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## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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### THE VALUE OF A MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

One must count among the more important aids to a fuller and more accurate understanding of history the correspondence, letters, and accounts of men who figured in the developments of their day. This department has long held this to be true, and has continuously sought to collect and preserve the manuscript letters and correspondence of Iowa men and women and institutions. Curator Charles Aldrich gave a great impetus to this effort in the very first days of the department, and by his wide acquaintance with the leading men of early Iowa he was able to secure and preserve for the state some of the most valuable collections the department has. Under Curator Edgar Harlan the same recognition of the value of such records continued to stimulate efforts to acquire and preserve records of those men, women, and institutions which would throw light upon the passing scene of which they were a part. The process of adding to the collections in the department is never ended; it is and must be one of the main functions of the department.

Too often, however, the average man, whether he be the banker, the clothier, the realtor, the bookkeeper, or the Mayor may wonder what is the value of preserving such collections of letters and old records. Yet from such records comes much of our information of history, and for Iowa, much of the history of her territorial and early statehood days is to be found in the manuscript collections, as well as information relative to the court and legal systems in Iowa, her Indian relations, her school and religious developments, her customs and manners, and the changes in the kind and the method of doing business. All are there, for those who will study them.

If a wide knowledge of the price and operation of grain on the several markets is a sign of the better farmer, then surely an increasing knowledge of the facts and realities of our

American history is a sign of, and makes, a better citizen. Records from men of high and low estate, from all business and professional occupations, from journals, ledgers, correspondence and diaries help to produce that ever enlarging stream of information. If men are to be free they must first know the truth.

Below is a list of manuscripts in the possession of the department which have been received since 1929, or which were not listed in the account given in the April number, 1929, of the *Annals of Iowa*. The list here given is divided into two parts, the first the personal manuscript section, and the second the non-personal, or group and institutional records.

### PERSONAL MANUSCRIPTS

Adams, Samuel	Callanan, J., Jr.
Allen, William	Carpenter, William
Andreen, Gustav	Casady, Simon
Anderson, Mrs. B. M.	Casson, Henry
Anderson, Leo	Chambers, John
Armstrong, Frank	Chase, D. D.
Arnold, Edw.	Chatland, Thomas
Atkinson, William I.	Call, Kate
Avery, William	Call, Arnold
Bailey, Joel	Collins, W. L.
Bainbridge, W. E.	Conger, P. H.
Baker, John Dodge, Acct. Books	Conway, William B.
Baldwin, Caleb	Cook, Jacob
Barr, Samuel	Cook, John G.
Bartlett, John D., Acct. Books	Cooler, Gilbert
Bassett, Christina	Cowles, (Rev.) Salmon
Blaine, James G.	Cox, Thomas
Blanchard, Henry E.	Craig, James
Boies, Horace	Cravin, James
Boone, Nathan, Survey Notes	Crawford, D.
Bradshaw, Charles S.	Crawford, J. S., P. W., S. J., T.
Brandt, Isaac	Cummings, C. A.
Brown, N. T.	Davis, C. F.
Brocking, Mrs. Almira	Dean, Henry Clay
Brookhart, Smith W.	Deering, Mrs. N. C.
Bruner, Elias D.	Depew, H. H.
Bruce, James	Dermer, H. E.
Busby, Samuel	Donnan, Dan
Callanan, James	Douglas, Stephan A.

- Duffield, George C.  
Dunham, C.  
Durham, S. W.  
Evans, W. C.  
Everett, E. S.  
Fairall, S. H.  
Faville, Oren  
Franklin, Sir John  
Frazee, George  
Frazier, George  
Frink, John  
Frizzell, J. W.  
Gendry,  
Gray, Thomas  
Greef, H. S.  
Griswold, Rev.  
Guye, Lawrence  
Hack, O. J.  
Hall, William C.  
Hammil, Math G.  
Harper, William  
Harriott (Dr.) I. H.  
Hayden, Everett  
Hayden, F. V.  
Haynes, James  
Hay, A. T.  
Hecox, Warren T.  
Henderson, F. J.  
Hendershott, N. B.  
Herriott, (Prof.) F. I.  
Hillis, Cora Bussey  
Hoffman, Thomas L.  
Holman, Grant  
Hoskins, Erastus  
Howe, Judge, O. C.  
Hull, J. A. T.  
Hunt, Jerry and "others"  
Husted, A. S.  
Hutchins, C. B.  
Ingham, Harvey  
Jacobs, R. G.  
Jefferson, Theo  
Karr, Mrs. H. L.  
Kellenbarger, (Lieut.) John H.  
Kerr, John  
Kerr, Wm G.  
Kindig, J. W.  
Lally, John F.  
Lee, Henry W.  
Lees, James H.  
Lenihan, (Rev.) Matthias C.  
Leonard, Katherine  
Lipse, Benjamin F.  
Logan, John  
Lowe, Ralph P.  
Lucas, Robert  
Luther, Martin  
Lyon, Mrs. E. M.  
Lytton, (Lord and Lady) Edw. B.  
MacLanan, F. A.  
Maier, Zoe  
Manning, Edwin, Acct. Book  
Martin, Michael  
Maxon, William  
McCleary, Robert  
McGinnia, Gertrude  
McGrady, S. J.  
McQueen, A. G.  
Merrill, Samuel  
Michael, Addison  
Miller, Laura  
Mills, Oliver  
Morgan, J. M.  
Morgan, John S.  
Morgan, Maurice L.  
Morning, (Rev.) Theodore  
Muller, Nathaniel  
Neuhring, Mrs. Henry  
Noonan, (Rev.) J. J.  
Peal, T. R.  
Perkins, George D.  
Perkins, J. L.  
Perry & Wilson Acct. Books  
Peterson, Nels  
Pierce, Alexander  
Pope, Samuel  
Read,  
Redhead, Wesley  
Reed, Walter  
Roberts, B. S.  
Rössel, M. Paul  
Rossitti, Christinia  
Rossitti, Dante Gabriel  
Schackelford, John H.

Scholes, F. R.  
 Scholte, H. P.  
 Sears, E. G., Ledger Book  
 Shambaugh, Benjamin F.  
 Sharkey, Philip  
 Sherman, Ernest A.  
 Sherman, Hoyt  
 Sherwood, B.  
 Silwald, Henry  
 Small, A. J.  
 Smith, Jeremiah  
 Smith, Jeremiah, Jr.  
 Smith, L. H.  
 Springer, Job  
 Stevens, (Justice) Truman S.  
 Stevenson, C. H.  
 Stone, John Y.  
 Stuart, Grace  
 Stuart, Henrietta  
 Taft, Mrs. C. C.  
 Taylor, Bayard  
 Taylor, C. H.  
 Taylor, William E.

Thomas, Charles  
 Thorp, George R.  
 Thompson, C. B.  
 Tovey, John  
 Tyrell, Mrs. J. W.  
 Van Steenberg, B. B.  
 Vries, Hugo De  
 Walker, Martin O  
 Wallace, (Rev.) Henry  
 Warfield, Ida Hare  
 Wasson, James A.  
 Watters, T. H.  
 Weaver, James B., Jr.  
 Wellslager, R. T.  
 Wheeler, Ben D.  
 White, Fannie Rebecca  
 Wiggins, N. G.  
 Wilson & Perry, Acct. Books  
 Winchell, J. M.  
 Winslow, (Gen.) Edward P.  
 Wright, Dave  
 Wright, Susie Webb

### NON-PERSONAL MANUSCRIPTS

American Emigrant Co.	10th Iowa Recruiting and Or-
American Railway Union	ganization
Blackhawk	20th Iowa Inf. Volunteers
Boone	Ohio:
Boonesboro Weather Reports	124th Ohio Vol. Report
Bonds	Pennsylvania:
Bulgaria	131st Penn. Vol. Inf.
California City, Iowa	Civil War Record book
Centennial Exhibition — Pagent,	Farmington, Miss., Charge at
Philadelphia	Libby prison
Civil War:	Morning report
Iowa:	39th Iowa, Co. B.
Company C, 4th Iowa Inf.	Columbian Exposition, Register of
Company D, 16th Iowa Inf.	Communia Working Men's League
Crocker's Iowa Brigade	Croton, Iowa, Record books of
Iowa Volunteers	Des Moines Churches:
2nd Iowa, See Miss., "Farm-	City Sunday School
ington"	Clifton Heights
17th Iowa	Des Moines
6th Iowa Homecoming	City Manager Campaign

- Eighty-eighth Division World War  
 Election ticket, 1860, Democratic  
 Election, Ballots (sample)  
 "Emigrant Directory and Guide,"  
     Subscription list of  
 Esquimau children  
 Farmers Protective Ass'n.  
 Florence Land Co.  
 Fort Des Moines No. 2  
 Fort Des Moines No. 3  
 Fort Madison, Eagle Hotel Register  
 Fort Sanford  
 Franklin County, Hampton, Iowa  
 Frink & Co., John  
 G. A. R.  
 Half-breed tract  
     Field notes of  
 Hawkeye Insurance Co. of Iowa  
 Humboldt County  
 Indians  
 Iowa Congress of Parent and  
     Teacher  
 Iowa District Court  
 Iowa Life Insurance Co.  
 Iowa Plant Life Commission  
 Iowa State Agricultural Society  
 Iowa State Banner  
 Iowa State Department of History  
     and Archives  
 Iowa State Dental Society  
 Iowa State Parks — Delaware  
     County  
 Iowa State Planning Board  
 Iowa, State seals of,  
 Iowa State Teacher's Ass'n.  
 Iowa Territorial Centennial  
 Judd, Francis Emerson  
 Keokuk  
 Keokuk & Des Moines Railroad  
 Keosauqua & S. W. Railroad  
 Labor  
 Latter Day Saints  
 Ledgers and Account Books (2)
- Lee County  
 Lyons County  
 Marriage Certificate  
 Metrical Decimal System  
 Mississippi River  
 Monday Club, Dubuque  
 Muscatine county records  
 National Church, The  
 Negroes  
 Northeastern Iowa Teachers'  
     Ass'n.  
 Northern Border Brigade  
 Ottumwa  
 Pan Pacific International Expo-  
     sition  
 Panama  
 Patrons of Husbandry, State  
     Grange Ms.  
 Peterson Township Minute Book,  
     1879-1918  
 Platte Water Co.  
 Postoffice  
 Presbyterian Church Records:  
     Chariton  
     Des Moines  
     Grimes  
     Ridgedale  
 Presidential Electors  
 Republican Iowa State Central  
     Committee  
 Rough & Ready Club  
 Russian Famine Relief, 1892  
 Serbia  
 Slaves  
 Spanish American War  
 Spirit Lake:  
     Expedition  
     Massacre  
 United States Government reports  
 Van Buren County  
 Van Buren Twp.  
 Vicksburg Park Commission  
 Western Stage Co.  
 Women's Relief Corps  
 World War

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