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## U.S. GENERAL LAND OFFICE Crookston Land District (Minn.)

### An Inventory of Its Records

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** United States. Crookston Land District (Minn.).
- Series Title:** Crookston Land District records,
- Dates:** 1872-1925.
- Abstract:** Correspondence; registers of homestead and other types of land entries; patent records, land contest records; and related materials covering land transfers in northwestern Minnesota.
- Quantity:** 85.0 cu. ft.
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE CROOKSTON LAND DISTRICT

The Crookston land district was created out of the northern part of the Alexandria land district by an act of Congress of March 12, 1872. By law the district was called Oak Lake after the site of the first land office, but it came to be generally referred to as the Crookston land district. The boundaries of the district changed several times. The following description of the district boundaries corresponds to the numbered diagrams on the accompanying sketch map. All ranges are west of the 5<sup>th</sup> principal meridian.

(1) The Act of March 12, 1872, established the Oak Lake/Crookston land district, consisting of townships 137-164 in ranges 36-51.

(2) By executive order of January 16, 1896, townships 146-168 in ranges 30-35 were added to the Crookston district from the St. Cloud district.

(3) Executive order of April 1, 1903, establishing the Cass Lake land district, removed townships 146-146 in ranges 30-35 from the Crookston district.

Land offices of the Crookston land district: Oak Lake (April 1872 – October 1873); Detroit (November 1873 – ca. April 12, 1879); Crookston (ca. May 5, 1879 – April 30, 1925).

Receivers of the Crookston Land District: R. Reynolds (1872- ? ), P. C. Sletten (<1876-June 1884), L. K. Acker (September 1884-May 31, 1893), William Anglim (June 1, 1893-June 9, 1897), A. F. George (June 12, 1897-January 31, 1906), John Patterson (February 1906- ).

Registers of the Crookston Land District: W. A. Newton (1872-March 2, 1874), Thomas C. Shapleigh (March 5, 1874-December 1, 1881), John Cromb (December 7, 1881-December 23, 1885), William Smith (December 28, 1885-December 15, 1887?), H. H. Dickman (May 17, 1888-October 14, 1891), Hugh Thompson (October 15, 1891-November 13, 1894), T. A. Dunlave? (November 14, 1894-December 1, 1896), Joseph Smith (December 5, 1896-March 1897?), Sylvester Peterson (March 17, 1897-May 31, 1905), R. J. Montegue (June 1, 1905- ).

## ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

These records are organized into the following sections:

Abstract of Preemption Declaratory Statements, 1872-1890. 0.75 cu. ft.  
Abstract of Soldiers' Homestead Declaratory Statements, 1872-1893. 1 oversize folder.  
Abstract of Timber and Stone Declaratory Statements, 1895-1908. partial volume.  
Contest Affidavits, 1886-1908. 4.5 cu. ft.  
Contest Decisions, 1899-1902. 0.5 cu. ft.  
Contest Dockets, 1880-1913. 5.2 cu. ft.  
Contest Notices, 1899-1906. 4 folders.  
Correspondence: Letters Received from GLO, 1872-1908. 24.0 cu. ft.  
Correspondence: Miscellaneous Letters Received, 1908-1912. 1.0 cu. ft.  
Correspondence: Receiver's Letters Sent, 1876-1908. 11 volumes.  
Correspondence: Register's Letters Sent, 1872-1913. 6.0 cu. ft.  
Correspondence: Register's Miscellaneous Letters Sent, 1897-1908. 9.0 cu. ft.  
Miscellaneous Records, 1885-1920. 5 folders.  
Receiver's Accounts, 1872-1910. 6.7 cu. ft. (30 volumes and 1 oversize folder).  
Record of Applications to Make Final Proof, 1905-1908. 1 volume.  
Record of Cancelled Homestead Entries, 1905-1908. 1 volume.  
Record of Letters Received, 1896-1910. 1.75 cu. ft. (6 volumes).  
Record of Letters Sent, 1886-1917. 3 volumes.  
Record of Miscellaneous Applications, 1896-1909. 2 volumes and 1 partial volume.  
Record of Patents Delivered, 1870-1911. 2 volumes.  
Record of Rejected and Suspended Applications and Proofs, 1896-1908. 1.7 cu. ft.  
Register of Agricultural College Scrip Entries, 1872-1897. 1 volume.  
Register of Certificates to Purchasers, 1872-1908. 6 volumes.  
Register of Certificates to Purchasers of Chippewa Land, 1896-1908. 4 volumes.  
Register of Final Homestead Certificates, 1873-1908. 6 volumes.  
Register of Final Homestead Certificates for Chippewa Land, 1899-1908. 2 volumes.  
Register of Final Timber Culture Certificates, 1884-1903. 4 volumes.  
Register of Homestead Entries, 1872-1908. 8 volumes.  
Register of Homestead Entries on Chippewa Land, 1896-1908. 6 volumes.  
Register of Indian Allotment Entries under the Dawes Act, 1893-1897. 1 volume.  
Register of Indian Allotment Entries under the Nelson Act, 1901. 1 volume.  
Register of Military Bounty Land Warrant Entries, 1873-1888.  
Register of Red Lake and Pembina Scrip Entries, 1873-1906. 1 oversize folder.  
Register of Sioux Half-Breed Scrip Entries, 1879-1902. 3 leaves.

Register of Supreme Court Scrip Entries, 1879-1894. 17 leaves.  
Register of Surveyor General Scrip Entries, 1896-1902. 6 leaves.  
Register of Timber Culture Entries, 1873-1891. 4 volumes.  
Rejected Applications to Enter Land, 1897-1908. 1.5 cu. ft.  
Rejected Homestead Proofs, 1897-1908. 1.3 cu. ft.  
Serial Registers, 1908-1925. 4.0 cu. ft. (13 volumes).

## OTHER FINDING AIDS

Some of the volumes include indexes.

## 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:

Afforestation—Minnesota.  
Agricultural college lands—Minnesota.  
Betterments—Minnesota.  
Bounties, Military—United States.  
Cities and towns—Minnesota.  
Dakota Indians—Land tenure.  
Dakota Indians—Mixed descent.  
Frontier and pioneer life—Minnesota.  
Homestead law—Minnesota.  
Indian land transfers—Minnesota.  
Indian reservations—Minnesota.  
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.  
Land grants—Minnesota.  
Land grants—United States.  
Land scrip—Minnesota.  
Land titles—Registration and transfer—Minnesota.  
Logging—Minnesota.  
Mineral lands—Minnesota.  
Ojibwa Indians—Genealogy.  
Ojibwa Indians—Land tenure.  
Pioneers—Minnesota—Biography.  
Pre-emption rights (United States).  
Public land sales—Minnesota.  
Public lands—Minnesota.  
Railroad land grants—Minnesota.  
Swamp lands—Minnesota.  
Timber lands—Minnesota.  
Timber trespass—Minnesota.

**Places:**

Red Lake Indian Reservation (Minn.).  
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Veterans.  
White Earth Indian Reservation (Minn.).

**Organizations:**

Northern Pacific Railroad Company.  
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company.  
United States. Alexandria Land District (Minn.).  
United States. General Land Office.  
United States. Supreme Court.  
United States. Surveyor General.

**Types of Documents:**

Deeds—Minnesota.  
Sioux half-breed scrip.

**Titles:**

United States. Desert Land Act.  
United States. General Allotment Act (1887).  
United States. Land Grant Act of 1862.  
United States. Nelson Act.  
United States. Preemption Act of 1841.  
United States. Soldiers and Sailors Act.  
United States. Timber Culture Act.  
United States. Timber and Stone Act.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

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

### **Abstract of Preemption Declaratory Statements, 1872-1890. 0.75 cu. ft. (2 volumes, 1 partial volume, and 1 oversize folder in 1 box).**

Abstracts of preemption declaratory statements filed in the Alexandria and Crookston Land Districts under provisions of the General Preemption Act of 1841.

The Preemption Act of 1841 recognized the claims of those settlers or "squatters" who had settled on public land before it had been offered for sale. This act enabled the settler to purchase the claim at the minimum price rather than having to bid for it at public auction. The preemptor was required to file a declaratory statement within three months after the local land office had received the survey plat of the township in which the claim was located or within three months of making settlement. The declaratory statement, which gave the date of settlement and detailed the improvements made to the property, was used by the land office to determine the validity of the claimant's preemption, and it established the priority of his claim against those of other claimants.

When the land office announced that an area of land was to be offered for sale, the preemptor had to pay for his land before the date of the sale or risk losing it to the highest bidder. For land that was open to private entry, the preemptor had to make payment within one year of filing a declaratory statement. In 1854, preemption rights were extended to settlers on unsurveyed land.

The abstract for each declaratory statement gives statement number, date of settlement, date the declaratory statement was filed, name of preemptor, legal description of the tract preempted, and occasional remarks on the eventual disposition of the tract.

Arrangement: Numbered chronologically by date the statement was filed. There are separate sequences for preemptions on "unoffered" lands not yet open for settlement (Volumes 1-2) and on "offered" lands that were preempted after being opened for settlement (Volume 3).

Related materials: United States: General Land Office: Original Entry Tract Books (cataloged separately) cite the type and number of the certificate issued on the preempted parcel; the parcel can then be located in the appropriate register of entries.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Volume</b>	
114.I.1.4F-1	1	Nos. 15-1149, April 1869 - April 1872 (Alexandria). Nos. 1-11738, June 1872 - July 1890 (Crookston).
	2	Nos. 11739 - 12089, August 1890 - June 1895 (unoffered land). (This sequence is recorded in a volume with Abstract of Timber and Stone Declaratory Statements.)
	3	Nos. 1-835, February 1873 - July 1889 (offered land). (Also includes entries 1-1074 for unoffered land; duplicative of Volume 1.)
	---	Abstract of Receipts for Declaratory Statements, January - May 1885. 1 folder.

**Abstract of Soldiers' Homestead Declaratory Statements, 1872-1893. 1 oversize folder.**

An abstract of declaratory statements filed by former soldiers seeking to enter additional homestead land in the Crookston land district under provisions of the Soldiers and Sailors Act of June 8, 1872, which was designed to provide a bonus to those who had served in the Civil War.

This act allowed a veteran whose original homestead was 40, 80, or 120 acres to make an additional homestead entry of 120, 80, or 40 acres, respectively. The act also allowed veterans to count their time in service against the residence requirement of the Homestead Act, thereby permitting them to make final proof after as little as one year's residence on their claims. Originally the act restricted the additional entry to land contiguous to the original homestead. This restriction was lifted by an act of March 3, 1873, which allowed the additional entry to be made on any offered or unoffered land open to homesteading. In addition, the soldiers' rights were made assignable, in effect creating a type of scrip.

The abstract for each declaratory statement gives statement number, date filed, name of the person filing the statement, legal description of the parcel applied for, and occasional remarks with citations to letters received from the commissioner of the General Land Office. Numbers 1-109 are missing. Numbers 1051-1066 appear to be interspersed with the entries in the Abstract of Timber and Stone Declaratory Statements.

Arrangement: Chronological by date the statement was filed.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.4F-2	---	Abstract of Soldiers' Homestead Declaratory Statements, nos. 110-1050, September 1872-1893. 1 oversize folder.

### **Abstract of Timber and Stone Declaratory Statements, 1895-1908. partial volume.**

An abstract of declaratory statements filed in the Crookston land district under provisions of the Timber and Stone Act of June 2, 1878, as amended August 4, 1892.

The Timber and Stone Act provided that unoffered, unreserved public land valuable chiefly for timber or minerals could be sold to individuals in quantities not to exceed 160 acres at a minimum price of \$2.50 per acre. The purchaser had to file a declaratory statement swearing that he was not purchasing on speculation but intended the entry for his own use. The act of 1878 applied to several western states and territories but was extended to all public land states by the 1892 amendment.

The abstract for each declaratory statement gives statement number, date filed, name and residence of applicant, legal description of the tract applied for, and occasional annotations citing the certificate number in the Register of Certificates to Purchasers or citing letters received from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.4F-1	---	pp. 22-26. (Recorded in a volume with Abstract of Preemption Declaratory Statements.) Nos. 1-187 (T & S), November 27, 1895 - July 1908. Nos. 1051-1066 (SDS), May 26, 1896 - Jan. 9, 1904. [Soldiers' Declaratory Statements?] are interspersed with the timber and stone entries.

### **Contest Affidavits, 1886-1908. 4.5 cu. ft. (4 boxes and 1 partial box).**

Affidavits initiating contests against homestead, preemption, and other land entries. Some affidavits are accompanied by other documentation relating to the contest.

The affidavits give the names of the contestant (plaintiff) and entryman (defendant) in the contest, number and type of the entry being contested, legal description of the contested tract, date the affidavit of contest was filed, grounds for the contest, testimony of contestant and witnesses, and in most cases the decision of the register and receiver. This series appears to include affidavits only for those cases in which the decision of the register and receiver was final. Affidavits for cases appealed to the commissioner of the General Land Office were apparently forwarded to the GLO.

Arrangement: Affidavits corresponding to contests in docket volumes 1-3 are labeled by volume and page on which the contest is entered in the docket. After this the affidavits are arranged by docket number.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.K.20.7B	1	(Docket volumes 1-3), 1886 - April 1897.
115.K.20.8F	2	Nos. 2-1099, May 1897 - August 1900.
115.K.20.9B	3	Nos. 1101-2008, August 1900 - June 1902.
115.K.20.10F	4	Nos. 2015-2915, June 1902 - March 1904.
115.K.20.11B	5	Nos. 2916-4388, March 1904 - May 1908.

**Contest Decisions, 1899-1902. 0.5 cu. ft. (partial box).**

Copies of decisions rendered by the register and receiver of the Crookston land district on contested entries.

The register and receiver acted as arbiters in instances in which two or more individuals had filed claims to a parcel or in which an individual or the government challenged the validity of an entry. They took testimony from the contestants and witnesses and rendered their decision on the evidence presented. If the register and receiver differed in their verdict on a case, it was forwarded to the commissioner of the General Land Office for decision. Decisions of the register and receiver could be appealed to the commissioner.

The contest decisions give contest docket number; the names of the contestant (plaintiff) and entryman (defendant); type and number of entry being contested; legal description of the contested tract; date the entry was made; grounds of the contest; a summary of the evidence presented including date of settlement, improvements made, and biographical information; and the decision of the register and receiver with supporting reasoning and citations.

Arrangement: Arranged by contest docket number.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.7.1B	---	Contest Decisions, docket nos. 184-2128, 1899-1902. partial box.

**Contest Dockets, 1880-1913. 5.2 cu. ft. (15 volumes in 7 boxes and 1 partial box).**

A summary record of official proceedings in contests brought against homestead and other entries in the Crookston land district.

The docket entry for each contest case gives date filed, names of plaintiff (contestant) and defendant (entryman), number of entry contested, legal description of the parcel covered by the contested entry, summary of actions taken on the case, and citations to decisions of the register and receiver or the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Proceedings in several cases are continued in the Cass Lake land district.

Arrangement: Entries are numbered chronologically by date the contest was filed.

Indexing-Note: Volumes 6-14 are indexed by name of defendant.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.7B-1	1	Volume 1. November 1880 - January 1887. Volume 2. January 1887 - March 1893 (Includes 1 entry each for April and September 1893)
114.I.1.7B-2	2	Volume 3. March 1893 - May 1897. Volume 4. Nos. 1-391, May 1897 - July 1898.
114.I.1.8F-1	3	Volume 5. Nos. 392-640, August 1898 - May 1899. Volume 6. Nos. 641-891, June 1899 - February 1900.
114.I.1.8F-2	4	Volume 7. Nos. 892-1141, February - September 1900. Volume 8. Nos. 1142-1583, September 1900 - September 1901.
114.I.2.1B-1	5	Volume 9. Nos. 1584-2080, September 1901 - July 1902. Volume 10. Nos. 2081-2577, July 1902 - July 1903.
114.I.2.1B-2	6	Volume 11. Nos. 2578-2921, July 1903 - April 1904. Volume 12. Nos. 2922-4008, April 1904 - June 1906. (numbers between 3399 and 4000 were skipped)
114.I.2.2F-1	7	Volume 13. Nos. 4009-4464, June 1906 - November 1908. Volume 14. Nos. 4465-4557, November 1908 - June 1909. [There are no numbers 4558-4999]
114.I.2.2F-2	[8]	Volume 15. Nos. 5000-5901, July 1909 - June 1913.

**Contest Notices, 1899-1906. 0.2 cu. ft. (4 folders in partial box).**

Copies of letters sent to entrymen notifying them that a contest had been filed against their entries. The set does not appear to be complete.

The contest notices give docket number, date a notice of contest was issued, name of person bringing the contest, entry number and date of entry of the contested claim, name of the entryman or defendant in the contest, grounds for the contest, and date set for a hearing before the register and receiver.

Arrangement: Arranged by contest docket number.

Related materials: See also the district's Record of letters sent (cataloged separately).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.7.1B	---	Contest Notices, 1899-1906. 4 folders.

**Correspondence: Letters Received from GLO, 1872-1908. 24.0 cu. ft. (24 boxes).**

Letters received by the register and receiver of the Crookston land district from the commissioner of the General Land Office. They include letters of transmission and acknowledgment, instructions to the register and receiver, decisions of the land commissioner and secretary of the interior in contested cases, and notices of approval or rejection of land entries.

The letters forwarding decisions of the commissioner and the secretary of the interior contain the most significant information. They generally include a summary of the facts in the case, giving information on the date of settlement and entry, improvements made on the claim, and biographical information on the contestants and witnesses. Some of these letters include transcripts of testimony and affidavits relating to the case.

Among the subjects discussed in the other letters are preemption, homestead, timber culture, military bounty land warrant, and cash entries; state swamp land grants; land grants of the Northern Pacific and the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railroads; the survey and settlement of Indian land, especially the Red Lake and White Earth reservations; Indian allotments; fraudulent timber entries; timber trespass on public and Indian land; public land sales; and the general operation of the land office.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Related materials: United States. General Land Office. Original entry tract books (cataloged separately) include citations, by date sent, to letters received from the commissioner of the GLO regarding specific parcels of land.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
107.C.9.9B	1	May 1872 - December 1873 (Oak Lake). December 1873 - 1875 (Detroit).
107.C.9.10F	2	1876 - May 1879 (Detroit). May - December 1879 (Crookston).
107.C.10.1B	3	1880 - 1881 (Crookston).
107.C.10.2F	4	1882 - May 1883 (Crookston).
107.C.10.3B	5	June 1883 - August 1884 (Crookston).
107.C.10.4F	6	September 1884 - June 1886.
107.C.10.5B	7	July 1886 - April 1888.
107.C.10.6F	8	May 1888 - July 1889.
107.C.10.7B	9	August 1889 - February 1891.
107.C.10.8F	10	March 1891 - December 1892.
107.C.10.9B	11	January 1893 - March 1895.
107.C.10.10F	12	April 1895 - July 1896.
107.C.11.1B	13	August 1896 - May 1897.
107.C.11.2F	14	June 1897 - February 1898.
107.C.11.3B	15	March 1898 - February 1899.
107.C.11.4F	16	March 1899 - March 1900.
107.C.11.5B	17	April 1900 - March 1901.
107.C.11.6F	18	April 1901 - May 1902.
107.C.11.7B	19	June 1902 - March 1903.
107.C.11.8F	20	April - December, 1903.
107.C.11.9B	21	January - August 1904.
107.C.11.10F	22	September 1904 - May 1905.
107.C.12.1B	23	June 1905 - February 1906.
107.C.12.2F	24	March 1906 - June 1908.

**Correspondence: Miscellaneous Letters Received, 1908-1912. 1.0 cu. ft. (1 box).**

Letters received from private individuals, attorneys, land agents, and others. Most are requests for information on the availability of land for homesteading, on the status of entries or contested cases, or on regulations and procedures for perfecting homestead entries. Some letters give information on the dates homesteads were established and improvements were made, living conditions of homesteaders, and a variety of biographical information.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

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115.K.20.6F	---	Miscellaneous Letters Received, 1908-1912. 1 box.
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**Correspondence: Receiver's Letters Sent, 1876-1908. 1.3 cu. ft. (11 volumes).**

Handwritten and letterpress copies of letters sent by the receiver of the Crookston land district in his capacities as receiver of public money and government disbursing agent.

Principal correspondents are the commissioner of the General Land Office, secretary of the treasury, and comptroller of the Treasury Department. The letters include transmittals of monthly and quarterly reports of accounts current and estimated office expenditures; inventories of office supplies and records; requests for information on procedural matters; responses to inquiries from the General Land Office or the Treasury Department about office receipts and expenditures; and reports on public auctions and the general operation of the land office. Occasional letters relate to contested entries. There are some miscellaneous letters to entrymen, lawyers, bankers, and land agents.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

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114.J.4.2F-1	---	Volume 1. January 3, 1876 - March 14, 1884.
115.L.13.4F	---	Volume 2. April 10, 1884 - April 25, 1892. Volume 3. April 30, 1892 - November 23, 1895. Volume 4. November 23, 1895 - June 25, 1898. Volume 5. June 27, 1898 - July 23, 1900. Volume 6. July 26, 1900 - April 17, 1902. Volume 7. April 18, 1902 - July 3, 1903. Volume 8. July 3, 1903 - November 23, 1904. Volume 9. November 25, 1904 - December 11, 1905. Volume 10. December 12, 1905 - June 27, 1907. Volume 11. June 29, 1907 - July 13, 1908.

**Correspondence: Register's Letters Sent, 1872-1913. 6.0 cu. ft. (54 volumes).**

Handwritten and letterpress copies of outgoing letters of the register of the Crookston land district. They are written primarily to the commissioner of the General Land Office, with some additional letters to federal and state officials and private citizens. Some letters of the receivers are also included.

Letters to the GLO fall into two broad categories: routine interoffice communications, and letters relating to imperfect or contested entries. The routine administrative correspondence includes letters of transmittal and acknowledgment, monthly and quarterly reports of entries made, records of patents delivered, requests for record books and forms, inquiries on procedural matters, and general commentary on the operation of the land office.

The letters relating to contested entries include reports of the decisions of the register and receiver, accompanied by summaries of the facts and witnesses' testimony for those cases that were appealed to the commissioner of the GLO. In addition to naming the rival claimants and giving the legal description of the contested parcel, these letters often cite the date of settlement and entry, describe the improvements made--sometimes in great detail--and give biographical information on the contestants and witnesses in the case. The letters concerning imperfect entries are usually responses to requests from the commissioner for additional information needed to approve an entry. This most often related to the entryman's naturalization, change in name, witnesses' testimony, or procedural matters.

The series includes occasional letters to registers of other land offices and to the U.S. Surveyor General, and a few letters to the Minnesota governor or state land commissioner relating to state land grants.

Letters to private individuals consist primarily of notices of hearings set, appeals forwarded, or decisions rendered in contested cases; requests for additional information or testimony; and procedural instructions necessary to perfect an entry.

Among the topics covered in the letters sent are: homestead and preemption claims, military bounty land warrant entries, railroad land grants, Sioux half-breed scrip entries, townsite locations, public land sales, and state land grants.

Beginning in April, 1897, this series consists mainly of letters to the commissioner of the General Land Office. Other letters were recorded in the separately cataloged series, Register's Miscellaneous Letters Sent. Volumes 39-51 are labeled "Departmental Correspondence."

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically. (Volume numbers were assigned at the time they were boxed; the original volumes bore no numbers.)

Related materials: See also the district's Record of letters sent.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.J.3.8F-1	1	Volume 1. June 22, 1872 - November 23, 1877. Volume 2. November 28, 1877 - November 25, 1881.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.11.6F	2	Volume 3. April 22, 1880 - April 2, 1881. Volume 4. April 2, 1881 - December 5, 1881. Volume 5. December 7, 1881 - March 23, 1882. Volume 6. March 25, 1882 - August 31, 1882. Volume 7. September 1, 1882 - May 15, 1883. Volume 8. May 15, 1883 - November 20, 1883. Volume 9. November 23, 1883 - May 12, 1884. Volume 10. May 12, 1884 - December 29, 1884. Volume 11. December 30, 1884 - July 29, 1885. Volume 12. July 13, 1885 - April 28, 1886. Volume 13. April 30, 1886 - December 27, 1886. Volume 14. December 27, 1886 - July 21, 1887.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.11.7B	3	Volume 15. July 21, 1887 - January 20, 1888. Volume 16. January 20, 1888 - August 29, 1888. Volume 17. August 29, 1888 - March 4, 1889. Volume 18. March 4, 1889 - August 8, 1889. Volume 19. August 9, 1889 - January 21, 1890. Volume 20. January 21, 1890 - October 10, 1890. Volume 21. October 11, 1890 - June 15, 1891. Volume 22. June 16, 1891 - February 9, 1892. Volume 23. February 9, 1892 - December 14, 1892. Volume 24. December 14, 1892 - March 2, 1894. Volume 25. March 3, 1894 - July 15, 1895.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.11.8F	4	Volume 26. July 15, 1895 - March 31, 1896. Volume 27. April 1, 1896 - September 30, 1896. Volume 28. October 1, 1896 - March 12, 1897. Volume 29. March 13, 1897 - August 6, 1897. Volume 30. August 7, 1897 - February 9, 1898. Volume 31. February 9, 1898 - August 24, 1898. Volume 32. August 24, 1898 - April 11, 1899. Volume 33. April 13, 1899 - September 29, 1899. Volume 34. September 30, 1899 - March 19, 1900.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.12.1B	5	Volume 35. March 19, 1900 - August 27, 1900. Volume 36. August 27, 1900 - March 4, 1901. Volume 37. March 5, 1901 - August 12, 1901. Volume 38. August 12, 1901 - February 2, 1902. Volume 39. February 3, 1902 - June 30, 1902. Volume 40. June 30, 1902 - November 10, 1902. Volume 41. November 12, 1902 - April 8, 1903. Volume 42. April 11, 1903 - September 8, 1903. Volume 43. September 9, 1903 - March 22, 1904. Volume 44. March 23, 1904 - September 19, 1904. Volume 45. September 19, 1904 - February 28, 1905.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.12.2F	6	Volume 46. March 1, 1905 - September 9, 1905. Volume 47. September 14, 1905 - March 31, 1906. Volume 48. April 2, 1906 - November 14, 1906. Volume 49. November 14, 1906 - August 8, 1907. Volume 50. August 10, 1907 - May 14, 1908. Volume 51. May 17, 1908 - July 7, 1908. [July 1908 - September 1910, missing] Volume 52. September 23, 1910 - August 9, 1911. Volume 53. August 9, 1911 - September 6, 1912. Volume 54. September 17, 1912 - March 1913.

**Correspondence: Register's Miscellaneous Letters Sent, 1897-1908. 9.0 cu. ft. (9 boxes, containing 69 volumes and 1 folder).**

Letterpress copies of letters sent by the register of the Crookston land district to private individuals, attorneys, land agents, and special investigating agents of the General Land Office. Some receiver's letters are included also. A number of volumes are labeled "General Correspondence."

Letters to private individuals include replies to requests for information on the availability of land, the status of entries and contest cases, and procedures for making various types of land entries; instructions on perfecting erroneous applications to enter land; and discussions of alleged illegal cutting of timber on public land. Letters to special agents of the GLO explain cases in which the register was asking the special agent to investigate "suspicious proofs" made by entrymen, giving details of the entry and the reasons for questioning the proof.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically. (Volume numbers were assigned at the time they were boxed; the original volumes bore no numbers.)

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.12.3B	1	Volume 1. April 15, 1897 - June 22, 1897. Volume 2. June 22, 1897 - August 17, 1897. Volume 3. August 18, 1897 - October 22, 1897. Volume 4. October 22, 1897 - December 17, 1897. Volume 5. December 18, 1897 - February 4, 1898. Volume 6. February 4, 1898 - March 18, 1898. Volume 7. March 18, 1898 - May 3, 1898.
115.L.12.4F	2	Volume 8. May 3, 1898 - July 7, 1898. Volume 9. July 7, 1898 - September 21, 1898. Volume 10. September 21, 1898 - December 8, 1898. Volume 11. December 8, 1898 - February 9, 1899. Volume 12. February 10, 1899 - April 8, 1899. Volume 13. April 10, 1899 - June 14, 1899. Volume 14. June 14, 1899 - August 19, 1899.
115.L.12.5B	3	Volume 15. August 20, 1899 - November 7, 1899. Volume 16. November 7, 1899 - January 3, 1900. Volume 17. January 3, 1900 - February 26, 1900. Volume 18. February 26, 1900 - April 19, 1900. Volume 19. April 20, 1900 - June 11, 1900. Volume 20. June 11, 1900 - July 28, 1900. Volume 21. July 28, 1900 - September 29, 1900.
115.L.12.6F	4	Volume 22. October 1, 1900 - November 30, 1900. Volume 23. November 30, 1900 - January 16, 1901. Volume 24. January 16, 1901 - February 25, 1901. Volume 25. February 25, 1901 - April 11, 1901. Volume 26. April 11, 1901 - May 24, 1901. Volume 27. May 25, 1901 - July 17, 1901. Volume 28. July 17, 1901 - September 16, 1901. Volume 29. September 16, 1901 - November 19, 1901.
115.L.12.7B	5	Volume 30. November 19, 1901 - January 20, 1902. Volume 31. January 20, 1902 - March 12, 1902. Volume 32. March 12, 1902 - May 9, 1902. Volume 33. May 10, 1902 - July 8, 1902. Volume 34. July 8, 1902 - August 19, 1902. Volume 35. August 19, 1902 - October 20, 1902. Volume 36. October 20, 1902 - December 13, 1902. Volume 37. December 15, 1902 - February 4, 1903. Volume 38. February 4, 1903 - March 16, 1903.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.12.8F	6	Volume 39. March 16, 1903 - April 21, 1903. Volume 40. April 21, 1903 - June 8, 1903. Volume 41. June 9, 1903 - August 5, 1903. Volume 42. August 6, 1903 - October 6, 1903. Volume 43. October 7, 1903 - December 5, 1903. Volume 44. December 5, 1903 - February 3, 1904. Volume 45. February 3, 1904 - March 26, 1904. Volume 46. March 26, 1904 - May 16, 1904. Volume 47. May 16, 1904 - July 29, 1904.
<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.13.1B	7	Volume 48. July 29, 1904 - September 28, 1904. Volume 49. September 28, 1904 - December 8, 1904. Volume 50. December 8, 1904 - February 1, 1905. Volume 51. February 1, 1905 - March 27, 1905. Volume 52. March 27, 1905 - May 17, 1905. Volume 53. May 17, 1905 - July 12, 1905. Volume 54. July 12, 1905 - September 13, 1905.
<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.13.2F	8	Volume 55. September 14, 1905 - November 22, 1905. Volume 56. November 22, 1905 - January 16, 1906. Volume 57. January 17, 1906 - March 5, 1906. Volume 58. March 5, 1906 - May 12, 1906. Volume 59. May 12, 1906 - August 27, 1906. Volume 60. August 27, 1906 - December 3, 1906. Volume 61. December 4, 1906 - February 22, 1907. Volume 62. February 23, 1907 - April 30, 1907. Volume 63. May 1, 1907 - July 18, 1907.
<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.13.3B	9	Volume 64. July 19, 1907 - October 24, 1907. Volume 65. October 25, 1907 - February 1, 1908. Volume 66. February 3, 1908 - May 7, 1908. Volume 67. May 8, 1908 - July 15, 1908. Volume 68. November 14-18, 1903. (Returning rejected homestead applications) Volume 69. June 21-July 11, 1904 (Thief River Falls). July-August, 1909. 1 folder.

**Miscellaneous Records, 1885-1920. 5 folders.**

Inventories of office records and furnishings (1885-1906), list of attorneys admitted to practice before the land office, applications for leave of absence (1896-1902), and relinquishments of preference rights (1908-1920).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.K.20.11B	---	<p>Inventories of Office Records and Furnishings, 1885-1906. Inventories of land office records and furnishings made when a new register or receiver assumed his post.</p> <p>List of Attorneys Admitted to Practice Before the Land Office. List of attorneys and land agents admitted to represent claimants and contestants before the land office in Crookston. It gives name, address, and date of admission for each attorney, and also includes a GLO circular on qualifications and procedures for admission.</p> <p>Applications for Leave of Absence, 1896-1902. Applications by homesteaders for permission to be absent from their homesteads for a specified period of time without jeopardizing their claims. The applications give name of applicant, legal description of the homestead, reasons for requesting leave of absence, information on date of settlement and improvements made, and affidavits of witnesses. <i>See also</i> Record of Miscellaneous Applications.</p> <p>Relinquishments of Preference Rights, 1908-1920. 2 folders. Relinquishments granted by individuals for preference entry rights they had been awarded as a result of contested cases.</p>

**Receiver's Accounts, 1872-1910. 6.7 cu. ft. (30 volumes and 1 oversize folder).**

Itemizations and summaries of office expenses and of payments and commissions received for land sales and entries and other services performed by the register and receiver

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		Receiver's Accounts as Disbursing Agent, 1872-1908. 0.7 cu. ft. (3 volumes). Quarterly accounts of the receiver of the Crookston land district acting in his capacity as disbursing agent for federal funds, arranged chronologically. The accounts itemize expenditures for salaries, office supplies and furniture, commissions and fees paid to the register and receiver, and incidental expenses incurred in the operation of the land office.
114.I.2.3B-2	---	Volume 1. June 1872 - June 1886.
115.L.13.7B	---	Volume 2. July 1886 - September 1898. Volume 3. October 1898 - July 1909.
<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		Receiver's Accounts of Transcribing Fees, 1892-1907. 2 volumes in partial box. Detailed monthly accounts of fees received for reducing testimony to writing in contest cases or for testimony accompanying entries made under the Desert Land Act, Timber Culture Act, or other specified acts, and for making copies of plats. The accounts give the date payment was received, name of the person making payment, law under which the entry was made, entry number, number of words transcribed, rate, and amount received.
114.I.2.4F-1	1	Volume 1. April 1892 - June 1902. Volume 2. July 1902 - December 1907.
<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		Receiver's Accounts of Unearned Fees, 1895-1908. 0.75 cu. ft. (5 volumes in box). Detailed monthly or quarterly accounts of "unearned fees and unofficial monies" received for applications that had been disallowed, deposited as fees for notices in contest cases, or received as security deposits for transcribing testimony in contest cases. A GLO circular in volume 1 explains the procedures the receiver was to follow in accounting for unearned fees.
114.I.2.4F-2	---	Volume 1. Monthly, July 1895 - March 1900. Volume 2. Monthly, April 1900 - January 1905. Volume 3. Monthly, February 1905 - June 1908. Volume 4. Quarterly, April 1899 - June 1902. Volume 5. Quarterly, July 1902 - December 1907.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		Receiver's Monthly Accounts Current, 1885-1908. 0.5 cu. ft. (3 volumes). Summary monthly accounts of money received from the sale of public land and from fees and commissions received for homestead, warrant, and scrip entries. They record the totals of cash received from various sources by the receiver, and the amounts deposited in banks in account with the United States.
115.L.8.1B	---	Volume 1. January 1885 - February 1899. Volume 2. March 1899 - September 1906. Volume 3. October 1906 - August 1908.
<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.2.4F-1	---	Receiver's Monthly Statement of Earned Fees, 1885-1908. 1 volume. Monthly summary record of fees and commissions received for homestead, timber culture, warrant, and scrip entries; for preemption declaratory statements filed; for railroad selection lists filed; and for other services performed by the register and receiver. Records for each month give the number of entries in each category, inclusive entry numbers, total acreage embraced in the entries for each category, and the total fees paid on each type of entry, statement, or selection list.
<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		Receiver's Quarterly Accounts Current, 1872-1908. 1.5 cu. ft. (5 volumes). Receiver's quarterly detailed and summary accounts of money received from the sale of public land and for fees and commissions received for various types of land entries. Arranged chronologically. The detailed accounts record all money received for land sold, giving date of sale, receipt number, purchaser's name, description of the tract sold, price per acre, and notes on the type of entry (e.g., public or private sale, excess on warrant or scrip entries, or commuted homestead entry). Totals for fees and commissions received are recorded, as are all deposits made in account with the United States. The summary accounts provide totals for each quarter's receipts and balances. Related materials: Register of Certificates to Purchasers.
114.I.2.3B-1	---	[Volume 1]. June 1872 - September 1892, Detailed. [Volume 2]. October 1892 - March 1905, Detailed.
114.I.2.3B-2	---	[Volume 3]. January 1905 - June 1908, Detailed.
115.L.8.1B	---	[Volume 4]. January 1885 - March 1900, Summary.
114.I.2.3B-2	---	[Volume 5]. April 1900 - December 1906, Summary.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.4F-2	---	<p>Record of Applications for Refunds, 1887-1910. 1 folder.</p> <p>A record of applications from entrymen for repayment of monies paid to or deposited with the receiver for land entries that were later rejected or withdrawn. Entries are chronological by date of application.</p> <p>It gives the type and number of the entry in question, name of the entryman, tract covered by the entry, date the application was filed with the land office, date the request was transmitted to the commissioner of the General Land Office, and citations to the commissioner's letter ruling on the application. The folder consists of pages removed from an otherwise empty volume, originally identified as "Docket of Repayment Applications."</p>

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		<p>Record of Daily Cash Receipts and Balances, 1885-1908. 2.7 cu. ft. (11 volumes).</p> <p>Daily record of money received for cash entries, and for fees and commissions received for declaratory statements and homestead, timber culture, warrant, and scrip entries. It lists the entry number and type and the amount of money received for each transaction, with daily balances.</p> <p>A General Land Office circular, located at the beginning of volume 2, explains the procedure receivers were to follow in recording the daily cash receipts.</p>
115.L.13.5B	1	<p>Volume 1. March 11, 1885 – February 18, 1888. Volume 2. May 17, 1888 - September 30, 1890. A printed GLO instructional circular is pasted onto the front flyleaf.</p> <p>Volume 3. October 1, 1890 - April 27, 1895. Volume 4. May 1, 1895 - March 1898.</p>
115.L.13.6F	2	<p>Volume 5. April 1898 - March 29, 1900. Volume 6. March 30, 1900 - October 28, 1901. Volume 7. October 29, 1901 - February 18, 1903. Volume 8. February 19, 1903 - August 13, 1904.</p>
115.L.13.7B	3	<p>Volume 9. August 15, 1904 - December 1905. Volume 10. January 2, 1906 - December 1907. Volume 11. January 2, 1908 - June 1908.</p>

**Record of Applications to Make Final Proof, 1905-1908 June. 1 volume.**

A record of applications to make final proof on homestead and Timber and Stone Act entries in the Crookston land district. The series records applications to make proofs for homesteads on public land, ceded Chippewa land, and ceded Red Lake land.

The record of each application gives type of entry, entry number, date of entry, name and residence of entryman, legal description of the tract to be "proved up," date of application to make proof, person before whom proof is to be made, where proof is to be made, date set for proof, newspaper in which proof is to be announced, date proof was actually made, and action taken by the register and receiver (proof accepted or rejected).

Entry numbers above 10,000 are for homestead entries on public land, entry numbers 2000-9628 are for homestead entries on ceded Chippewa land, and entry numbers below 1405 are for homestead entries on ceded Red Lake land.

Arrangement: Entries are chronological by date the application was filed.

**Location            Box**

114.I.1.2F-2        ---        Record of Applications to Make Final Proof, 1905-1908. 1 volume.

**Record of Canceled Homestead Entries, 1905-1908. 1 volume.**

A record of homestead entries in the Crookston land district that were canceled by the commissioner of the General Land Office or relinquished by the entryman.

For each canceled entry the record gives entry number and series (those denoted "P" are entries on public land, "C" are on ceded Chippewa land, and "RL" are on ceded Red Lake land), date the entry was filed, name of entryman, tract covered by the canceled entry, and date the entry was canceled by commissioner's letter or relinquishment.

Arrangement: Entries are chronological by date canceled.

**Location            Box**

114.I.2.2F-2        ---        Record of Canceled Homestead Entries, September 1905 - July 1908. 1 volume.

**Record of Letters Received, 1896-1910. 1.75 cu. ft. (6 volumes in 3 boxes).**

An abstract of letters received from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Each abstract gives letter number (assigned chronologically by the Crookston land office), GLO identification initial, date of letter, name of person/case discussed in the letter, a brief of the subject of the letter, date the letter was received, date the letter was answered and/or a notice was sent to the entryman, and a summary of the actions taken in response to the commissioner's letter. Dates noted in the "date answered" column refer to letters in the Register's Letters Sent (cataloged separately). Dates in the "summary of actions" column refer to letters in the Register's Miscellaneous Letters Sent (cataloged separately).

Arrangement: Chronological by date the letter was received.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.J.3.8F-2	---	Volume 1. # 1 - 2643, May 6, 1896 - September 12, 1899. Volume 2. # 2644 - 4487, September 13, 1899 - November 21, 1901.
114.J.4.1B-1	---	Volume 3. # 4488 - 6231, November 23, 1901 - September 8, 1903. Volume 4. # 6232 - 9003, September 9, 1903 - June 26, 1907.
114.J.4.1B-2	---	Volume 5. # 9004 - 9646, June 27, 1907 - June 29, 1908. A note in the volume says subsequent numbers in this series were cancelled. Followed by 2 pp. of scattered entries, #s 0102-0655, July-September 1908.
114.J.4.1B-2	---	Volume 6. # 1 - 233, July 1, 1908 - April 27, 1910.

**Record of Letters Sent, 1886-1917. 0.4 cu. ft. (3 volumes).**

An abstract of letters sent to parties involved in contested cases announcing the decision of the local land officers or the commissioner of the General Land Office. Each abstract gives the date the letter was sent, person to whom sent, subject of the letter, "limit" or date before which a response must be filed, and citations to related letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.J.4.2F-2	---	Volume 1. September 1886 - May 15, 1893. Includes one entry for 1895. Volume 2. May 15, 1893 - December 1901. Volume 3. January 1902 - 1917.

**Record of Miscellaneous Applications, 45% 1896-1909. 1.0 cu. ft. (2 volumes and 1 partial volume).**

A record of applications filed in the Crookston land district to amend a homestead entry, make a second homestead entry, take a leave of absence from a homestead, purchase an isolated tract, or file a protest against a homestead entry.

The record for each application lists the application number, type of application, tract involved, name of the applicant, date of application, and remarks on the granting or rejection of the application with occasional citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office or to the Contest Docket. The applications for leave of absence from a homestead were recorded separately in volume 1 of the separately cataloged Record of Rejected and Suspended Applications and Proofs between January 1897 and June 1902, but thereafter were recorded consecutively with the other miscellaneous applications.

Arrangement: Entries are chronological by date the application was filed.

Indexing-Note: Volumes are individually indexed by name of applicant.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Volume</b>	
114.I.1.5B-2	[1]	Applications to amend second entry, and miscellaneous #1-105, September 12, 1896-June 2, 1898. Record of applications for leave of absence, #1-235, 1897-1902. partial volume. (Also includes Record of rejected and suspended applications, cataloged separately.)
114.I.1.5B-1	2	Miscellaneous applications, #106-603, June 15, 1898 - August 3, 1902.
114.I.1.5B-1	3	Miscellaneous applications, #604-1024, August 18, 1902 - July 7, 1909.

**Record of Patents Delivered, ca.1870-ca.1911. 0.5 cu. ft. (2 volumes).**

Record of patents delivered to patentees or their agents for land entered in the Crookston land district.

The record gives the certificate number, person to whom the patent was issued, date the patent was issued, volume and page where the patent is recorded in GLO records, name and address of the person to whom the patent was sent, and date it was sent.

Indexing-Note: Entries are listed or indexed by name of patentee.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.2.2F-2	---	Volume 1. 1875 - 1884. 1 volume in phase box. Entries are alphabetical by first letter of patentee's surname. FRAGILE.
114.I.1.6F-2	---	Volume 2. ca. 1870 - ca. 1911. Entries are in part alphabetical by first letter of patentee's surname, in part roughly chronological by date the patent was issued. The volume includes an index by name of patentee.

**Record of Rejected and Suspended Applications and Proofs, 1896-1908. 1.7 cu. ft. (4 volumes and 1 partial volume).**

A record of applications to enter land and of final homestead proofs that were rejected or suspended by the register and receiver of the Crookston land district or the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Each entry gives rejection/suspension number, description of the tract involved, name of the person applying to enter land or make final proof, date of suspension/rejection, and remarks noting documents received, actions taken, and/or the grounds for suspension/rejection. Some include citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office and notes on the eventual disposition of the entry. Applications and proofs that were suspended by the register and receiver were usually forwarded to the commissioner of the General Land Office for final decision.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Indexing-Note: Volumes 3-5 are indexed by name of applicant/entryman.

Related materials: See also the district's Rejected Applications to Enter Land (cataloged separately).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Volume</b>	
114.I.1.5B-2	1	Nos. 1 - 355, July 15, 1896 - March 3, 1898. Also includes two segments of Record of Miscellaneous Applications (cataloged separately).
114.I.1.5B-2	2	Nos. 356 - 874, March 5, 1898 - January 29, 1900.
114.I.1.6F-1	3	Nos. 875 - 1377, February 3, 1900 - May 27, 1902.
114.I.1.6F-1	4	Nos. 1378 - 2067, May 27, 1902 - March 3, 1905.
114.I.1.6F-2	5	Nos. 2068 - 2592, March 24, 1905 - June 27, 1908. (Spine title: Homestead Contest Docket.)

**Register of Agricultural College Scrip Entries, 1872 June – 1897 April. 1 volume.**

An abstract of land entries (nos. 1-112) made in the Crookston land district with agricultural college scrip under provisions of the Agricultural College Act of 1862.

The Agricultural College Act, commonly referred to as the Morrill Act, granted each state 30,000 acres of land for each of its United States senators and representatives. The proceeds from the sale of this land were to be used for the benefit of colleges of agricultural and mechanical arts in the state. Those states in which public land was still available for private entry selected their grant from the public land within their boundaries. Those states without sufficient public land received scrip of equal value, which could be redeemed for public land in the western states. The states receiving scrip could not enter the land directly but were required to sell the scrip to second parties, who then either used it to locate land or resold it.

The abstract for each scrip entry gives land office entry number, scrip number, the date a scrip certificate was issued, to what state the scrip was issued, acre value of the scrip, legal description of the tract located with the scrip, date located, and by whom located, with occasional added remarks.

Arrangement: Entries are chronological by date the scrip was located (a certificate was issued).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.J.4.2F-1	---	Register of Agricultural College Scrip Entries, nos. 1-112, June 1872-April 1897. 1 volume.

### **Register of Certificates to Purchasers, 1872-1908. 1.9 cu. ft. (6 volumes).**

An abstract of certificates issued by the register of the Crookston land district for land entries made by cash purchase, scrip, or warrant. The certificate established the buyer's legal claim to a parcel of land pending issuance by the GLO of a patent that formally transferred title.

The abstract for each certificate gives certificate number, date issued, name of purchaser and county of residence, legal description and acreage of the parcel purchased, price per acre, and total purchase price. Most also include a citation to GLO patent records. A few include citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Included in this series is the receiver's register of receipts for cash entries, which is largely duplicative except for occasional differences in the annotations.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned certificate number.

Related materials: See also the district's Register of final homestead certificates and Register of homestead entries (both cataloged separately).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		Register of Certificates to Purchasers: [Spine titles: "Abstract of Land Sold"]
114.I.1.1B-2	---	Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 4396, June 18, 1872 - December 1885. Volume 2. Nos. 4397 - 8025, January 1886 - December 1905.
114.I.1.2F-1	---	Volume 3. Nos. 8026 - 8206, January 1906 - June 1908.
		Register of Receipts for Cash Entries:
114.I.1.2F-1	---	Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 4396, June 18, 1872 - December 1885.
114.I.1.2F-2	---	Volume 2. Nos. 4397 - 8025, January 1886 - December 1905. Volume 3. Nos. 8026 - 8076, January-June, 1906. [Pages removed from volume]

**Register of Certificates to Purchasers of Chippewa Land, 1896-1908. 1.5 cu. ft. (4 volumes in 2 boxes.)**

An abstract of certificates issued for land entries made by cash purchase in the Crookston land district for ceded Chippewa reservation (or pine) land, under provisions of the Nelson Act of January 14, 1889, and an act of February 20, 1904 (33 Stat 46). The procedure for making cash entries on this land was the same as for cash entries on public land, except that the minimum price was based on the appraised value of the timber on the land.

The abstract for each certificate gives certificate number, date issued, legal description and acreage of the parcel purchased, name of purchaser, appraised value, price per acre, and total purchase price. Most abstracts are annotated with the date the patent was issued and the volume and page in which it is recorded in GLO patent records. Some include citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office. The series also records installment and commutation payments for homestead entries on ceded Chippewa land.

Included in this series is the receiver's register of receipts for cash entries, which is largely duplicative except for occasional differences in the annotations.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned certificate number.

Related materials: See also the district's Register of final homestead certificates for Chippewa land and Register of homestead entries on Chippewa land.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.3B-1	---	Register of Certificates to Purchasers [mainly White Earth land], Nos. 1 - 3094, July 15, 1896 - June 30, 1908. (Spine title: Abstract of Land Sold)
114.I.1.3B-2	---	Register of Certificates to Purchasers: Red Lake Land, Nos. 1 - 3532, June 1904 - June 1908. (Spine title: Abstract of Land Sold)
114.I.1.3B-1	---	Register of Receipts for Cash Entries [mainly White Earth land], Nos. 1 - 2525, July 15, 1896 - June 30, 1906.
114.I.1.3B-2	---	Register of Receipts for Cash Entries: Red Lake Land, Nos. 1 - 2639, June 20, 1904 - June 30, 1906.

**Register of Final Homestead Certificates, 1873-1908. 2.4 cu. ft. (6 volumes).**

An abstract of all final certificates issued for homesteaded land in the Crookston land district.

The abstract for each final certificate gives certificate number; date the certificate was filed; legal description of the tract homesteaded; name of applicant and county of residence; number of the original homestead application (recorded in the separately cataloged Register of Homestead Entries); commissions and fees paid; price per acre (commissions were based on the appraised price per acre); and various remarks relative to delivery of patents, citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office, and citations to the Register of Certificates to Purchasers (cataloged separately) if the acreage of the parcel originally entered was in excess of the applicant's homestead eligibility.

Final certificates for some Crookston homestead entries are recorded in the Cass Lake register.

Included in this series are registers of receipts for the commissions and fees paid in conjunction with the issuance of final homestead certificates. They largely duplicate information in the registers of certificates, except for occasional differences in the annotations.

Arrangement: Numbered chronologically by date the final certificate was issued.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		Register of Final Homestead Certificates:
114.J.4.5B-1	---	Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 6249, July 1873 - November 1889. Volume 2. Nos. 6250 - 12646, December 1889 - June 1903.
114.J.4.5B-2	---	Volume 3. Nos. 12647 - 14361, July 1903 - June 1908.
		Register of Final Homestead Receipts:
114.J.4.5B-2	---	Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 6249, July 1873 - November 1889.
114.J.4.6F-1	---	Volume 2. Nos. 6250 - 12646, December 1889 - June 1903. Volume 3. Nos. 12647 - 13790, July 1903 - December 1906.

**Register of Final Homestead Certificates for Chippewa Land, 1899-1908. 0.75 cu. ft. (2 volumes).**

An abstract of final homestead certificates for homestead entries made on ceded Chippewa reservation land under provisions of the Homestead Act of 1862 and the Nelson Act of January 14, 1889. This series consists primarily of homestead entries on land ceded from the White Earth Reservation.

Final certificates for homesteads on ceded Chippewa land were issued after the entryman had proved up his claim, demonstrating compliance with the residency requirements as in regular homestead entries, and had paid for his homestead as provided for by the Nelson Act.

The abstract for each final certificate gives certificate number, date the certificate was issued, legal description of the tract homesteaded, name of the entryman, number of the original homestead entry (recorded in the separately cataloged Register of Homestead Entries on Chippewa Land) and occasional remarks with citations to letters received from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Included in this series is the receiver's register of final homestead receipts for Chippewa Land, which is largely duplicative except for occasional differences in the annotations.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Related materials: See also the district's Register of homestead entries on Chippewa land and Register of certificates to purchasers of Chippewa Land.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.J.4.8F-1	---	Register of Final Homestead Certificates for Chippewa Land: Nos. 1 - 2473, December 6, 1899 - June 30, 1908.
114.J.4.8F-1	---	Register of Final Homestead Receipts for Chippewa Land: Nos. 1-1797, December 6, 1899 - June 19, 1906.

**Register of Final Timber Culture Certificates, 1884-1903. 0.7 cu. ft. (4 volumes).**

An abstract of final certificates for land entered in the Crookston land district under provisions of the Timber Culture Act of 1873, the intent of which was to encourage the planting of trees on the western prairies.

The Timber Culture Act enabled qualified individuals to acquire title to 160 acres of land on the condition that part of it be planted to trees. The final certificate was issued after the entryman had "proved up" his timber culture claim by demonstrating to the land office that he had complied with the provisions of the Timber Culture Act. When the final certificate was turned in to the Land Office, a patent was issued formally transferring title.

The abstract for each final certificate includes the following information: final certificate number, date the certificate was issued, legal description of the tract on which the certificate was issued, name and residence of the entryman, number of the original timber culture entry, fees paid, and occasional remarks with citations to letters received from the General Land Office.

Included in this series is the Register of Final Timber Culture Receipts. The final receipt was issued by the receiver of the land office to the entryman for money received in payment of fees and commissions. The register of final receipts contains the same information as the register of final certificates, except that there may be occasional differences in the annotations.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned certificate number.

Related materials: See also the district's Register of timber culture entries.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.J.4.8F-2	---	Register of Final Timber Culture Certificates: Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 221, January 1884 - December 1894. Volume 2. Nos. 222 - 346, January 1895 - November 1903.
114.I.1.1B-1	---	Register of Final Timber Culture Receipts: Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 221, January 1884 - December 1894. Volume 2. Nos. 222 - 346, January 1895 - November 1903.

### **Register of Homestead Entries, 1872-1908. 3.0 cu. ft. (3 boxes).**

An abstract of all applications to acquire land under the provisions of the Homestead Act of 1862 that were filed in the Crookston land district.

Individuals seeking to acquire land under the Homestead Act first filed an application or "declaratory statement" with the local land office, thereby establishing their claim to a particular tract of land. They were then required to live on and improve the land for five years, after which time they presented the local land office a "final proof" of their compliance with the provisions of the Homestead Act. If the land office accepted the proof, it issued a "final certificate." The final certificate was then turned in to the General Land Office, which issued a patent formally transferring title to the homesteader.

The abstract for each homestead entry gives number of the application or declaratory statement; date of application; name of the applicant; legal description of the parcel entered; and remarks on the issuance of a patent, cancellation, or other disposition of the entry, with citations to relevant letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Included in this series is the receiver's register of homestead entry receipts, for fees and commissions paid by the homesteader at the time of entry. It is largely duplicative, except for occasional differences in annotations.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned application (entry) number.

Related materials: See also the district's Register of final homestead certificates and Letters received (both cataloged separately); and the Cass Lake land district's Register of final homestead certificates (cataloged separately).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
		Register of Homestead Entries:
114.J.4.3B-1	---	Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 7611, June 1872 - June 1882. Volume 2. Nos. 7612 - 14952, July 1882 - June 1892.
114.J.4.3B-2	---	Volume 3. Nos. 14953 - 22395, July 1892 - June 1901. Volume 4. Nos. 22396 - 24702, July 1901 - June 1908.
		Register of Homestead Entry Receipts:
114.J.4.4F-1	---	Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 7989, June 18, 1872 - September 1882. Volume 2. Nos. 7990 - 15315, October 1882 - March 1893.
114.J.4.4F-2	---	Volume 3. Nos. 15316 - 22395, April 1893 - June 1901. Volume 4. Nos. 22396 - 24401, July 1901 - June 1906.

## **Register of Homestead Entries on Chippewa Land, 1896-1908. 2.0 cu. ft. (6 volumes).**

An abstract of homestead entries in the Crookston land district on ceded Chippewa reservation land made under provisions of the Homestead Act of 1862, the Nelson Act of January 14, 1889, and an act of February 20, 1904 (33 Stat 46).

The Nelson Act (after Minnesota Congressman Knute Nelson) called for the Ojibwe to cede all of their reservation land in Minnesota except the Red Lake and White Earth reservations. All Ojibwe except the Red Lake Band were then to be concentrated on the White Earth Reservation and given allotments in severalty. The Red Lake Ojibwe were to receive their allotments on the Red Lake Reservation. Land in excess of that needed to provide allotments for the enrolled tribal members was to be ceded to the government, surveyed, and appraised as agricultural or timber land. The agricultural land was to be opened for entry by "purchased homestead" and the timber land was to be sold at public auction with all proceeds placed in trust for the Ojibwe.

Under the Nelson Act, homesteads on ceded Ojibwe land had to be purchased at the rate of \$1.25 per acre with payments due in five equal installments. Residence requirements and "proving up" procedures were the same as for regular homesteads. Originally the homesteads on Ojibwe land could not be commuted, but a later amendment allowed them to be commuted to cash entries. The yearly installment and commutation payments are recorded in the Register of Certificates to Purchasers of Chippewa Land. The act of 1904 authorized the Secretary of the Interior to proceed with the sale of ceded Red Lake Reservation land.

The abstract for each homestead entry gives entry number, date of entry, legal description and acreage of the tract entered, name and residence of the entryman, fees and commissions paid, and occasional notes on the eventual disposition of the entry with citations to letters received from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Included in this series is the Receiver's Register of Homestead Entry Receipts, for fees and commissions paid by the homesteader at the time of entry. It essentially duplicates the information in the Register of Homestead Entries, except for occasional differences in the annotations.

Related materials: See also the district's Register of certificates to purchasers of Chippewa land, and Register of final homestead certificates for Chippewa land.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.J.4.6F-2	---	Register of Homestead Entries [mainly White Earth land]: Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 7253, May 15, 1896 - January 1904. Volume 2. Nos. 7254 - 9678, February 1904 - June 1908.
114.J.4.7B-2	---	Register of Homestead Entries: Red Lake Land: Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 1404, June 20, 1904 - June 24, 1908.
114.J.4.7B-1	---	Register of Homestead Entry Receipts [mainly White Earth land]: Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 7253, May 15, 1896 - January 1904. Volume 2. Nos. 7254 - 8789, February 1904 - July 2, 1906.
114.J.4.7B-2	---	Register of Homestead Entry Receipts: Red Lake Land: Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 1312, June 20, 1904 - June 30, 1906.

**Register of Indian Allotment Entries under the Dawes Act, 1893-1897. 1 volume.**

An abstract of land entries made in the Crookston land district under provisions of the Indian Allotment Act of February 8, 1887.

The Indian Allotment Act, often referred to as the Dawes Act, provided for the breaking up of Indian reservations by allotting land in severalty to enrolled tribal members and opening the remainder to settlement. Land "suitable for agricultural and grazing purposes" was to be allotted in tracts of 160 acres to all heads of families, 80 acres to all single persons over 18 and orphan children under 18, and 40 acres to all other children.

The register records the applications of Indians to receive their allotted acreage. The abstract for each allotment entry gives application number, date of application, name and tribal affiliation of applicant and/or minor child, description of the tract applied for, and remarks on the disposition or cancellation of the entry with citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

The register contains only four entries (on the first two pages of the volume); they are listed below. A researcher's note indicates the applicants were members of the Lac Courte Oreilles band of Chippewa from Wisconsin.

The remainder of the volume contains miscellaneous notes and figures apparently used in preparing the receiver's monthly accounts.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned application number.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.4F-2	---	Register of Indian Allotment Entries under the Dawes Act, 1893-1897. 1 volume. Onab Ogomabeck. Ka Ka Keese. Ka Kee Ka Keesick. Na May Pock.

## **Register of Indian Allotment Entries under the Nelson Act, 1901. 1 volume.**

A schedule of land entries made in the Crookston land district for Indian allotments in the White Earth Reservation under provisions of the Nelson Act of January 14, 1889.

The Nelson Act (after Minnesota Congressman Knute Nelson) called for the Ojibwe Indians to cede all of their reservation land in Minnesota except the Red Lake and White Earth reservations. All Ojibwe except the Red Lake Band were then to be concentrated on the White Earth Reservation and given allotments in severalty. The Red Lake Ojibwe were to receive their allotments on the Red Lake Reservation. An amendment to the act allowed other Indians to take up allotments on their former reservations. Land in excess of that needed to provide allotments for the enrolled tribal members was to be ceded to the government, surveyed, and appraised as agricultural or timber land. The agricultural land was to be opened for entry under the Homestead Act and the timber land was to be offered for sale at public auction with proceeds placed in trust for the Ojibwe.

This series records the allotment entries made on the White Earth Reservation. The commissioner of Indian affairs presented the schedule of allotments to the Secretary of the Interior for approval February 28, 1901, with a recommendation that patents be issued. The allotment entries were then recorded by the register of the Crookston land district. The record of each allotment entry gives allotment number, Indian and/or English name of the allottee, tribal band of the allottees (at the head of each page), legal description and acreage of the tract covered by the allotment, allottee's age in the 1889 census or year of birth if born since 1889, blood status of allottee (full or mixed), and stamped dates apparently indicating the date a patent was issued. Occasionally there is a stamp, "Full Blood Indian."

Arrangement: Arranged by allotment number. The allotments for each band are grouped together (White Earth, Otter Tail, Leech Lake, Pembina, Fond du Lac, Mille Lac, White Oak Point, Gull Lake, and miscellaneous and supplemental entries.

Indexes: An index of names, in the order in which they appear on the schedule, is available in PDF format:

[http://www.mnhs.org/library/findaids/glo009/pdf/crookston\\_nelson\\_index.pdf](http://www.mnhs.org/library/findaids/glo009/pdf/crookston_nelson_index.pdf)

Related materials: The papers of Ransom Judd Powell among the manuscripts collections of the Minnesota Historical Society include several lists of allotments apparently based on the Register of Indian Allotment Entries. These lists include numerous annotations on family relationships and other matters. Volume 9 of the Powell papers appears to be another rendition of this list.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
126.J.2.1 (do)	---	Register of Indian Allotment Entries under the Nelson Act, 1901. 1 volume.

### **Register of Military Bounty Land Warrant Entries, 1873-1888. 1 volume.**

Registers or abstracts of public land entries made with military bounty land warrants in the Crookston land district.

Several acts of Congress authorized the issuance of land warrants as a bounty for military service. The warrants entitled the holder to enter or "locate" a specified amount of public land. The warrants were transferable and most were entered by someone other than the person to whom they were originally issued. The Crookston entries (nos. 1-23) were all under the act of 1855.

The abstract for each warrant entry gives land office entry number, warrant number, date a warrant was issued, person in whose favor the warrant was issued, legal description of the tract located with the warrant, date located, and by whom located. Some entries are annotated with citations to decisions of the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Arrangement: Entries are numbered chronologically by date of land office entry.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
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114.J.4.2F-1	---	Register of Military Bounty Land Warrant Entries, nos. 1-23, May 1873-October 1888. 1 volume.
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### **Register of Red Lake and Pembina Scrip Entries, 1873-1906. 1 oversize folder.**

An abstract of land entries made with Red Lake and Pembina scrip. The authorization for this scrip is not specified on the abstract, but it probably pertains to cessions under treaties with the Red Lake and Pembina bands of Chippewa of 1863 and/or 1867.

The abstract for each scrip entry gives entry number, scrip number, date the scrip was issued, person to whom it was issued, legal description of the tract entered with the scrip, date the tract was entered, person who located the scrip, and occasional remarks with citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office. Also includes Sioux half-breed scrip entries nos. 8-13, subsequently transcribed into the separate Register of Sioux Half-Breed Scrip Entries. The records are photostatic copies of originals that were sent to the General Land Office.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned entry number.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
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114.I.1.4F-2	---	Register of Red Lake and Pembina Scrip Entries, nos. 1-250, 1873-1906. 1 folder.
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**Register of Sioux Half-Breed Scrip Entries, 1879-1902. 3 leaves.**

An abstract of land entries made in the Crookston land district with Sioux half-breed scrip.

The Treaty of Prairie du Chien of 1831 set aside 320,819 acres of land near present-day Wabasha as a reserve for the Dakota mixed-bloods. They were expected to settle and take possession of the reserved tract, but this did not occur. As the surrounding area was opened for settlement, pressure arose to open the half-breed tract. The mixed-bloods' title to the tract was extinguished by dividing the reserve among the enrolled mixed bloods and issuing scrip to each individual in proportion to his or her share of the reserve.

A total of 640 individuals received scrip to the value of 480 acres, and 38 persons were issued scrip for 360 acres. The scrip could be used to locate land, surveyed or unsurveyed, anywhere in the public domain. By law the scrip could not be alienated, but this restriction was often evaded and much of the scrip was entered by someone other than the person to whom it was issued.

The abstract for each scrip entry gives entry number, number and letter of the scrip, date the scrip was issued, acreage for which it was issued, person to whom it was issued, person by whom the scrip was located, date located, and legal description and acreage of the tract located.

This is a photostatic copy of the original register, which was sent to the General Land Office. Entry numbers 8-13 were originally recorded in the Register of Red Lake and Pembina Scrip Entries (cataloged separately).

Arrangement: Chronological by date the scrip was located.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.4F-2	---	Register of Sioux Half-breed Scrip Entries, nos. 8-15, 1879-1902. 3 leaves.

**Register of Supreme Court Scrip Entries, 1879-1894. 17 leaves.**

An abstract of land entries made in the Crookston land district with "Supreme Court scrip" under provisions of acts of Congress of June 22, 1860, March 2, 1867, and June 10, 1872.

The act of June 22, 1860, was intended to settle the remaining claims of individuals or corporations that had received land grants from foreign powers prior to 1846 but whose title to the land had become clouded or lost. The act allowed the United States Supreme Court to decide these cases and to issue scrip, which could be redeemed for land elsewhere in the public domain, as compensation to those claimants who established the validity of their grants. This scrip, commonly known as "Supreme Court scrip," was transferable and most was entered by someone other than the person to whom it was originally issued. The acts of March 2, 1867, and June 10, 1872, extended the time in which these claims could be brought before the Supreme Court.

The abstract for each entry gives land office entry number, scrip number, acre/value of the scrip, date of the Supreme Court decree awarding the scrip, person to whom the scrip was issued, date the scrip was located (a land certificate was issued), legal description of the tract located, person who located the scrip, and occasional remarks with citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

This is a photostatic copy of the original, which was sent to the General Land Office.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned entry number.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.4F-2	---	Register of Supreme Court Scrip Entries, nos. 1-177, 1879-1894. 17 leaves.

**Register of Surveyor General Scrip Entries, 1896-1902. 6 leaves.**

An abstract of land entries made with surveyor general scrip in the Crookston land district under provisions of an act of Congress of June 2, 1858.

This act was intended to settle outstanding claims of individuals or corporations (mainly in Louisiana, Florida, and Missouri) that had received land grants from foreign powers but had lost the land to settlers or whose title to the land had become clouded. The surveyor general of the district in which the claim was located certified the amount of land lost by the claimant and issued scrip of equal value which could be used to locate land in the public domain. This scrip, commonly known as "Surveyor General scrip," was transferable and most was located by someone other than the person to whom it was originally issued.

The abstract for each entry gives entry number, scrip number, date the scrip was issued, acre/value of the scrip, person to whom the scrip was issued, legal description of the tract located with the scrip, date of location, person who located the scrip, and occasional remarks with citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

This is a photostatic copy of the original register, which was sent to the General Land Office.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned entry number.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.I.1.4F-2	---	Register of Surveyor General Scrip Entries, nos. 1-10, 1896-1902. 6 leaves.

## **Register of Timber Culture Entries, 1873-1891. 0.8 cu. ft. (4 volumes).**

An abstract of land entries made in the Crookston land district under provisions of the Timber Culture Act of March 3, 1873.

The intent of the Timber Culture Act was to encourage the planting of trees on the western prairies. The law enabled qualified individuals to acquire title to 160 acres of land on the condition that forty acres be planted to trees. Residence on the tract was not required. In the original act, the entryman was required to plant the entire 40 acres to trees in the first year after making entry. The time period was later extended to four years, and in 1878 the acreage was reduced to ten acres with a minimum of 2700 trees per acre at the time of planting and "675 living, thrifty trees" at the time of patenting. Timber culture entries could be "proved up" and patented after eight years. They could be made in addition to homestead or preemption entries. The Timber Culture Act was repealed in 1891.

The abstract for each timber culture entry gives application or entry number, date of application, legal description of the tract entered, acreage, name of the applicant and county of residence, and fees and commissions paid. Some entries include information on the date of final proof and the eventual disposition of the entry, with citations to letters from the commissioner of the General Land Office.

Included in this series is a register of timber culture receipts. The register of receipts contains the same information as the register of timber culture entries, except that there may be occasional differences in the annotations to entries.

Arrangement: Entries are chronological by date of application.

Related materials: See also the district's Register of final timber culture certificates (cataloged separately).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.J.4.8F-2	---	Register of Timber Culture Entries: Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 3246, September 1873 - March 1885. Volume 2. Nos. 3247 - 3886, April 1885 - February 1891.
114.I.1.1B-1	---	Register of Timber Culture Receipts: Volume 1. Nos. 1 - 3256, September 1873 - April 1885. Volume 2. Nos. 3257 - 3886, May 1885 - February 1891.

**Rejected Applications to Enter Land, 1897-1908. 1.5 cu. ft. (1 box and 1 partial box).**

Applications to make homestead and timber culture entries that were rejected or suspended by the register and receiver of the Crookston land district or the commissioner of the General Land Office. Also included are several applications for leave of absence from homesteads and a rejected townsite entry (no. 2025) for the town of Spooner.

Most of the rejected entries were denied for technical and procedural reasons or because the intended entry conflicted with a previous entry on the tract. The records usually consist of a notice of rejection stating the grounds on which the application was rejected and copies of the homestead application and affidavit. Some include proofs of citizenship and other documentation. The majority of the rejected applications were apparently denied at the time the application was tendered, before an entry number was assigned. A few applications were accepted and then rejected at a later date. These are recorded in the Register of Homestead Entries (cataloged separately). Applications suspended by the register and receiver were usually forwarded to the commissioner of the General Land Office for final decision.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned rejection number. The numbers appear to interfile with those in the series of Rejected Homestead Proofs.

Related materials: See also the district's Record of rejected and suspended applications and proofs (cataloged separately).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.K.20.12F	1	Nos. 3 - 1295, February 1897 - December 1901.
115.K.20.13B	2	Nos. 1307 - 2589, January 1902 - May 1908.

**Rejected Homestead Proofs, 1897-1908. 1.3 cu. ft. (1 box and 1 partial box).**

Homestead final proofs, offered as evidence of compliance with the Homestead Act, that were rejected by the register and receiver of the Crookston land district or the commissioner of the General Land Office. This series also includes several rejected timber culture proofs.

Most of the rejected or suspended proofs were denied because the applicant failed to meet the Homestead Act's requirements for residence and improvements or because the entry was contested by another claimant. Some were rejected or suspended for technical and procedural errors in filing the proof.

Each rejected proof consists of a rejection notice stating the grounds for rejection; affidavits of the claimant giving a description of the tract homesteaded, date of settlement, and extent of improvements; and affidavits of witnesses giving detailed information on the claimant's residence on the homestead, extent of cultivation, and a description of the buildings erected and other improvements made. Many rejected proofs are accompanied by other documentation, such as proofs of citizenship, reports of General Land Office special investigators, or correspondence in support of the claimant's proof.

Arranged by chronologically assigned rejection number. The numbers appear to interfile with the Rejected Applications to Enter Land (above).

Related materials: See also the district's Record of applications to make final proof, and Record of rejected and suspended applications and proofs.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.K.20.14F	---	Nos. 230 - 2417, August 1897 - May 1907.
115.L.20.1B	---	Nos. 2424 - 2590, June 1907 - May 1908.

**Serial Registers, 1908-1925. 4.0 cu. ft. (13 volumes in 4 boxes).**

An abstract of land entries made in the Crookston land district from July 1, 1908, to April 21, 1925. The serial register is a consolidated record of all types of land entries, and supersedes the various registers for different types of entries.

The abstract for each entry gives serial number, type of entry (homestead, purchase, etc.), name and address of entryman, legal description of the tract entered, date of entry, and notations of all transactions involving the entry up to the issuance of a patent or cancellation of the entry.

Arrangement: Arranged by chronologically assigned serial number.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.L.7.2F	1	<i>[Volume 0 missing?].</i> Volume 1. Nos. 1000 - 2000. <i>[Volume 2 missing]</i> Volume 3. Nos. 3000 - 4000. Volume 4. Nos. 4001 - 4999.
115.L.7.3B	2	Volume 5. Nos. 5000 - 6000. Volume 6. Nos. 6001 - 6999. Volume 7. Nos. 7000 - 8000. Volume 8. Nos. 8001 - 8998.
115.L.7.4F	3	Volume 9. Nos. 8999 - 10000. <i>[Volume 10 missing]</i> <i>[Volume 11 missing]</i> <i>[Volume 12 missing]</i> Volume 13. Nos. 13000 - 14000. <i>[Volume 14 missing]</i> Volume 15. Nos. 15001 - 16000.
115.L.7.5B	4	Volume 16. Nos. 16001 - 17000. Volume 17. Nos. 17001 - 18000. Volume 18. Nos. 18001 - 18375.