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Sailors' Monument
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Resolution on sinking of the Maine
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Statistics, Schools
Statistics, State Institutions
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SECRETARY OF STATE

Examination of the classification for the office of governor will disclose documentary items quite unfamiliar to the person acquainted only with current affairs. This is due to the creation and discontinuance from time to time during the past, of dependent offices or responsibilities, temporary in character, transient in nature or special in purpose.

In the present article is set out the classification as to the office of secretary of state. In so far as that office has been permanent in its statutory responsibilities it is identical in arrangement with the office of the governor. But like the office of governor the office of secretary of state has been, during the course of the history of the state, the titular head of other offices, officers and commissions, whose archives remained where they were left in ordinary course. The number of documents of great interest and of historical value to be found in this office is far in excess of the number to be found

in the office of governor. The reason for this is that in the earlier territorial period, the secretary of the territory transacted the bulk of the business of the territory. This is especially true for the term of W. B. Conway, first territorial secretary. For his term of office a great many valuable documents are found which bear on his relationship with the legislature and also on the expenditure of appropriations, the furnishing of places for their meetings, the furnishing of supplies, designing and procuring the great seal for the territory and for the Supreme court and other courts of the territory, and on the controversy between Conway, territorial secretary, and Lucas, territorial governor. Another reason for the abundance of material in this office is that from 1851 to 1874 the secretary of state was also secretary of the Census Board (later the Executive Council) and as such he was the custodian of all its documentary material.

The secretary of state is also custodian of all the proceedings of the different territorial and general assemblies, the constitutional conventions, the records of the Land Office, the census returns, elections returns, etc.

Some of the most interesting public enterprises in which the people of the state have been engaged, but which are now almost forgotten, have been directed through this office, as appears in its archives. For instance, navigating the Des Moines River was not only an interesting physical problem in Iowa life from the institution of social order in the state until about 1858, but a vital political issue in some important campaigns. The original manuscripts of the early recollections, addresses, poems, proceedings, etc., of the Iowa Semicentennial Celebration at Burlington are preserved. Also there are a multitude of petitions in regard to railroad land grants, and the regulation of and building of railroads; petitions for charters for ferries, dams, and mill sites and for the establishment of territorial and state roads. These together with the reports, plats, field notes and records of the territorial and state roads are very interesting, showing as they do the movement of organized society from the Mississippi River westward. The proceedings of the territorial and general assemblies and the constitutional conventions of 1844 and 1846 are probably the most interesting of all the documents found in this office. They are the bills, resolutions, reports, communications,

credentials, minutes, journals, etc. Documents showing the relationship between the government and the Indians during this period, were in part taken up and made the subject of an article by the writer in the ANNALS for April, 1911, entitled the "White Breast Boundary Line."

Following is the classification for the office of secretary of state:

SECRETARY OF STATE—CLASSIFICATION

MAIN DIVISIONS

- SERIES I. APPOINTMENTS
- SERIES II. BIDS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACTS
- SERIES III. CENSUS
- SERIES IV. CERTIFICATES
- SERIES V. CORPORATIONS
- SERIES VI. CORRESPONDENCE
- SERIES VII. CRIMINAL MATTERS
- SERIES VIII. ELECTION RETURNS
- SERIES IX. LEGISLATIVE
- SERIES X. OATHS OF OFFICE
- SERIES XI. OFFICIAL BONDS
- SERIES XII. PROCLAMATIONS
- SERIES XIII. REPORTS
- SERIES XIV. REQUISITIONS
- SERIES XV. VOUCHERS
- SERIES XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

SERIES I. APPOINTMENTS

- Commissioners and Agents
- County Officers
- County Officers, Deputies
- State Institutions, Officers
- State Officers, Members of Boards, etc.
- State Officers, Members of Boards, etc., Deputies

DOCUMENTS

- Commissioners and Agents
- Capitol
- Code
- Convict Labor, To lease
- Deeds (Other States in Iowa)
- Des Moines River Lands, to settle with Govt.
- Eads' Defalcation, to settle with Depositories of 5% fund
- Executive Appointments, List of
- Expositions
- Hospitals for Insane
- Immigration

- Iowa Soldiers, to take vote of
- Public Lands, to select
- State Auditor's Office, Inspection of records
- Swamp Land, Special Agents
- County Officers
 - Auditors
 - Coroners
 - Recorders
 - Sheriffs
 - Superintendents
 - Supervisors, Members of Boards of
 - Surveyors
 - Treasurers
- County Officers, Deputies
 - Auditors
 - Clerks
 - Sheriffs
 - Treasurers
- State Institutions, Officers
 - College for the Blind
 - 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
 - Fort Madison
 - School for the Deaf
 - State University
- State Officers, Members of Boards, etc.
 - Auditor of State
 - District Attorney
 - District, Circuit and Probate Judges
 - Health, Board of
 - Geological Survey
 - Inspector of Boats
 - Labor Statistics, Bureau of
 - Pharmacy, Commission of
 - Railroad Commissioners
 - State Mine Inspectors, Examiners
 - State Oil Inspectors
 - Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - Superior Court, Judges
 - Supreme Court, Judges
 - Treasurer of State

State Officers, Deputies
 Auditor of State
 Secretary of State
 Secretary to the Governor
 State Land Office, Register and Clerk
 Superintendent of Public Instruction
 Treasurer of State

SERIES II. BIDS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACTS

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Anamosa, Well at
 Capital City Electric Light Co.
 Capitol
 Amended design for new
 Chairs and desks for
 Fuel for
 Materials for new
 Repairing
 To build Gallery
 To build gas plant for lighting
 Capitol Grounds
 Improvement of
 Sand delivered on
 To build house on
 Capitol Square, Warehouse on
 Convict labor
 Des Moines, for use of Sewer
 Des Moines, Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 25, Lyon Add.
 Estray Notice, To publish
 Fort Madison
 Beef for Penitentiary
 Building wall at
 Improvement and furnishing Penitentiary
 Material for manufacturing chairs
 Steam Heating plant
 Iowa Building at Philadelphia
 Iowa State College of Agr'l etc., New Buildings at
 Papers and Pamphlets, Old
 Printing and Binding
 School Lands, To act as attorney for State
 State Library, Alcoves for
 Stationery, 1857-1905
 Supreme Court Reports, Publishing
 Weights and Measures, Building for

SERIES III. CENSUS

BOUND RECORDS

Bound Schedules and Abstracts

1850, 1856, 1860, 1863, 1865, 1867, 1869, 1870, 1873, 1875,
1885, 1887, 1891, 1895, 1905, 1915 and 1925

DOCUMENTS

Unbound Schedules and Abstracts

Abstracts for 1863, 1865, 1867, 1869

Agricultural schedules for 1862

Cities and Towns, Population of

Algona, 1888

Ames, 1893

Bloomfield, 1893

Carroll, 1892

Cherokee, 1891

Clinton, 1887

Eagle Grove, 1892

Emmetsburg, 1891

Estherville, 1892

Hampton, 1893

Jefferson, 1892

Nevada, 1893

North Des Moines, 1889

Oelwein, 1896

Ottumwa, 1891

Spencer, 1891

Tama, 1892

Villisca, 1891

Population schedules for 1844, 1846, 1849, 1851, 1852,
1853, 1854, 1859, 1905 and 1915

Sac and Fox Indians for 1840

SERIES IV. CERTIFICATES

Appointments and Qualifications

Publication of Laws

Miscellaneous

DOCUMENTS

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Notaries, for the years 1855-1873 (Alphabetical)

Oil Inspectors

Publication of Laws

County officers

Newspapers

Secretary of State, Selection of Newspapers

Miscellaneous

American Bonding and Trust Co. Change of name

Briggs, Gov. Ansel, Parks' picture of

Cities, Classification of
 Commissioners of Deeds, in regard to
 Concurrent Resolution, S. W. Neal, Sec. of State
 Congressmen of Iowa, as to number of
 Conway, W. B., as a member of the Pennsylvania Bar
 Cornwall, Geo., Escheat of estate
 County Auditors, Publication of Laws
 County Clerks
 As to qualifications of Justices of the Peace
 As to qualifications of Oil Inspectors
 In regard to actions of Boards of Supervisors concerning Swamp Lands
 Records of Notaries Public
 County Judges, Regarding a Senatorial Vacancy
 County Officers, Regarding appointments to fill vacancies
 County Treasurers
 Cummins, A. B., regarding M. R. Higby, Notary Public
 Eads' Case, Gov. Grimes in regard to
 Educational Board, Classification of Members
 Farmington Guards, Election of officers
 Iowa State College, Regarding money in the hands of the Treasurer
 Laws, In regard to
 Notaries Public, Records and removals
 Public Libraries, Entitled to documents
 Secretary of State, Regarding delivery of the Supreme Court Reports
 Spirit Lake Expedition, Supplies furnished
 Spirit Lake Massacre, Identity of Indians in
 Superior Court, Established at Creston
 Supreme Court, Drawing to determine length of each judge's term
 Supreme Court reports, Approval of Judges
 Twenty-first G. A., Distribution of Journals

SERIES V. CORPORATIONS

DOCUMENTS

For Pecuniary Profit
 Banks
 Certificates
 Capital Stock
 Incorporation
 Articles of
 Miscellaneous
 Publication Notices
 Reports
 Officers of
 Miscellaneous

- Bridges, Ferries and Construction Co's
(same as banks)
- Building and Loan, Investment ,and Trust Co's
(same as banks)
- Cities and Towns
(same as banks)
- Electric, Gas, and Power Co's
(same as banks)
- Insurance
(same as banks)
- Manufacturing and Mercantile Co's
(same as banks)
- Railroads
(same as banks)
- Street Railways
(same as banks)
- Telegraph and Telephone Co's
(same as banks)
- Water Co's, Power and Supply
(same as banks)
- Miscellaneous
- Not for Pecuniary Profit
 - Cemeteries
 - Articles of
 - Churches and Religious Societies
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 - Church Societies
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 - Colleges and Seminaries
 - Articles of
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 - Articles of
 - Lodges and Orders
 - Articles of
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SERIES VI. CORRESPONDENCE

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Letter Copy Books

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- Assessments
- Capitol
- Census
- Certificates
- Cities and Towns

Claims and Warrants
 Commissions and Commissioners
 Corporations
 Counties and County Officers
 Criminals
 Documents
 Elections
 Expositions
 Lands
 Laws
 Legislative
 Military
 Missouri Boundary
 Motor Vehicles
 Printing and Publishing
 Prohibition
 Public Roads
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 Supplies
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 Miscellaneous

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 Vice Consuls, Ministers, etc.
 National
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 Commerce and Labor, Immigration, Interior,
 Justice, Library of Congress, Post Office, Treas-
 ury, Senate, House of Reps., and War
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 braries, etc., etc.
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 Capitol
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 Cities and Towns
 Commissioners of Deeds

- Corporations
- County Officers, Judges, etc.
- Lands
- Laws
- Notaries
- Miscellaneous
- Cities and Towns
- Claims and Warrants
- Commissions and Commissioners
 - Capitol
 - Code
 - Deeds
 - Expositions
 - Iowa Commission (Shiloh)
 - Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument
 - Military
 - Notarial
 - Revenue Laws
 - River front improvement of Waterloo
 - School Fund
 - Swamp Land
 - Uniform Laws
- Corporations
- Counties and County Officers
- Criminal
- Documents
- Elections
- Expositions
 - Centennial, 1876
 - Semiconsentennial, Burlington
- Lands
 - Des Moines River
 - Iowa State College
 - Railroads
 - Saline
 - School
 - Swamp
 - University
 - Miscellaneous
- Laws
 - Legislative
 - Military
 - Missouri Boundary
 - Motor Vehicle
 - Printing and Publishing
 - Prohibition

- Public Roads
- Resignations
- State Institutions
 - College for the Blind
 - Industrial Schools
 - Eldora
 - 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
 - Fort Madison
- School for the Deaf
- State Hospitals for the Insane
 - Cherokee
 - Clarinda
 - Independence
 - Mount Pleasant
 - Miscellaneous
- State University
- State Officers, Boards, Departments, etc.
 - Adjutant General
 - Agriculture, Department of
 - Attorney General
 - Auditor of State
 - Control, Board of
 - Custodian of Public Buildings
 - Dental Examiners, Board of
 - Director of Weather and Crop Service
 - District Attorney
 - District, Circuit and Probate Judges
 - Educational Board of Examiners
 - Education, Board of
 - Executive Council
 - Fish and Game Warden
 - Food and Dairy Commission
 - Geological Survey
 - Governor
 - Health, Board of
 - Historical Department
 - Horticultural Society
 - Inspector of Boats
 - Inspector of Hotels

Iowa Academy of Sciences
 Iowa State Highway Commission
 Iowa State Library
 Labor Statistics, Bureau of
 Law Examiners, Board of
 Library Commission
 Medical Examiners, Board of
 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 Inspector
 State Oil Inspectors
 State Printer
 State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis
 State Veterinary Surgeons
 Superintendent of Public Instruction
 Superintendent of Weights and Measures
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 Supreme Court, Reporter of
 Treasurer of State
 Voting Machine Commission, Board of

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SERIES VII. CRIMINAL MATTERS

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Revocation of Parole

Transfer from Penitentiary to Asylum

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