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## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT Assistant Commissioner's Office

### An Inventory of the Files of James L. Pederson

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Administration. Assistant Commissioner's Office.  
**Series Title:** Files of James L. Pederson.  
**Dates:** 1959-1990 (bulk 1983-1990).  
**Quantity:** 12.5 cu. ft. (13 boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence, budget and policy materials, reports, memos, and other material documenting the activities of James L. Pederson, Deputy Commissioner (1973-1975), Assistant to the Commissioner (1976), and Assistant Commissioner, General Services Bureau/Property Management Bureau (1985-1991). A few of the records originate from his service as the Legislature's House Administrator (1983-1985).

The budget files (1972-1976) contain information on budget preparation and relations with the Finance Department. The Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium (MECC) files (1973-1976, 1988) cover Pederson's service as board of directors' chair and include materials about the executive director search committee, timesharing, membership, history, and budget.

The State Office Building rehabilitation files (1959-1989) document Pederson's involvement, first as a member of a legislative committee and then as assistant commissioner, in the energy conservation based renovation of the building. Included are construction meeting notes and chronological files books, the latter containing correspondence, minutes, memos, architectural drawings and specifications, notes, clippings, and financial materials. There are also documents covering a parking ramp and the general contractor, M. A. Mortenson Company's, claim for monetary relief and time extension.

The subject files (1963-1990) mainly deal with Pederson's activities in the Property Management Bureau. They include files documenting numerous state buildings, including the Bethesda Lutheran Medical Center, Brainerd State Hospital, Brainerd Service Center, Centennial Office Building, Fort Snelling, Fergus Falls State Hospital, Minnesota History Center, Judicial

Center, Governor's Residence, Vinland National Center, Capitol Building (and Mall), and Capitol Square Building. They also detail the bureau's relationship with the Legislative Buildings Commission; Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board; Governor Rudy Perpich; Minnesota Historical Society; MES Corporation; District Energy St. Paul, Inc.; NORENCO Corporation; the state departments of public safety, commerce, transportation, revenue, and health; and the Administration Department's energy conservation, building code, plant management, and real estate management divisions; and cover such general topics as handicapped access, asbestos litigation, building construction, parking, food service, budget, child care, legislation, the Taste of Minnesota, community colleges, fuelwood burning at state facilities, and the Labor History Center. Included in the files are the division's performance plans and reports for FY1985 through FY1989.

## **ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS**

The files are divided into four subseries: Budget files, Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium files, State Office Building rehabilitation files, and Subject files.

## **INDEX TERMS**

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### **Topics:**

Asbestos—Law and legislation—Minnesota.  
Automobile parking—Minnesota.  
Budget—Minnesota.  
Building laws—Minnesota.  
Child care—Minnesota.  
Community colleges—Minnesota.  
Education—Minnesota.  
Food service—Minnesota.  
Fuelwood—Minnesota—Burning.  
Public buildings—Barrier-free design—Minnesota.  
Public buildings—Energy conservation—Minnesota.  
Public buildings—Minnesota—Design and construction.  
Time-sharing computer systems—Minnesota.

### **Places:**

Capitol area (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
Fort Snelling (Minn.).  
Minnesota--Appropriations and expenditures.

### **Persons:**

Pederson, James L.  
Perpich, Rudy, 1928- .

**Organizations:**

Bethesda Lutheran Medical Center (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
Brainerd Regional Human Services Center.  
Brainerd State Hospital.  
Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.  
Capitol Square Building (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
Centennial Office Building (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
District Energy St. Paul, Inc.  
Fergus Falls State Hospital.  
Labor History Interpretive Center (Minn.).  
M. A. Mortenson Company (Minneapolis, Minn.).  
MES Corporation.  
Minnesota. Building Code Division.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Administration. Division of Energy Conservation.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Administration. Division of Plant Management.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Administration. Division of Real Estate Management.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Administration. General Services Bureau.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Administration. Property Management Bureau.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Commerce.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Health.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Public Safety.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Revenue.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Transportation.  
Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium.  
Minnesota. Governor (1983-1991 : Perpich).  
Minnesota Governor's Residence (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
Minnesota Historical Society.  
Minnesota History Center (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
Minnesota Judicial Center (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
Minnesota. Legislature. House.  
Minnesota. Legislature. Legislative Buildings Commission.  
Minnesota State Capitol (Saint Paul, Minn. : 1905- ).  
NORENCO Corporation.  
State Office Building (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
Taste of Minnesota.  
Vinland National Center.

**Types of Documents:**

Architectural drawings.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.I.8.5B	1	Budget, 1972-1976. Biennial budget, 1974. Budget information, 1975. Correspondence, miscellaneous, 1972-1975. 3 folders. Program Management Coordinator job description, 1973. Task Force Ad Hoc Committee, 1975. Finance Department, 1974-1976. Finance Department: Agency controllers, 1973-1975. Minnesota Education Computing Consortium, 1973-1976, 1988. Budget requests for educational data processing, 1973-1975. Board policies, procedures and rules, 1975. Correspondence, 1973-1976. 5 folders. Executive Director Search Committee, 1973-1975. History, 1988. Joint powers agreement and articles of agreement, 1973-1975. Membership, 1973-1975. Site, 1974. Timesharing, 1973-1975. UNIVAC 1110, Jim Pederson's records, 1976.
115.I.8.7B	2	State Office Building rehabilitation, 1959-1989. Book 1. Pre-1983 - July 1983. Book 2. August 1983 - May 1984. Book 3. June-September 1984. Book 4. October-December 1984. Book 5. January-March 1985. Book 6. April-September 1985. Book 7. October-December 1985. Book 8. January-July 1986. Book 9. August 4, 1986 - March 6, 1987.

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115.I.8.7B	2	M. A. Mortenson Claim I, 1984-1987. M. A. Mortenson Claim II, 1987-1988. Claims, 1988. 2 folders.
115.I.8.8F	3	Claims, 1989. Construction meeting notes, 1984-1986. Correspondence, 1959-1989. 9 folders. Parking ramp, 1988-1989. 2 folders. Table of contents, 1982-1987. Testimony/hearings, 1986. Subject files, 1963-1990. Action plans, 1989. Administration Department, 1984-1986. Administrative services, 1989. Affirmative Action Plan, January 1, 1986. Agency relations, 1984-1986. Agriculture, 1989. American Bakeries (Tempete Bakery), 1983-1987. AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam), 1985. Articles-development, 1988-1989. Asbestos, 1984-1989. Asbestos, 1984-1989. 2 folders. Department of Transportation, 1985-1987. Insurance, 1985-1987. Inter-agency, 1987. Legislation, 1987. Asbestos litigation, 1985-1990. Asbestos litigation, 1988-1989.
112.D.16.9B	4	Correspondence, 1985-1978. 3 folders. Costs, 1985-1987. 2 folders. Final Sieben expense claim, 1989. Property damage, 1988. Settlements and releases, 1986-1990. 2 folders. State of Minnesota v. Acands, Inc., et al., 1989. Attorney General, 1986. Bemidji asbestos removal, 1985-1986. Bethesda [Lutheran Medical Center], 1984-1988. 2 folders. Blind, Services for, 1989. Brainerd Service Center, 1985-1986. 2 folders. Brainerd State Hospital, 1985-1989. Brainerd State Hospital 1985-1988. Brainerd State Hospital gasifier, 1988-1989. 3 folders. Brainerd State Hospital wood burning project, 1986-1987.

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112.D.16.9B	4	Building bill, 1985-1987. Building Code Division, 1984-1989. 1984-1987. 3 folders.
112.D.16.10F	5	1988-1989. 2 folders. Building construction, 1986-1989. 6 folders. Building construction, Commissioner approved/signed, 1987-1989. 2 folders. DSBC (Division of State Building Construction) Senate Finance/House Appropriations chairs, 1988-1989. 2 folders. Building reports, 1985. Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1989-1990. Cambridge State Hospital, 1988. Capital budget, 1984-1989. 2 folders. Capital improvements and repairs, 1985-1987. Capitol, 1983-1989. CAAPB (Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board), 1984-1989. 7 folders. Capitol Area development, 1988-1989.
112.D.17.1B	6	Capitol Building, 1963-1987. Capitol City Renaissance Program, 1985. Capitol Complex, 1985-1987. Capitol Mall, 1988-1989. Capitol Mall design, 1985-1987. Capitol Mall landscape, 1985-1986. Capitol restoration, 1987. Capitol Square Building, 1983-1989. 3 folders. Celebrate Minnesota, 1990. Centennial [Office] Building, 1985-1989. 3 folders. Child care, 1987-1989. Child care, Capitol Complex, 1987-1988. Child care, general, 1988-1989. Child care reference, 1987-1989. Child care, 671 North Robert Street, 1988-1989. Child care, statewide, 1988-1989. Child care, Task force, 1988-1989. 2 folders. Child care, Task force report, 1989. Chillers, Capitol Complex, 1982-1989. Commerce Department, 1985, 1988-1989. 2 folders. Community colleges, 1985-1989. 2 folders. Contingency building fund accounts, 1986-1987. Corrections Department, 1985-1987.

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112.D.17.2F	7	Data and records management, March 1986. Day care homes, 1988-1989. Deficiencies, 1989. Designer selection board, 1986-1989. 2 folders. Department of Transportation parking lot entrance, 1985. District Energy Inc./Cooling, 1980-1987. 2 folders. Education, 1987-1989. 2 folders. Electronic mail, 1987-1988. Employee Relations Department, 1988-1989. Energy Conservation Division, 1984-1989. 5 folders. Ethical practices, 1985-1986. Executive sub-cabinet, 1985. Executive Team, 1985-1989. 7 folders. Faribault State Hospital, 1985-1986. Fergus Falls [State Hospital], 1985-1987. 3 folders.
112.D.17.3B	8	Finance, Department of, 1985-1987. Fiscal services, 1984-1989. 2 folders. Food service, 1986-1989. Food service, 1987-1989. 4 folders. Food Service Committee-Capitol Area, 1986-1987. Ford Building, 1985-1987. Fort Snelling, 1964-1989. Architectural drawings, 1968. Building demolition, 1973-1978. Curt Walker, 1987. Department of Natural Resources, 1977-1980. Federal deed, 1977-1978. Fort Snelling, 1985-1989. 2 folders. Legislation, 1978. Miscellaneous, 1964-1978. Notes, 1978-1979. Request for Proposal (RFP), 1978. Status report, 1977-1978. Gaming/Lottery, 1989. Governmental operations, 1988. Governor's Office remodeling, 1987. Hale, Sandra, J., 1985-1987. Handicapped access, 1984-1988. 2 folders. Handicapped accessibility at Galtier Plaza and World Trade Center, 1987-1988. 2 folders. Handicapped Accessibility Survey for State Buildings 1984, Volume No. 1, Summary.

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112.D.17.3B	8	Health Department, 1985-1989. 2 folders. Historical Society, 1985-1989. Funds/rents, 1987-1989. 2 folders Historical Society, 1985-1989. 3 folders. History Center, 1984-1989. Architectural contract, 1986. Field reports, 1986.
112.D.17.4F	9	History Center, 1988-1989. History Center/Miller Hospital, 1984-1987. 8 folders. House of Representatives, 1987-1989. Human Services Department, 1988-1991. InterTech, 1988-1989. Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, 1988. Judicial Building, 1984-1989. 4 folders. Labor History Center, 1985-1989. 7 folders.
112.D.17.5B	10	Labor representatives/relations, 1985-1987. Labor and Industry, 1987. Lease/build, 1985-1989. Lease purchase, 1989. Legislative, 1983-1990. Legislative, 1988-1989. 2 folders. Legislative Advisory Commission, 1985-1986, 1988. 2 folders. Legislative Auditor, 1987-1989. 2 folders. Legislative Buildings Commission, 1985, 1988-1989. 2 folders. Legislative initiatives, building construction, 1989-1990. Legislative space, 1983-1987. Legislative team, 1985. Light rail transit, 1988. Lottery, 1989. Louis Lundgren (architect), 1988-1989. Mall of Nations, 1985-1987. Management analysis, 1985-1986. Mechanic Arts, 1985-1987. MES Corporation- Bemidji, 1983-1989. 5 folders. MES Corporation- Saint Cloud, 1983-1989. 7 folders. Metropolitan Airports Commission, 1988. Metz Bakery site, 1983-1987. Military affairs, 1988-1989.
112.D.17.6F	11	Military affairs-Armory, 1986-1987. Minnesota Children's Center, 1988. Mission statement, 1989.



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112.D.17.6F	11	Natural Resources Department, 1985-1987. News releases, 1988-1990. NORENCO Corporation, 1985-1986. 2 folders. North Capitol approach, 1986. Operating budget, 1985-1987. Operations Management Bureau, 1985-1987. Parking, 1984-1989. Capitol Complex, 1984-1987. Lots, 1988-1989. Parking, 1988-1989. Ramps, 1987-1989. Pederson, James L., 1973-1989. Performance [divisional] plans and reports, Fiscal Years 1985-1989. 5 folders. Perpich, Governor Rudy, 1983-1988. 4 folders. Plant Management, 1985-1989. Alpha system, 1985. Grounds crew classification, 1987-1989. Plant Management, 1988-1989. 2 folders. Pollution Control, 1985-1987. Property Management Bureau, 1986-1989. 3 folders.
112.D.17.7B	12	Public safety, 1983-1986. Public Safety, Department of, 1988-1989. Department of Public Safety, 1988-1989. Site Proposals, 1987-1989. 7 folders. Site Proposals-Governmental operations hearings, July, October 1988. Site Proposals-University Avenue, 1988-1989. Rainy River Community College-Agassiz construction, 1986-1987. Real estate management, 1984-1989. Agency moves and relocations, 1986-1989. 4 folders. Real estate management, 1985-1989. Real Estate Management Division, space statistics, 1983. Recycling, 1988-1989. Red Lake, 1988. Residence, Governor's, 1981-1989. Residence, Governor's, 1981-1989. 4 folders. Residence Council, Governor's, 1983-1989. Residence, HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air conditioning), 1989. Residence, Governor's, Terrace costs, 1989. Resource Recovery, 1986-1987. Revenue Department, 1985-1990. 2 folders.

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112.D.17.7B	12	Rochester, Department of Natural Resources land transfer, 1988. Rochester State Hospital, 1985. Security, 1984-1986. Senate, 1987-1990. 2 folders. Shakopee Women's Correctional Facility, 1986-1987. Space planning for state agencies, 1989.
112.D.17.8F	13	State Planning Agency, 1985-1987. State University System, 1985-1987. STEP (Striving Toward Excellence in Productivity), 1985-1987. Stillwater Prison/Alternate fuel, 1985. Supreme Court, 1986-1987. Taste of Minnesota, 1984-1989. 2 folders. Telecenter/KTCA Channel 2, 1987-1988. Transportation Department, 1983-1989. 2 folders. University of Minnesota heating plant, 1988. Veterans Affairs, 1985-1987. Veterans Building, 1988-1989. Vinland National Center, 1981-1988. 2 folders. Wood burning conversions, 1983-1987. Wood burning-Faribault and Ah-Gwah-Ching, 1985-1987. Wood burning-Governor, 1987.