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

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Available at Des Moines Research Center

Arts: Applied (Crafts)
- Centers & Galleries
- Fine:
  - Dance
  - Drama
  - Painting/Drawing

Aviation

Bird's-eye & Aerial Views

Black Americans

Bridges & Viaducts

Buildings: Commercial

Business & Industry:
- Advertisements
- Construction/Demolition (3 files)
- Delivery & Shipping
- Office Interiors

Business & Industry: Product Distribution:
- Automobiles
- Bakeries
- Books/Magazines/Newspapers
- Boots & Shoes
- Department Stores
- Drug & Pharmacy
- Dry Goods
- Elevators
- Farm Implements
- Florists
- Food
- Fuel
- Furniture & Appliances
- Glass
- Grocery (includes liquor)
- Hardware
- Jewelry
• Lumber
• Machinery
• Meats & Butchering
• Millinery
• Miscellaneous & Unidentified
• Music Stores
• Nursery/Greenhouse/Seed Co.
• Paint & Wallpaper
• Pawnshops/Secondhand Stores
• Shopping Centers/Malls
• Sporting Goods
• Tobacco
• Toys

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

Business & Industry: Service:
• Advertising
• Banking (includes investment co.'s)
Barber Shop/Beauty Salon
Blacksmith
Construction
Delivery & Shipping
Funeral Homes/Undertaking
Garage & Filling Station
Insurance:
  Banker's Life
  Miscellaneous & Unidentified
Junkyards & Waste Disposal
Laundry & Drycleaning
Livery Stable
Miscellaneous & Unidentified
Painting/Decorating
Photography
Printing/Lithography
Real Estate & Surveying
Restaurants (see separate main heading Restaurants)
Taverns (see separate main heading Taverns)

Cemeteries & Headstones:
  Glendale
  Miscellaneous
  Woodland

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

Communication:
  Radio (including amateur “ham” radio)
  Miscellaneous
  Telegraph
  Television

County Government:
  Agencies & Officials:
    District Court
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/Sideshows/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:
- Christmas
- Local
- Memorial Day
- Miscellaneous
- Patriotic
- Thanksgiving

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

Hotels/Motels

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

Law & Law Enforcement:
- Courtroom Scenes
- Crimes
- Jails
- Juvenile Correction
- Lawyers
- Police
- Prohibition
- Traffic Violations

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Libraries

Maps & Plats

Medicine:
- Dentistry
- Disease & Disease Prevention
- Doctors
- Miscellaneous
- Nursing
- Optometrists/Opticians

Military & War:
- Miscellaneous
- World War I: Miscellaneous
- World War II:
  - Homefront
  - Miscellaneous

Mills

Monuments & Markers

Motels (See Hotels/Motels)

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

Music:
- Bands
- Chorus & Singers
- Miscellaneous
- Orchestras

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

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Summer
- Trees

Winter
- Newspapers & Periodicals

Organizations & Clubs:
- Animal Rescue League
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Charity/Relief:
  - Miscellaneous
  - Salvation Army
- Civic:
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Junior League
  - Miscellaneous
- Country Clubs
- Des Moines Pioneer Club
- Hobbies/Special Interest
- Junior League
- Labor
- Masons
- Miscellaneous
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Political
- Professional
- Red Cross (See Social Services - Relief)
- Senior Citizen
- Shrine
- Sporting Clubs
- 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
  - Birdland
  - Burke
  - Ewing
  - Grand View
  - Greenwood
  - McHenry
  - McRae
  - Miscellaneous
  - Pioneer
  - Union
  - Water Works
  - Waukonsa
- State: Miscellaneous
Pioneer Life & Immigrants

Politics:
- County
- International
- Municipal
- National
- State

Postal Service:
- Buildings
- Express
- Miscellaneous

Railroads

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

Restaurants

Rivers & Creeks:
- Des Moines River
- Raccoon River

Roads & Highways:
- Brick/Cobblestone
- Construction & Maintenance
- Streetlights/Signs/Traffic Signals
- Unsurfaced

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

Schools & Education:
- Art Schools
- Business
- Colleges & Universities:
  - Des Moines College
  - Drake University
  - 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
1940-1959
1960-1979
Residential:
pre-1900
post-1900

Taverns

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

Veterans' Organizations