



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Minnesota State Archives

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**Governor's State Quarter Dollar Commission**  
**An Inventory of Its Records**

**OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

**Agency:** Minnesota. Governor's State Quarter Dollar Commission.  
**Series Title:** Records.  
**Dates:** 2000-2005.  
**Quantity:** 1.1 cu. ft. (1 box; 1 partial box).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

On May 1, 2003, Governor Tim Pawlenty signed Executive Order 03-07, creating the Governor's State Quarter Dollar Commission. The commission, which consisted of 15 state officials, legislators and citizens appointed by the Governor, was to select design concepts and recommend a final design for Minnesota's submission to the U. S. Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act. The Minnesota state quarter was released by the U. S. Mint on April 12, 2005. The Education Department supplied administrative services for the commission and the Commissioner served as a commission member. The files contain a copy of the executive order; correspondence; commission agendas and appointments; information on the national program; press releases and media clippings; coverage of the release event for the quarter, including photographs; and submitted designs and ideas, many from school children.

**INDEX TERMS**

*These records are 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:**

Coins, American.  
Commemorative coins—Minnesota.

Quarter-dollar.

**Organizations:**

Minnesota. Dept. of Education.  
Minnesota. Governor (2003- : Pawlenty).  
United States. 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act.

**Types of Documents:**

Competition drawings.  
Designs (concepts).  
Photographs.  
Press releases.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS**

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.*

**Location**

119.F.3.9B	Executive order and commission documents, 2002-2005. Includes appointments, agendas (no minutes), and related materials.
	Correspondence, 2003-2005.
	National program background documents, 2002-2003.
	Press releases and media clippings, 2002-2005.
	Release event documents, 2005. Includes vendor agreements, agendas, maps, and photographs.
	Design finalists, [2004-2005]. Several sets of drafts.

**Location**

119.F.3.9B

Design submissions, 2000-2003. 16 folders.

Includes correspondence, various contest and school program entry forms, design drawings and photographs, and other related documentation. Many are from school children. The entries were submitted both by mail and by use of the commission's Web site.

Art/poster contest entries.

A contest for grades 1-6.

Design ideas. 4 folders.

Variety of entries mailed in by the public.

Design entries divided by subject. 11 folders.

Fishing.

Historical.

Lady Slipper.

Loon.

Miscellaneous State Symbols. 2 folders.

Mississippi River/ Lake Itasca/ Headwaters.

Natural Resources.

Split Rock Lighthouse.

Symbols.

Wildlife.

*[0.9 cu. ft. full, legal]*

108.E.13.1

Poster boards: Final selection design drafts. 8 items in oversize folder.  
The final design used for the quarter is not present in these boards.