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## MINNESOTA BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS An Inventory of Its Records

### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota Board of Managers for the World's Fair, St. Louis.
- Series Title:** Records,
- Dates:** 1903-1905.
- Abstract:** Minutes, financial records, visitors registers, and miscellany documenting the board's activities in preparing for, overseeing, and dismantling the Minnesota building at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Quantity:** 2.5 cu. ft. (3 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

### ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR

The Minnesota Board of Managers for the World's Fair, St. Louis, was established in 1903 to prepare for the 1904 exposition. There were three members: Conde Hamlin, J. M. Underwood, and Theo. L. Hayes. They selected C. S. Mitchell as "superintendent." Hayes was apparently the board's secretary.

The board also supervised the dismantling of exhibits and the disposition of the building and its furnishings after the fair was over. It concluded its business in July, 1905.

Board members (and others) visited St. Louis to select a site. The St. Paul architectural firm of Reed and Stem was chosen to design the building. The board worked with Minnesota businesses and state agencies to furnish the building and mount exhibits on agriculture, horticulture, dairy products, mining, education, and game and fish.

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Minutes, financial records, visitors registers, and miscellany documenting the board's activities in preparing for, overseeing, and dismantling the Minnesota building and its exhibits at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri. The visitors registers provide information on attendance at the exhibits

## 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:

Agricultural exhibitions--Minnesota.  
Culture.  
Dairy products--Minnesota--Exhibitions.  
Education--Minnesota--Exhibitions and museums.  
Fishes--Minnesota--Exhibitions.  
Game and game-birds--Minnesota--Exhibitions.  
Horticultural exhibitions--Minnesota.  
Mineral industries--Minnesota--Exhibitions.

### Persons:

Hamlin, Conde.  
Hayes, Theo. L.  
Mitchell, C.S.  
Underwood, J.M.

### Organizations:

Louisiana Purchase Exposition(1904 :Saint Louis, Mo.).  
Reed & Stem (firm).

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
106.I.5.1B	1	<b>Minutes</b> , January 1903-January 1905. 2 folders in partial box. The minutes record the activities of the board in arranging materials to exhibit from state agencies and citizens. The minutes discuss progress in the various exhibits in the Minnesota building including agriculture, horticulture, dairy, apiary, fish and game, mines and metallurgy, and education. Removed from a dismantled minutes and memoranda scrapbook kept by Theodore L. Hayes.
106.I.5.1B	1	<b>Subject Files</b> , 1903-1905. 6 folders in partial box. Clippings, brochures, forms, contracts, and miscellany, removed from dismantled minutes and memoranda scrapbook.  Dairy and Food Department. Educational Exhibit. Contracts and Bids. Clippings. Lists of other delegation personnel. Stationery and miscellaneous.  <b>Financial Records</b> , 1903-1905. 1 volume and 1 folder in 2 boxes.
108.J.19.8F-1	2	Receipts and Disbursements Journal, 1903-1905. 1 volume.
106.I.5.1B	1	Financial Statements of Superintendent.
		<b>Visitors Registers</b> , May-December 1904. 6 volumes in 3 boxes.
106.I.5.1B	1	Minnesota Agricultural Exhibit Register.
106.I.5.1B	1	Mines and Building Materials Exhibit Register.
106.I.5.1B	1	Education Exhibit Register.
108.J.19.8F-2	3	Minnesota State Building Register.
108.J.19.8F-2	3	Minnesota State Building Register (Minnesota visitors only).
108.J.19.8F-1	2	Twin City Municipal Exhibit Register.