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**TREASURER**  
**An Inventory of Its Miscellaneous Records**

**OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

<b>Agency:</b>	Minnesota. Treasurer's Office.
<b>Series Title:</b>	Miscellaneous records.
<b>Dates:</b>	1871-1938, 1975.
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.65 cu. ft. (1 box and 2 partial boxes).
<b>Location:</b>	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS**

Bids and agreement relating to sale of wood to the Capitol (1871-1872); railroads' gross earnings reports (1874); lists and accounts for the sale of University of Minnesota salt spring lands (1878-1884); letters to Charles Kittelson regarding Republican party activities (1880); seed grain loan bonds (1889, 1891); correspondence regarding repair and maintenance of the 1st Minnesota Regiment monument at Gettysburg (1901-1927); file on fiscal irregularities in the state treasurer's office (1916); a soldier's bonus claim against Donald F. Sweeney (1921); illustrative samples of treasurer's office forms and state bonds; graphs of trends in real property assessed value (1932); and miscellany, including a claim for painting and repair work on University of Minnesota buildings (1874), an Executive Council resolution regarding mobilization of the Minnesota National Guard (1916), a contract for work on the state exhibit at the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition (1932), audit report of Office of the Treasurer and Auditor (1928), record of bonds and certificates of indebtedness (1937-1938), and a 1975 research report containing biographical sketches of all the state treasurers through that year.

**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:**

Debts, Public—Minnesota.  
Fuelwood—Government purchasing—Minnesota.

Military pensions—Minnesota.  
Misconduct in office—Minnesota.  
Public lands—Minnesota.  
Railroads—Taxation—Minnesota.  
Salt spring lands—Minnesota.  
Seed distribution—Minnesota—Bonding.  
Tax assessment—Minnesota.

**Places:**

Gettysburg National Military Park (Pa.).  
Minnesota—Officials and employees—Biography.  
Minnesota—Politics and government—1858-1898.

**Persons:**

Kittelson, Charles, 1837-1932.  
Sweeney, Donald F.

**Organizations:**

Minnesota State Capitol (Saint Paul, Minn. : 1853-1881).  
Minnesota. National Guard.  
Minnesota. State Auditor.  
Minnesota. Treasurer's Office—Biography.  
United States. Army. Minnesota Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1864)—Monuments.  
University of Minnesota—Buildings—Maintenance and repair.  
University of Minnesota—Finance.

**Types of Documents:**

Audits—Minnesota.  
Bonds (financial records)—Minnesota.

**Titles:**

Century of Progress International Exposition (1933-1934 : Chicago, Ill.).

**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.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
110.K.19.8F	1	<p>Sale of wood to Capitol, 1871-1872. 1 folder. Bids, agreements, and correspondence regarding sale of wood to heat the Capitol building.</p> <p>Reports of Gross Earnings of Railroads, 1874. 1 folder. Also includes list of the mileage of telegraph line in Minnesota belonging to the Northwestern Telegraph Company. Minnesota Laws 1873, chapter 17, section 43 required railroads to report annually to the State Auditor their total capital stock, gross receipts, expenses, and net profits. It is unclear how these gross earnings reports relate to that larger requirement. Later gross earnings reports are found with the records of the Taxation Department.</p> <p>Salt spring land sales, 1878-1884. 1 folder. Lists of land sold, accounts with the University of Minnesota board of regents, and related memoranda regarding the sale of salt spring lands owned by the university. Many of the items concern sales by Halour G. Stordock, based in Rothsay, of lands in the Fergus Falls area. The university hired Stordock during ca. 1880-1886 to sell its salt spring lands on commission, with the proceeds being deposited in the state treasury for re-release to the state geological survey. Much of the information in this files is also found in the university archives.</p> <p>Correspondence of Charles Kittelson, 1880. 1 folder. Primarily letters to state treasurer Kittelson (January 1880 – January 1887), largely regarding his Republican Party activities in St. Paul and Albert Lea, or requesting patronage appointments or favors.</p> <p>Seed grain loan bonds, 1889, 1891. 1 folder. With two letters of transmittal.</p> <p>First Minnesota Regiment Monument fund, 1901-1927. 1 folder. Correspondence regarding repair and maintenance of the First Minnesota monument on the site of the Civil War battle of Gettysburg, and the administration of the fund dedicated to that purpose.</p>

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110.K.19.8F	1	<p>Edward L. Erickson matter, 1916. 1 folder. Memorandum, with supporting documentation, regarding the resignation of deputy state treasurer Edward L. Erickson in connection with fiscal irregularities in the treasurer's office.</p> <p>Soldier's bonus claim, 1921. 1 folder. Packet of correspondence and supporting papers for a soldier's bonus claim by Claude H. Hook against Donald F. Sweeney, submitted to state treasurer Henry Rines, June 1921.</p> <p>Miscellany, 1874-1932. 4 items in 1 folder. Itemized claim by Edwin S. Beck and Adolph Rauh for labor and materials in painting and repair work on several University of Minnesota buildings, 1874. Letter regarding gross earning tax owed by the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, December 20, 1887. Executive Council resolution (copy) approving "all necessary expenses" to mobilize the Minnesota National Guard, June 20, 1916. Contract, State of Minnesota with Twin City Scenic Company, to prepare space for the state exhibit at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, November 1932.</p> <p>Samples. 1 folder. Samples of a few state bond coupons, checks, and vouchers.</p>
110.K.19.3B	2	<p>Sample certificates of indebtedness. 1 folder.</p> <p>Graphs, [ca. 1932]. 1 folder. Two graphs comparing trends in assessed values of real property, 1914-1932.</p>
110.K.20.13B	3	<p>Audit report of the Office of the Treasurer and Auditor, 1928. 1 volume. Report of a private auditing firm covering the period January 1920 – June 1927.</p> <p>Record of bonds and certificates of indebtedness outstanding—maturities, 1937-1938. 2 folders.</p> <p>An Account of the State Treasurers of Minnesota, 1975. 1 folder. Forty page research report written by Nancy Lenari; contains biographical sketches of all state treasurers through 1975. <i>[0.4 cu. ft. full]</i></p>