

## PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF IOWA.

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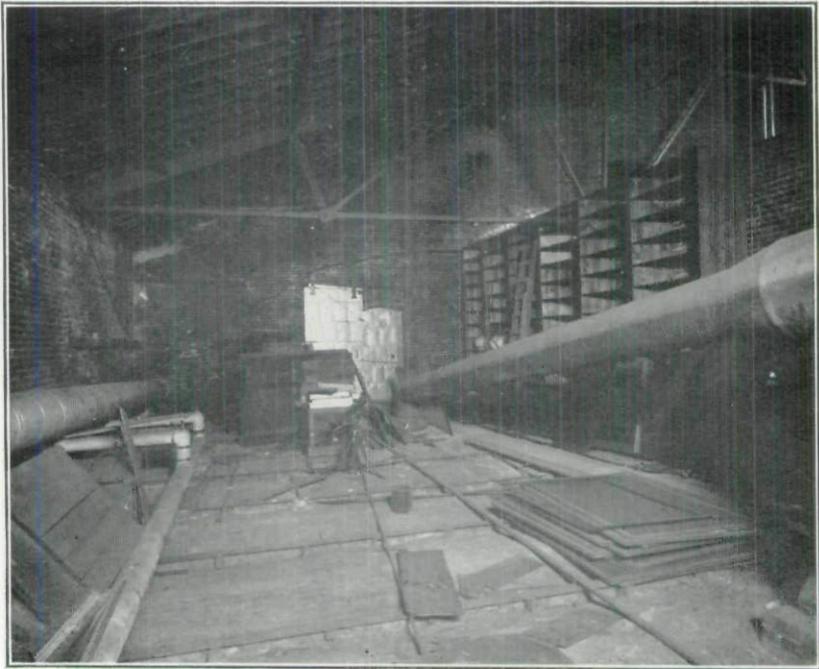
SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC ARCHIVES.

The matter of establishing a Hall of Public Archives for the care and preservation of the archives of the State of Iowa had been frequently agitated by Charles Aldrich, founder and curator of the State Historical Department, Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, of the Iowa State University, Judge Horace E. Deemer, of the Supreme Court of Iowa, and other men of prominence in the State. In the ANNALS OF IOWA, April, 1901, Mr. Aldrich points out the necessity for and strongly urges the establishment of a Hall of Public Archives, also in his Biennial reports for the State Historical Department in 1901 and 1905 he reinforces his former suggestions.

The Thirty-first General Assembly of the State of Iowa passed the following:

AN ACT providing for the care and permanent preservation of the public archives, and making an appropriation therefor:

Section 1. That for the care and preservation of the public archives the state library and historical department of Iowa are hereby given the custody of all the original public documents, papers, letters, records and other official manuscripts of the State executive and administrative departments, offices or officers, councils, boards, bureaus and commissions, ten years after the date or current use of such public documents, papers, letters, records or other of-



A Capitol garret from which was removed a confused mass of materials embracing all data concerning the erection of the new capitol; all population schedules census of 1870 and early records of a number the State Departments.

ficial manuscripts. Provided, that the executive council shall have the power and authority to order the transfer of such records or any part thereof at any time prior to the expiration of the limit of ten years hereinbefore provided or to retain the same in the respective offices beyond such limit according as in the judgment of the council the public interest or convenience may require.

Sec. 2. That the several state executive and administrative departments, officers or offices, councils, boards, bureaus and commissioners, are hereby authorized and directed to transfer and deliver to the state library and historical department, such of the public archives as are designated in Section one (1) of this act, except such as in the judgment of the executive council should be longer retained in the respective offices.

Sec. 3. That the state library and historical department is hereby authorized and directed to receive such of the public archives and records as are designated in section (1) of this act and provide that the same be properly arranged, classified, labeled, filed and calendared.

Sec. 4. That for the care and permanent preservation by the state library and historical department of the public archives hereinbefore designated, the executive council is hereby authorized and directed to provide, furnish and equip such room or rooms in the historical, memorial and art building (now in process of erection) as may be deemed necessary for the purposes of this act, and the room or rooms thus provided for shall be known as the hall of public archives.

Sec. 5. That for carrying out the purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum for three years to be expended under the direction of the board of trustees of the State Library and Historical Department.

Approved April 10, A. D. 1906.

The trustees of the State Library and Historical Department assigned the work to Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh of the State University of Iowa, who spent the first year in investigation and preliminary work, which he reported in full in two reports, September 18, 1906, and May 11, 1907. These were published by the State Historical Department at Des Moines.

The Thirty-second General Assembly increased the appropriation and placed the supervision of the work and the disbursement of the appropriation under the direction of the

Executive Council instead of the Board of Trustees of the State Library and Historical Department. The general supervision of the work under the Executive Council was given Mr. A. H. Davison, its secretary, who devised our system of cleaning and filing. The writer was employed by the Executive Council in September, 1907, since which time he has had direction of the classification, arrangement, etc.

A great deal of the old material at the Capitol was found covered with dust, with packages broken open and papers scattered. In some instances they were ready to crumble to pieces. This was caused mainly by storage in hot, unventilated vaults and by frequent shifting into any available nook to give space for new material. During the session of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, I was called to the Capitol to inspect some material found in one of the garrets. Investigation was extended to all the garrets and a dray load of valuable documents was removed to the Archives Department. Among them were the earlier records of the commission which built the present Capitol. There were all the plans, tracings, blue prints, etc., of the Capitol and the Historical building, the earlier records of the Agricultural Department, Geological Department, Railroad Commissioners, Superintendent of Public Instruction, population schedules of the census of Iowa, etc., etc. These were from earlier, sometimes obsolete offices, had cumbered the present offices, and were "in the way" until "stored away."

In classifying the material I find thousands of valuable documents are missing. A large number of them have been destroyed, some by fire. The original manuscripts of others, such as reports, messages, etc., I have observed in my experience in subordinate situations in State offices, have gone to the printer for copy and when returned have been thrown into the waste basket. In some cases original papers instead of copies were delivered to the public when a call was made for them. A great many were scattered or lost by the several removals from one Capitol to another. Many of the documents supposed to be lost are now being found scattered among the different offices. Hundreds of these are returned to the

offices where they originated and to which they belong. While classifying the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of 1844, in the office of Secretary of State, I found the original manuscripts of the minutes and journals missing. I have since found them among materials from the office of Auditor of State.

All manuscripts and records are retained in the Archives Department. The printed materials are turned over to the Library and Historical Department.

All manuscript materials are treated in the following manner: They are thrown, first, into main divisions, for the office in which we are working. Then the actual work of classification begins. The papers are next all read and placed under proper divisions. Where possible many of these divisions are combined. Each division is then taken up separately and subdivided by subjects until the lowest subdivision is reached. They are then arranged in alphabetical order.

Next they are unfolded, dusted, repaired, cleaned with a wet sponge, pressed out flat between blotters and placed in heavy tag board folders, similar to those for vertical filing. These folders are legal size, with an index upon one of the inner pages. When properly labeled, these folders are placed in boxes made of binders' board, cloth-covered and dust-proof, and the boxes and bound records are placed in fireproof steel cases especially constructed for that purpose.

An idea of the amount of material and labor in the Department can be gained from the fact that we have now on file from the three offices of Governor, Secretary of State and Auditor: 1871 bound volumes; 1,250,000 sheet documents (estimated by the average number to each box); 2,225,000 unbound census schedules (population schedules).

The archives of all the other offices are in the storage cases, where there are awaiting us thousands upon thousands of unclassified documents from the garrets of the Capitol, from the State storage building, from the old Arsenal, and elsewhere. Among these are the records and proceedings of the different commissions appointed from time to time; of the

Custodian of Public Buildings; of the Geological Department; of the Agricultural Department; of the Railroad Commissioners; of the State Board of Health; Labor Commissioner; Superintendent of Public Instruction and Adjutant General. In addition to these there is still an immense amount of material in the vaults of the various State offices to be removed to the Archives Department as rapidly as storage room will permit.

Of the material now in the Department we have classified and filed the offices of Governor and of Secretary of State and are about three-fourths through with the office of Auditor of State. The last has been classified and a part of it cleaned and filed.

That such a department exists is rapidly becoming known, and personal applications and written requests for reference to material on file are more and more frequent. A great many come direct to the department in addition to those made to the different State offices and by them referred to the department. They come from attorneys, students and persons engaged in historical research, and from representatives of similar departments established or in contemplation in other States.

Iowa seems to have been one of the pioneers in the work. Several States had taken some prior steps toward the preservation of the public archives but had done very little systematic work. In the last two or three years the vital historical importance of public archives has aroused keener interest in a great many States and in the National Congress. This is due, to a great extent, to agitation by the American Historical Association, through its Public Archives Commission.

From information gleaned from all available sources it can be safely said that Iowa is excelled by none and equalled by only a few States in the advancement made toward the preservation of public archives. Having the reputation of never doing things by halves, it is safe to predict that in future Iowa will be found up to its standard: "In all that is good Iowa affords the best."

Below is given our classification for the office of Governor. It enters into detail more than simple outlines should for the reason that it must serve as a temporary index until each office is catalogued and indexed, when revision may take place.

### GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

In making the classification in this office the matter has been arranged in chronological order and in every case, where practicable, is in alphabetical order.

Commissions are arranged in alphabetical order under each division.

In Correspondence under criminal matters all papers belonging to each case are combined and the cases are arranged in alphabetical order by defendants' names. The same in Appointments under names of applicants.

Under each subdivision in Correspondence the letters are arranged in alphabetical order by the names of the writers.

Extraditions are classified by States in chronological order.

Proclamations are classified by States in chronological order.

Reports are arranged in chronological order by the different departments, institutions, etc., which make them.

Vouchers are arranged by numbers and by the months for each calendar year.

The same general plan has been followed in each of the remaining divisions.

Following is the classification:

### GOVERNOR'S OFFICE—CLASSIFICATION.

#### MAIN DIVISIONS.

- |        |       |                 |
|--------|-------|-----------------|
| Series | I.    | Commissions.    |
| Series | II.   | Correspondence. |
| Series | III.  | Elections.      |
| Series | IV.   | Extraditions.   |
| Series | V.    | Legislative.    |
| Series | VI.   | Miscellaneous.  |
| Series | VII.  | Petitions.      |
| Series | VIII. | Proclamations.  |
| Series | IX.   | Reports.        |
| Series | X.    | Vouchers.       |

**Governor's Office—Classification.****SERIES I. COMMISSIONS.****Bound Records.**

Commission registers  
 Commission records  
 Notarial registers

**Commissions.****Commissioners and agents**

Immigration  
 Penitentiaries, to examine records at  
 School Fund Commissioners, to examine records of  
 Swamp Land Agents

**Commissioner of Deeds**

Delegates to expositions, conventions, etc.

**Judicial**

Judges of Supreme Court  
 Judges of District Court  
 Judges of Circuit Court

**Notarial****State institutions, Officers of**

Hospitals for insane  
 School for the deaf

**State officers, members of boards, departments. etc.**

Curator of Historical Society  
 Mine inspectors

**SERIES II. CORRESPONDENCE.****Bound Records.**

Letter copying books  
 Volumes of Executive correspondence

**Letters.**

Affairs outside the State  
 Appointments  
 Charities  
 Commissions  
 Counties and towns  
 Criminal  
 Elections  
 Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.



Documents ready to be classified. From the department of Banks and Insurance, office of Auditor of State.

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.**

Lands  
Legislative  
Military  
Miscellaneous  
Resignations  
State institutions  
State officers, boards, departments, etc.  
Temperance  
Transportation

**Affairs outside the State**

Foreign (correspondence with Ambassadors, Consuls, Vice Consuls, Ministers, etc., and miscellaneous)

National (correspondence with departments of Agriculture, Interior, Justice, Navy, Post Office, State, War, Treasury, U. S. Senate, House of Representatives and miscellaneous)

Other States (with Executive Departments, Secretaries of State, Librarians, etc., concerning conventions, celebrations, statistics, conditions, etc., and miscellaneous)

**Appointments**

(Applications, recommendations, acceptances, declinations, petitions, protests, etc., arranged in alphabetical order by the names of the applicants)

**Commissioner of Deeds****Commissioners and agents**

Capitol  
Cherokee Hospital for Insane (to locate)  
Des Moines River Lands  
Immigration  
Industrial Home for Blind  
Miscellaneous  
Penitentiary (to locate)  
Revenue Law  
School Fund

## Governor's Office—Classification.

## Series II—Correspondence.

## Letters.

## Appointments.

## Commissions and agents

Soldiers' Home

Southern Battlefields (to locate Iowa troops)

Swamp Land Agents

## Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc. (delegates)

Agricultural Congress

Agricultural Convention—Kansas City

Agricultural Convention—Lake Charles

Agricultural Convention—Philadelphia

American Board Cheap Transportation

American Commerce Convention, 1878

American Exhibition—London

Anti-option Convention

Bi-metallic Convention

Board of Trade Convention

Boys and Girls National Home and Employment Assn., 1891, 1894

Canadian Thistle Convention, St. Paul

Capital Commissioners

Centennial Celebration of American Constitution

Centennial Celebration of Inauguration of Washington

Centennial Celebration of Surrender of Cornwallis

Centennial Exposition—Cincinnati

Centennial Exposition—Inaugural of Washington, 1889

Centennial Exposition—Philadelphia

Centennial Exposition—Washington, 1883

Cheap Transportation Convention, 1874, 1875, 1876

Chilian Exposition—Santiago, 1875

Commercial Congress—Kansas City, 1891

Commercial Convention, 1869, 1891

Congress of Bankers

Cotton States National Exposition, 1895

Deep Water Harbor Convention, 1889, 1892, 1893, 1897

## Governor's Office—Classification.

## Series II—Correspondence.

## Letters.

## Appointments.

## Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.

Edinburgh International Exhibition  
 Educational Conference  
 Forestry Congress, 1885, 1889  
 Grant Monument  
 Great Lakes & Tide Water Convention  
 Industrial & Commercial Convention  
 Immigration Convention  
 Improvement of Western Waterways Convention  
 International Congress Hygiene, etc.  
 International Deep Waterways Convention  
 International Exposition  
 International Gold Mining Convention  
 International Prison Association, 1874, 1878  
 Interstate Agricultural Convention  
 Interstate Anti-trust Convention  
 Interstate Coal Trust Convention  
 Interstate Deep Water Harbor Convention,  
 1888, 1889  
 Interstate Irrigation Association  
 Interstate Railway Convention  
 Interstate Wool Growers Association  
 Iowa Semi-Centennial Celebration  
 Mexican Exposition  
 Mississippi Improvement convention, 1879,  
 1881, 1883, 1884, 1887, etc.  
 Mississippi & Lake Michigan Canal Convention  
 Mississippi Valley Commercial Convention  
 Nashville Exposition  
 National Agricultural Association  
 National Agricultural Society Meeting  
 National Butter, Cheese & Egg Convention,  
 1879, 1885  
 National Capital Convention, 1869, 1870  
 National Cattle Growers Convention, 1884,  
 1885, 1887  
 National Commercial Convention  
 National Conference State Board of Live Stock  
 Com., etc.

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.****Appointments.****Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.**

- National Conference Charities & Corrections,  
1878, 1897
- National Convention Board of Trade
- National Farmers Congress, 1885, 1897
- National Food & Dairy Commissioners Conven-  
tion
- National Guard Association
- National Irrigation Congress
- National Mining Congress
- National Mining & Industrial Congress
- National Nicaragua Canal Convention
- National Prison Congress, 1874, 1888, 1889,  
1890, 1892, 1896
- National Railroad Convention
- National Ship Canal Convention
- National Silver Convention
- New Orleans Commercial Convention
- New York Celebration
- Nicaragua Canal Convention
- North, Central & South American Exposition
- Northwest Waterways Convention
- Pan-American Bi-metallic Association Conven-  
tion
- Pan-American Medical Congress
- Pan-Republic Congress
- Paris Exposition, 1867, 1878, 1889
- Penitentiary and Reformatory Congress
- Pork and Beef Combine Convention
- Prison Reform Congress, 1873, 1874, 1876,  
1885
- Producers and Consumers Convention
- Pure Food Convention
- St. Louis Wheat Growers Convention
- Silver Convention, 1889, 1893
- Southern Commercial Convention
- State Veterinarians
- Tennessee Centennial & International Exposi-  
tion
- Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress—  
Omaha, 1891, Denver, 1892

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.****Appointments.****Expositions, Conventions, Congresses, etc.**

Trans-Mississippi & International Exposition  
 Vienna Exposition  
 Waifs Rescue and Training Association  
 Western Waterways Convention, 1887, 1891,  
 1895  
 World's Agricultural Congress  
 World's Fair  
 World's Industrial & Cotton Centennial Exposit-  
 tion  
 World's Real Estate Congress  
 General

**Military****Miscellaneous****Notarial****State Institutions (Officers)**

College for the Blind  
 Industrial School for Boys at Eldora  
 Industrial School for Girls at Mitchellville  
 Institution for Feeble-minded Children  
 Iowa Soldiers' Home  
 Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home  
 Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic  
 Arts  
 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  
 General  
 State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuber-  
 culosis  
 State University

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.****Appointments.****State officers, members of boards, departments, etc.**

Adjutant General  
Attorney General  
Auditor of State  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Control, Board of  
Custodian of Public Buildings and Property  
Dental Examiners, Board of  
Director of Weather and Crop Service  
District Attorney  
District, Circuit & Probate Courts (Judges)  
Educational Board of Examiners  
Educational Commission  
Fish and Game Warden  
Food and Dairy Commissioner  
Geological Board  
Health, Board of  
Inspector of Bees  
Inspector of Boats  
Iowa State Library  
Labor Statistics, Bureau of  
Library Commission  
Optometry Examiners, Board of  
Parole, Board of  
Pharmacy, Commission of  
Railroad Commissioners  
Secretary of State  
State Binder  
State Land Office  
State Mine Inspectors  
State Oil Inspectors  
State Printer  
State Veterinary Surgeon  
Superintendent Public Instruction  
Superintendent Weights and Measures  
Superior Court (Judges)  
Supreme Court (Judges)  
Supreme Court Reporter

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.****Appointments.****State officers, members of boards, departments, etc.**

Treasurer of State

Voting Machine Commissioners, Board of

**U. S. Senators****Charities**

Chicago fire

Churches, appeals for aid

Cyclones

Adair County

Britt, Hancock Co.

Grinnell

Pomeroy

Grasshopper invasion

Johnstown flood

Institutions, colleges, homes, etc.

Nebraska and Kansas, aid for

Personal relief, Requests for

Public Charities, Board of

Russian famine

Sunday schools

Wisconsin and Michigan, forest fires

Yellow fever sufferers

Y. M. C. A., W. C. T. U., W. R. C.

**Commissions**

Capitol

Expositions, World's Columbian

Revenue law

Soldiers and Sailors Monument

Southern Battlefields

**Counties and towns**

County affairs

Town affairs

**Criminal**

Cases, including: Requisitions, pardons, remissions, restorations, etc., arranged in alphabetical order

Industrial schools (same arrangement as above)

General matters

## Governor's Office—Classification.

## Series II—Correspondence.

## Letters.

## Elections

## Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.

Agricultural Convention—Lake Charles  
 Agricultural Convention—Philadelphia  
 American Agricultural Society (Assn.)  
 American Bankers Association  
 American Exposition—London  
 American Forestry Congress  
 American Peace Society  
 American Social Science  
 Andrew Jackson Celebration  
 Anti-option Convention  
 Anti-saloon Republican National Convention  
 Anti-Trust Convention  
 Association of Military Surgeons  
 Augusta National Exposition  
 Board of Trade & Transportation Convention  
 Boys & Girls National Home and Employment  
 Association, 1889, 1892, 1894  
 Cattle Owners Convention  
 Centennial Anniversary of the Adoption of  
 the Constitution  
 Centennial at Cincinnati  
 Centennial Celebration—Philadelphia  
 Centennial Celebration of Inauguration of  
 Washington  
 Centennial Exposition at Washington  
 Chilian International Exposition  
 Commercial Congress  
 Congress of Bankers and Financiers  
 Constitutional Defense Association  
 Corn Palace  
 Cotton Exposition  
 Cotton States International Exposition  
 County Auditors Convention  
 Deep Water Harbor Convention  
 Farmers Cooperative Trust Association  
 Farmers National Congresses  
 Home Rule Convention  
 Illinois River Improvement Association  
 Immigration Congress



Reading and classifying documents.

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.****Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.**

Improvement of Mississippi River Convention  
Industrial Convention  
International Deep Waterways Convention  
International Prison Congress  
Interstate Coal Trust Convention  
Interstate Deep Harbor Convention  
Interstate Deep Waterways Convention  
Interstate Fair—Kansas City  
Interstate Gold Mining Convention  
Interstate Railway Convention  
Interstate Wool Growers Convention  
Iowa Semi-Centennial Celebration  
Irish National League Convention  
Law and Order League  
Live Stock Growers and Veterinarians  
London Exhibition  
Mexican Exposition  
Mississippi River Improvement Convention  
Mississippi Valley Commercial Convention  
Mississippi River Improvement Convention  
National Agricultural Convention  
National Agricultural Exposition — Kansas  
City  
National Bazaar Industrial Art Convention  
National Butter and Egg Convention  
National Capitol Convention  
National Cattle Breeders Convention  
National Cattle Growers Convention  
National Conference of Charities and Correc-  
tions  
National Congress for Good Roads  
National Dairy and Food Commissioners Con-  
vention  
National Farmers Congress  
National Fishery Congress  
National Irrigation Congress  
National Mining Congress  
National Nicaragua Canal Conventions — St.  
Louis, New Orleans  
National Prison Association  
National Prison Reform

## Governor's Office—Classification.

## Series II—Correspondence.

## Letters.

## Expositions, conventions, congresses, etc.

National Reform Congress  
 National Ship Canal Convention  
 National Silver Convention  
 National Stock Growers Convention  
 New England Fairs  
 New Era Exposition  
 New Orleans Commercial Convention  
 North, Central and South American Expositions  
 Northwest Industrial Convention  
 Ohio Centennial  
 Pan-American Bi-metallic Association Con-  
 vention  
 Pan-American Medical Congress  
 Paris Exposition  
 Pork and Beef Combine Convention  
 Prison Congress at Stockholm  
 Prisoners Aid Association  
 Promotion of American Commerce  
 Pure Food Convention  
 River Improvement Convention  
 St. Louis Exposition & Music Hall Association  
 St. Louis Railroad Convention  
 Semi-Centennial Celebration—Pella  
 Social Science Congress  
 Southern Commercial Congress  
 Southern Commercial Convention  
 Southern Exposition  
 Southern Interstate Road  
 Southwest Grain and Trade Congress  
 State Temperance Alliance  
 Tennessee Centennial & International Expi-  
 sition  
 Texas Spring Palace  
 Trans-Mississippi Congress  
 Trans-Mississippi International Exposition  
 Vienna Exposition  
 Waifs Rescue and Training Association  
 Waifs Savings Association  
 Western States Congress  
 Western Waterways Convention, 1891, 1895,  
 1897

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.****Expositions, Conventions, Congresses, etc.**

Wheat Growers Convention  
Worlds Columbian Exposition—Chicago  
Worlds Fair (Midwinter at San Francisco)  
Worlds Industrial & Cotton Centennial Exposition  
Worlds Real Estate Congress  
Youths National Employment Association  
General

**Lands**

Agricultural College  
Des Moines River  
Railroad  
Saline  
School  
Swamp  
University  
General

**Legislative**

Correspondence with the Legislature  
Letters concerning legislative matters

**Military**

Militia, general correspondence relating to  
riots, mobs, strikes, etc., at  
Ackley  
Albia  
Angus  
Appanoose County  
Calanan  
Cedar Rapids  
Clinton  
Council Bluffs  
Creston  
Dubuque  
Independence  
Iowa City  
Kelley's Army invasion  
Mahaska County  
Marshalltown  
Sioux City

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.****Military.**

Orders, general and court martial

War matters, relating to deceased soldiers,  
draft regulations, protests against return-  
ing Confederate flags, letters of Governor  
Kirkwood, southern boundary troubles,  
voting of Iowa regiments in the field, etc.

War claims

**Miscellaneous**

Acknowledgements

Banks

Battleship Iowa, in regard to silver service

Capitol, new

Census

Complaints

Congratulations

Cranks

Educational matters

Good roads

Hog cholera

Indian affairs

Inquiries

Insurance

Invitations

Judicial

Kate Shelly

Monuments

Portraits

Recommendations

Requests

Returned letters and telegrams

Soldiers and sailors reunion (See also invita-  
tions)

State line

Taxation

Thanks

Unclassified

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.****State officers, boards, departments, etc.****Resignations**

County and local officers  
Legislature, Members of  
Outside the State, Officers  
Senators  
Representatives in Congress  
Commissioners, etc.  
State institutions, Officers of  
State officers, Members of Boards of

**State Institutions**

College for the Blind  
Industrial (or reform) School for Boys  
Industrial (or reform) School for Girls  
Institution for Feeble-minded Children  
Iowa Soldiers' Home  
Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home  
Iowa State College of Agriculture and Me-  
chanic Arts  
Iowa State Teachers College  
Penitentiaries  
Anamosa  
Ft. Madison  
School for the Deaf  
Iowa Hospitals for Insane  
Cherokee  
Clarinda  
Independence  
Mt. Pleasant  
General  
State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuber-  
culosis  
State University

**State officers, boards, departments, etc.**

Adjutant General  
Agriculture, Department of  
Attorney General  
Auditor of State  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Control, Board of

## Governor's Office—Classification.

## Series II—Correspondence.

## Letters.

## State officers, boards, departments, etc.

Custodian of Public Buildings and Property  
 Dental Examiners, Board of  
 Director of Weather and Crop Service  
 District Attorney  
 District, Circuit and Probate Courts  
 Educational Board of Examiners  
 Educational Commission  
 Executive Council  
 Fish and Game Warden  
 Food and Dairy Commissioner  
 Geological Board  
 Governor  
 Health, Board of  
 Historical Department  
 Horticultural Society  
 Inspector of Bees  
 Inspector of Boats  
 Iowa State Highway Commission  
 Iowa State Library  
 Labor Statistics, Bureau of  
 Law Examiners, Board of  
 Library Commission  
 Optometry Examiners, Board of  
 Parole, Board of  
 Pharmacy, Commission of  
 Railroad Commissioners  
 Secretary of State  
 State Binder  
 State Historical Society  
 State Land Office  
 State Mine Inspectors  
 State Oil Inspectors  
 State Printer  
 State Veterinary Surgeon  
 Superintendent Public Instruction  
 Superintendent Weights and Measures  
 Superior Court  
 Supreme Court  
 Supreme Court Reporter  
 Treasurer of State  
 Voting Machine Commissioners, Board of

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series II—Correspondence.****Letters.**

Temperance

Transportation

Railways

Water

## SERIES III. ELECTIONS.

**Documents.**

Abstracts of general and special elections

Certificates of presidential electors

Certificates of judges of superior courts

Nomination papers

Miscellaneous

## SERIES IV. EXTRADITIONS.

**Bound Records.**

Executive Journals—Criminal matters

Records of warrants

**Requisitions from other States.**

(The arrangement is in chronological order, by States,  
and all papers belonging to each case are combined.)

## SERIES V. LEGISLATIVE.

**Bound Records.**

Executive Journals

**Acts, Resolutions, etc.**

Legislature of Iowa

Other States

National Congress

**Addresses of the Governor.**

Inaugurals

Miscellaneous

**Communications.**

Nominations

Confirmations

**Governor's Office—Classification.****Series V—Legislative.****Certificates of Election.**

Trustees, Superintendents, etc., of State institutions  
 United States Senators

**Messages.**

Biennial  
 Special

**SERIES VI. MISCELLANEOUS.****Bound Records.**

Executive journals  
 All unclassified documents  
 Contracts, bonds, articles of agreement, etc.  
 Printed matter

**SERIES VII. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.**

(As distinguished from petitions and letters endorsing and recommending.)

**SERIES VIII. PROCLAMATIONS.****Bound Records.**

Executive journals  
 Iowa (arranged in chronological order)  
 Other States (arranged in chronological order)

**SERIES IX. REPORTS.****Bound Records.****Documents.**

County officers  
 Commissions, commissioners, agents, delegates, etc.  
 Miscellaneous  
 Railroads  
 State institutions  
 State officers, boards, departments, etc.  
 County officers  
 Church property  
 Cities and towns, Indebtedness of  
 Counties, Indebtedness of



Cleansing and pressing documents.

## Governor's Office—Classification.

## Series IX—Reports.

## Documents.

## County officers.

Insane in counties  
 Jails and prisoners  
 Paupers  
 Pleuro-pneumonia  
 Poorhouses and poor farms  
 Saloons  
 Shorthand reporting, Cost of

## Commissions, commissioners, agents, delegates, etc.

Baker monument  
 Boundary line  
 Building  
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