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SHARI RABIN, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Religious Studies at Yale University, uses correspondence from Jews in early Iowa to show how Iowa Jews used the Jewish press to create and disseminate authority, information, and community, in the process shaping local Jewish life and creating a national American Jewry.

PATRICIA N. DAWSON, librarian/curator at the Hubbell Museum and Library in Des Moines, provides biographical information on three generations of the Cowles family, one of the most influential families in Iowa history, and describes the collection of materials about the family held by Cowles Library at Drake University.

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John Cowles (center) enjoys the moment as Wendell Willkie greets an unidentified man, ca. 1940. For more on the Cowles family and the collection of materials on them held by the Cowles Library at Drake University, see Patricia N. Dawson's article in this issue. Photo from the Archives at Cowles Library, Drake University.

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