneous
- o Woodland

Churches & Religion:

- o Clergy & Congregations
- o Denominations:
 - o Baptist
 - o Catholic
 - o Christian
 - o Christian Science
 - o Church of Christ
 - o Congregational
 - o Episcopal
 - o Evangelical & Reformed
 - o Evangelical United Brethren
 - o Jewish
 - o Lutheran
 - o Methodist & Methodist Episcopal
 - o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
 - o Open Bible
 - o Presbyterian
 - o Seventh Day Adventist

Communication:

- o Radio (including amateur "ham" radio)
- o Miscellaneous
- o Telegraph
- o Television

County Government:

- o Agencies & Officials:
 - o District Court

- o Miscellaneous
- o Polk County Board of Supervisors
- o Sheriff
- o Buildings & Grounds:
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Polk County Courthouses
 - o Polk County Farm

Dams

Disasters:

- o Accidents:
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Motor Vehicle
- o Natural
 - o Fires (See separate heading Fires & Fire Departments)
 - o Floods
 - o Snow & Ice
 - o Tornadoes

Entertainment & Amusement:

- o Amusement Parks:
 - o Adventureland
 - o Ingersoll Park
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Riverview
- o Auditoriums/Coliseums:
 - o Civic Center
 - o Des Moines Coliseum
 - o Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
- o Circuses/Sideshow/Carnivals
- o Expositions & Exhibitions
- o Fairs: County
- o Halls & Opera Houses
- o Miscellaneous
- o Motion Pictures
- o Nightclubs
- o Theaters
- o Zoos

Ethnic & Minority Groups

Federal Government:

- o Agencies & Officials
- o Buildings & Grounds: Federal Court Building
- o Buildings & Grounds: U.S. Federal Building & Post Office
- o Programs (includes Works Progress/Projects Administration and National Youth Administration)

Fires & Fire Departments:

- o Equipment & Firemen
- o Fires
- o Fire Stations

Historic Sites & Museums

Holidays & Celebrations:

- o Christmas
- o Local
- o Memorial Day
- o Miscellaneous
- o Patriotic
- o Thanksgiving

Hospitals:

- o Broadlawns Medical Center
- o Iowa Lutheran
- o Iowa Methodist Medical Center
- o Mercy Hospital & Medical Center
- o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- o Polyclinic
- o Veterans
- o Wilden Osteopathic Clinic

Hotels/Motels**Houses & Households:**

- o Construction/Razing
- o Famous:
 - o Cherry Place
 - o Governors: Miscellaneous
 - o Hoyt Sherman Place
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Terrace Hill
- o Furnishings
- o Mobile Homes/Tourist Camps
- o Multi-units
- o Rural: Exterior: Identified
- o Slums
- o Special Types (log, stone, etc.)
- o Suburbs/Annexation
- o Urban: Exterior:
 - o Identified
 - o Unidentified
- o Interior: Identified:
 - o Coffee Home
 - o Miscellaneous
- o Urban Renewal

Law & Law Enforcement:

- o Courtroom Scenes
- o Crimes
- o Jails
- o Juvenile Correction
- o Lawyers
- o Police
- o Prohibition
- o Traffic Violations

Libraries

Maps & Plats

Medicine:

- o Dentistry
- o Disease & Disease Prevention
- o Doctors
- o Miscellaneous
- o Nursing
- o Optometrists/Opticians

Military & War:

- o Miscellaneous
- o World War I: Miscellaneous
- o World War II:
 - o Homefront
 - o Miscellaneous

Mills

Monuments & Markers

Motels (See *Hotels/Motels*)

Municipal Government:

- o Agencies & Officials:
 - o City Council
 - o Mayor
 - o Miscellaneous
- o Buildings & Grounds:
 - o Armory
 - o Carpenter Shop
 - o City Hall (Municipal Bldg.)
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Motor Vehicle Inspection Station
 - o Municipal Court (& Public Safety Bldg.)

Music:

- o Bands
- o Chorus & Singers
- o Miscellaneous
- o Orchestras

Nature:

- o Animals
- o Birds
- o Conservation
- o Flowers & Plants
- o Scenes
- o Science
- o Seasons: I
 - o Falls
 - o Spring

- o Summer
- o Winter
- o Trees

Newspapers & Periodicals

Organizations & Clubs:

- o Animal Rescue League
- o Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- o Charity/Relief:
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Salvation Army
- o Civic:
 - o Chamber of Commerce
 - o Junior League
 - o Miscellaneous
- o Country Clubs
- o Des Moines Pioneer Club
- o Hobbies/Special Interest
- o Junior League
- o Labor
- o Masons
- o Miscellaneous
- o Modern Woodmen of America
- o Political
- o Professional
- o Red Cross (See *Social Services - Relief*)
- o Senior Citizen
- o Shrine
- o Sporting Clubs
- o Women's:
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Women's Christian Temperance Union
- o Y.M.C.A./Y.W.C.A.

Orphanages & Old Age Homes

Parades

Parks & Park Recreation:

- o City
 - o Birdland
 - o Burke
 - o Ewing
 - o Grand View
 - o Greenwood
 - o McHenry
 - o McRae
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Pioneer
 - o Union
 - o Water Works
 - o Waukonsa
- o State: Miscellaneous

Pioneer Life & Immigrants

Politics:

- o County
- o International
- o Municipal
- o National
- o State

Postal Service:

- o Buildings
- o Express
- o Miscellaneous

Railroads

Recreation:

- o Camping/Outings
- o Children's Activities
- o Community Centers
- o Dancing & Dance Halls
- o Gambling
- o Games
- o Miscellaneous
- o Pool & Pool Halls
- o Skating:
 - o Ice
 - o Roller
- o Sledding
- o Swimming
- o Teen Activities

Restaurants

Rivers & Creeks:

- o Des Moines River
- o Raccoon River

Roads & Highways:

- o Brick/Cobblestone
- o Construction & Maintenance
- o Streetlights/Signs/Traffic Signals
- o Unsurfaced

Scenes & Views (albums, souvenir books, etc.)

Schools & Education:

- o Art Schools
- o Business
- o Colleges & Universities:
 - o Des Moines College
 - o Drake University
 - o Highland Park College/Des Moines University

- o Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- o Elementary:
 - o Activities
 - o Buildings (when grade level of school is not known, photo is filed under *Secondary*)
 - o Class Pictures
 - o One-Room
 - o Pre-School/Nurseries
 - o Religious
- o Secondary:
 - o Activities
 - o Buildings
 - o Class Pictures
- o Special Education:
 - o Miscellaneous
 - o Smouse House
- o State & Local Agencies
- o Teachers
- o Vocational/Technical

Social Life & Customs:

- o Community Centers
- o Dating
- o Disabled Persons
- o Family Activities
- o Funerals
- o Old Age & Retirement
- o Parties
- o Pets
- o Suicide
- o Toys
- o Weddings/Marriage

Social Protest: Miscellaneous

Social Services:

- o Adoption & Child Welfare
- o Relief (including Red Cross)

Sports:

- o Baseball
- o Basketball
- o Bowling
- o Football
- o Golf
- o Hunting & Fishing
- o Miscellaneous
- o Racing: Automobile/Motorcycle
- o Tennis

Street Scenes:

- o Business
 - o 1860-1899
 - o 1900-1919
 - o 1920-1939

- o 1940-1959
 - o 1960-1979
- o Residential:
- o pre-1900
- o post-1900

Taverns

Transportation:

- o Automobiles
- o Bicycles
- o Buses:
 - o Curbliners
 - o Miscellaneous
- o Cabs
- o Horseback
- o Motorcycles
- o Parking
- o Stagecoaches & Coaches
- o Trolleys/Interurbans/Streetcars
- o Trucks
- o Wagons/Buggies/Sleighs

Veterans' Organizations