

## PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF IOWA.

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## IV.

Articles on this subject have heretofore been published in the ANNALS, treating of the archives of the offices of Governor, Secretary of State and Auditor of State.<sup>1</sup> In this article is presented similar information upon the office of Treasurer of State.

This department of the government was established January 24, 1839, and designated "Treasurer of the Territory." The office was appointive and the first incumbent was Thornton Bayless, appointed by Governor Lucas. By the provisions of the Constitution of 1846 the department was continued under the title of "Treasurer." This constitution made the office elective and at the next election Morgan Reno was elected. The Constitution of 1857 continued the department under the titular head of "Treasurer of State."

The documents and records of the department mainly pertain to the receipt and disbursement of the revenues of the State. But many of a different character result from legislative changes in the duties of the office. This variety in the duties of the office appears in the classification of the documents.

There are also found in this department many historical documents not classed as public archives. These are mainly letters and documents of temporary commissions, not of statutory character, such as "Johnstown Flood" and "Russian Famine," where the Treasurer's office has been made the voluntary depository of gratuitous funds.

One of the most important of the additional duties assigned by law to this department is the collection of the collateral inheritance tax. Much material has accumulated in this division since its establishment in 1896. The office of

<sup>1</sup>Office of Governor, Vol. X, p. 166-193; Secretary of State, Vol. X, p. 273-319; Auditor of State, Vol. XII, p. 14-44.

State Treasurer retains all this under its control for the present, but there was obtained through the courtesy of Mr. Quincy C. Willis, Deputy Treasurer of State, who has been in direct charge of this division of the administrative work for a number of years, information necessary to enable an outline to be made for its classification when transferred to the Historical Department.

## OFFICE OF TREASURER OF STATE—CLASSIFICATION.

## MAIN DIVISIONS.

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 SERIES I. BIDS.

## Documents.

State Warrants, Purchase of

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## SERIES II. BONDS.

## Documents.

Administrators  
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## SERIES III. CERTIFICATES

## Documents.

Bonds  
Deposit  
Election  
Indebtedness  
Purchase  
School fund, Interest on  
Swamp land indemnity  
Miscellaneous

## SERIES IV. COLLATERAL INHERITANCE TAX.

**Bound Records.**

Estates reported, By counties  
 Register of estates  
 Register of receipts

**Documents.**

(All documents are filed in the following order under each estate. The estates are arranged in chronological and alphabetical order.)

Appraisement  
 Notices  
 Release from appraisement  
 Reports  
 Miscellaneous

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## SERIES V. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

**Documents.**

Miscellaneous

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## SERIES VI. CORRESPONDENCE.

**Bound Records.**

Letter books  
 Collateral inheritance tax  
 County attorneys  
 General  
 State institutions

**Letters.**

Agricultural College loans  
 Checks and drafts  
 County officers  
 County attorney  
 County superintendent

**Lands**

Des Moines river  
 General  
 Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts  
 Railroad  
 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific  
 Des Moines & Fort Dodge  
 Des Moines Valley  
 Iowa Falls & Sioux City  
 Miscellaneous

**Lands—Continued.**

Saline  
School  
Swamp  
University

**Revenue**

Counties  
Miscellaneous

**School fund****State institutions**

College for the Blind  
Industrial Home for the Blind  
Industrial Schools  
    Boys, at Eldora  
    Girls, at Mitchellville  
Institution for Feeble-minded Children  
Iowa Soldiers' Home  
Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home  
Iowa State Teachers' College  
Penitentiaries  
    Anamosa  
    Ft. Madison  
School for the Deaf  
State Hospital for Inebriates  
State Hospitals for Insane  
    Cherokee  
    Clarinda  
    Independence  
    Mt. Pleasant  
State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis  
State University

**State Offices, Boards, etc.**

Adjutant General  
Attorney General  
Auditor of State  
Control, Board of  
Custodian of Public Buildings  
Dental Examiners, Board of  
Executive Council  
Fish and Game Wardens  
Food and Dairy Commission  
Geological Survey  
Governor  
Historical Department  
Iowa State Library  
Labor Statistics, Bureau of

**State Officers, Boards, etc.—Continued.**

Library Commission  
 Medical Examiners, Board of  
 Pharmacy, Commission of  
 Railroad Commissioners  
 Secretary of State  
 State Mine Inspectors  
 State Oil Inspectors  
 State Printer  
 Treasurer of State

**Taxes**

Collateral inheritance  
 Davenport and Dubuque Street Railway  
 Company  
 Express  
     Continental  
     Pacific  
     United States  
 Insurance  
 Lands  
 Railroads  
     Companies  
     Counties, to aid in building  
     United States  
 Refining companies  
 Refrigerator transit companies  
 Telegraph  
 Telephone  
 Warrants  
 Miscellaneous

**Warrants****Miscellaneous**

Banks  
 Bids and contracts  
 Bonds  
 Centennial Exposition  
 Claims  
 Dictionary fund  
 Grey uniforms  
 Johnstown flood  
 Laws  
 Licenses  
     Itinerant peddlers  
     Peddlers  
     Miscellaneous  
 Notices

**Miscellaneous—Continued.**

Refunds  
 Columbian Commission  
 Legislative  
 Miscellaneous  
 Reports  
 Russian Famine  
 Vouchers  
 Unclassified

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## SERIES VII. NOTICES.

**Documents.**

Appointments  
 Fines collected  
 Interest due on Agricultural College loans  
 Investments  
 Protests  
 Banks  
 Insurance companies  
 Postal telegraph  
 Warrants  
 Publication  
 Revocation  
 Suspension  
 Miscellaneous

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## SERIES VIII. ORDERS.

**Documents.**

Auditor of State  
 Transfers  
 Board of Control  
 Transfer, credit, etc., of the funds of State  
 institutions.

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## SERIES IX. REPORTS.

**Bound Records.**

Auditor  
 Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts  
 Miscellaneous

**Documents.**

Commissions, Commissioners, etc.  
 Iowa Trans-Mississippi and International Ex-  
 position

**Commissions, Commissioners, etc.—Continued.**

Public Buildings  
 School Fund Commission

**County Officers**

County Superintendent of Schools  
 Fees  
 County Treasurers  
 Revenue

**State Institutions**

College for the Blind  
 Industrial Home for the Blind  
 Industrial (or reform) Schools  
   Boys, at Eldora  
   Girls, at Mitchellville  
 Institution for Feeble-minded Children  
 Iowa Soldiers' Home  
 Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home  
 Iowa State Agricultural College, etc.  
 Penitentiaries  
   Anamosa  
   Ft. Madison  
 School for the Deaf  
 State Hospital for Inebriates  
 State Hospitals for Insane  
   Cherokee  
   Clarinda  
   Independence  
   Mt. Pleasant

**State Officers, Members of Boards, etc.**

Adjutant General  
   Sales of ammunition  
   Sales of arms and stores  
 Auditor of State  
   Fees  
     Banks  
     Building and Loan  
     Insurance  
     Municipal examinations  
     Miscellaneous  
 Warrants issued  
   Des Moines River Improvement  
     fund  
   General revenue  
   War and defense  
 Clerk of Supreme Court  
   Fees

## State Officers, Members of Boards, etc.—Continued.

Custodian of Public Buildings  
 Dental Examiners, Board of  
 Educational Board of Examiners  
 Food and Dairy Commission  
 Governor  
 Health, Board of  
     Embalmers Department  
     Maternity hospital  
     Medical Examiners, Board of  
     Nurses department  
     Veterinary Medical Examiners, Board  
         of  
 Iowa State Library  
 Library Commission  
 Pharmacy, Commission of  
 Secretary of State  
     Fees  
 State Land Office  
 State Mine Inspectors  
     Fees  
 State Oil Inspectors  
     Fees  
 Treasurer of State  
     Monthly  
     Quarterly  
     Railroads  
     Warrants endorsed  
     Warrants redeemed  
 Miscellaneous  
     General Land Office  
     Swamp Land indemnity

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 SERIES X. VOUCHERS.

## Bound Records.

Balance Books  
 Invoices  
 Journals  
 Ledgers  
 Registers  
     Bonds  
     Checks  
     Drafts  
     Deposits  
     Warrants



**Bound Records—Continued.****Stub Books**

Checks  
Express  
Fees  
Institutions  
Insurance  
Revenue  
Miscellaneous

**Documents.**

Labor and materials on Capitol

Notes paid and cancelled

**Receipts**

Dictionary fund  
Deposit of bids on Capitol, etc.  
Distribution of laws  
Expense of prosecutions by Pharmacy Commission  
Express companies  
Interest of Agricultural College loans  
Salaries  
    Auditor of State  
    Members of General Assembly  
Sales  
    Iowa City lots  
    Land sale notes  
    Railroad lands  
State revenue (by counties)  
Swamp land indemnity fund (by counties)

**Warrants****Miscellaneous****SERIES XI. MISCELLANEOUS.****Bound Records.**

Abstracts

Memoranda

Miscellaneous

**Documents.**

Acts of General Assembly

Affidavits

Approval by Executive Council of Investigation of  
Agricultural College Funds

Checks (see list)

Deeds

Distribution of 5% School Fund

List of lots at Iowa City

**Documents—Continued.****Opinions of Attorney General****Release of railroad lands****Statements**

Banks

Bond agents

State Treasurer

**Transcripts****Unclassified**

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**BRUSSELS CARPET MANUFACTORY IN MUSCATINE.**

Our down river sister city Muscatine is a live place. Its people are not asleep, as its rapid improvement and its untiring energy in extending its railroads, and in making itself a commercial center, abundantly prove.

Muscatine does not, like Davenport, go a-begging for other people to build its roads. Its people do not advocate either county or state debt, in their behalf.

But the spirit of the people of that town is manifested in various ways and in many things they have taken the lead.

It would hardly be believed that there is at present a manufactory of Brussels Carpets in the state of Iowa; yet such is the fact, and that manufactory, too, is in Muscatine, as we learn from the *Journal* of last Friday. It states that "Mr. James Kitley has engaged in the business of carpet weaving, and there is to be seen in his shop a piece of Brussels Royal Velvet, of his own make, equal to any imported carpet. We can from personal knowledge say that he is master of his trade. His place is at east end of Eighth St."

We look upon this single fact as the beginning of an important era in the history of the State. Let Iowa manufactures prosper, say we.

Dubuque, *Express and Herald*, Nov. 4, 1858.

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**GREENE & MERRITT,**

Attorneys-at-Law and Solicitors in Chancery.

George Greene and Edward Merritt, having associated themselves for the practice of law at Dubuque, Iowa, will punctually attend to professional business in the several counties in the Territory, and will also act as general land agents, Dubuque, April 24, 1844.

Dubuque, *Iowa Transcript*, November 1, 1844.

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