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STATE LAND OFFICE: An Inventory of Its Abstracts of Sales:

OVERVIEW

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| Agency: | Minnesota. State Land Office. |
| Series Title: | Abstracts of Sales. |
| Dates: | 1882-1981. |
| Abstract: | Abstracts of sales of the various categories of trust fund lands by the state of Minnesota to private parties. |
| Quantity: | 6 microfilm reels; 9.0 cubic feet (9 boxes); 96 microfiche. |
| Location: | See Detailed Description for shelf locations. |

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

Sales were conducted through public auction by each county's auditor or treasurer. Some time after each sale, a report on the lands sold was sent to the State Land Office, where the information was recorded as abstracts of sales. The abstracts were recorded by type of land, thereunder by date of sale and by county, in the order in which the land office received the reports from the county officials. Because of delays in reporting, sales may not appear in strict chronological order. The abstracts for each sale are arranged by range, township, section, and fractional section. Each fractional section has a certificate number that was consecutively assigned as the abstract was recorded.

The abstracts list, for each parcel of land sold, the certificate number, legal description, total acreage, appraised value per acre, price per acre, total amount to be paid, down payment, unpaid balance, first year's interest on the balance, purchaser's name, and whether any sales were forfeited. No subsequent payment or patent data are recorded.

Abstracts are present for the following categories of lands: school lands, 1882-1981; internal improvement lands, 1882-1969; state institution lands, 1890-1907; swamp lands, 1902-1981; agricultural college lands, 1882-1909; public building lands, 1901-1939; university lands, 1882-1964; rural credit lands, 1947; and Volstead lands, 1963-1971.

Some volumes contain indexes, not always complete, that cite the page(s) on which the abstracts for each county are found.

ARRANGEMENT

These records are arranged in the following sections:

Abstracts of Sales, 1882-1981 (Microfilm SAM 45, Reels 40-45)
Closed Originals
Closed Master Microfiche

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:

Public land sales--Minnesota.
Trust fund lands--Minnesota.

Types of Documents:

Microforms.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:

Microfilmed originals (1.5 cubic feet) and master microfiche (96 microfiche) are held by the Minnesota Historical Society and closed to general use. In the case of records being illegible on the microfilm, the original records may be consulted. They are located off site in Remote Storage, however, and advance arrangements are required in order to view the files.

Preferred Citation:

Minnesota. State Land Office. Abstracts of sales. *[Indicate the cited volume and page here]. [For microfilm, add:] SAM 45, [Reel number].* Minnesota Historical Society. State Archives.

See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.

Microfilm Production:

Saint Paul, MN : Minnesota Historical Society, 1982.

Microfiche. Burbank, CA and Saint Paul, MN : P.F.A., Inc. and Minnesota Historical Society, 1984. 96 microfiche : 16 mm.

Microfilm available for sale or interlibrary loan from the Minnesota Historical Society.

Accession Information:

Accession numbers: 984-41; 2002-49

Processing Information:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Note to Researchers: To obtain materials, please note the location and, if applicable, reel number shown below.

ABSTRACTS OF SALES, 1882-1981 (MICROFILM SAM 45, Reels 40-45)

| Location | Reel | |
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| SAM 45 | 40 | Internal Improvement Lands: Each volume includes an index that is arranged by county and that cites the page(s) on which abstracts for each county begin. The indexes are filmed at the beginnings of their respective volumes. Volume A. Nos. 1679 - 8221, 1882-1886. Volume B. Nos. 8222 - 11,600, 1887-1914. Volume C. Nos. 11,601 - 11,811, 1915-1969. |
| SAM 45 | 41 | School Lands: Some volumes include indexes that are arranged by county and that cite the page(s) on which the abstracts for each county begin. Not all of the indexes are complete. The indexes have been filmed at the beginnings of their respective volumes. Volume A. Nos. 14,225 - 19,904, 1882-1884. Volume B. Nos. 19,905 - 29,585, 1885-1890. |
| SAM 45 | 42 | Volume C. Nos. 29,586 - 38,571, 1890-1900. Volume D. Nos. 38,572 - 50,006, 1900-1908. |
| SAM 45 | 43 | Volume E. Nos. 50,007 - 57,986, 1909-1914. Volume F. Nos. 57,987 - 64,898, 1915-1942. Volume G. Nos. 64,899 - 67,708, 1943-1981. |
| SAM 45 | 44 | Various Lands: Abstracts of sales for agricultural college lands, public buildings lands, university lands, state institution lands, rural credit lands, and Volstead lands were recorded together in three volumes, with a new volume being started as the previous one became full. To facilitate research use, the original provenance has been altered so that all abstracts for a particular type of state land are filmed together in consecutive order. The abstracts are listed below in the order in which they have been microfilmed. Agricultural College Lands: Volume A. Nos. 1089 - 1902, 1882-1900, pages 1-41. Volume B. Nos. 1903 - 1907, 1909, page 1. |

| Location | Reel | |
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| SAM 45 | 44 | Public Buildings Lands: Volume A. Nos. 1 - 160, 1901, pages 86-90. Volume B. Nos. 161 - 163, 1909, page 60. Volume C. Nos. 164 - 170, 1939, page 200. University Lands: Volume A. Nos. 80 - 1186, 1882-1903, pages 105-149. Volume B. Nos. 1187 - 1426, 1904-1914, pages 119-133. Volume C. Nos. 1427 - 1654, 1915-1964, pages 162-181. State Institution Lands: Volume A. Nos. 1 - 643, 1890-1901, pages 151-173. For later sales, see Roll 45, below. Rural Credit Lands: Volume C. Nos. 1-2, 1947, page 242. Volstead Lands: Volume C. Nos. 1-13, 1963-1971, pages 244-245. |
| SAM 45 | 45 | State Institution Lands: Volume A. Nos. 644 - 2402, 1902-1907. For earlier sales, see Roll 44, above. In 1907 the unsold state institution lands were transferred to the swamp lands category (Laws 1907 c385). |
| SAM 45 | 45 | Swamp Lands: Some volumes include indexes that are arranged by county and that cite the page(s) on which abstracts for each county begin. The indexes are filmed at the beginnings of their respective volumes. Volume A. Nos. 1 - 5104, 1902-1912. Volume B. Nos. 5105 - 8234, 1912-1914. Volume C. Nos. 8235 - 15,835, 1915-1942. Volume D. Nos. 15,836 - 17,748, 1943-1981. |

CLOSED ORIGINALS

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Location

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| 304.E.13.1B | Internal Improvement Lands: Volumes A-B, Nos. 1679 - 11600, 1882-1914. 2 volumes. |
| 304.G.2.6F-1 | Volume C, Nos. 11,601 - 11,811, 1915-1969. School Lands: Volumes A-B, Nos. 14225 - 29585, 1882-1890. 2 volumes. |
| 304.E.13.2F | Volumes C-E, Nos. 29586 - 57986, 1890-1914. 3 volumes. |
| 304.E.13.3B | Volume F, Nos. 57987 - 64898, 1915-1942. 1 volume. |

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- 304.G.2.6F-2 Volume G. Nos. 64,899 - 67,708, 1943-1981.
Various Lands: Volumes A-B. 2 volumes.
Location of Volume C is unknown.
- 304.E.13.4F-1 State Institution and Swamp Lands:
Volume A. Nos. 1 - 5104, 1902-1912.
- 304.E.13.4F-2 Volume B. Nos. 5105 - 8234, 1912-1914.
- 304.E.13.5B-2 Volume C. Nos. 8235 - 15,835, 1915-1942.
- 304.E.13.6F-1 Volume D. Nos. 15,836 - 17,748, 1943-1981.

CLOSED MASTER MICROFICHE

Created from the microfilm to distribute to Department of Natural Resources [DNR] field offices. Positive copies were given to the DNR; the Minnesota Historical Society retained the negative copies.

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Location

- SAFN 6 1882-1981. 96 microfiche.
A listing of each microfiche's contents is housed in the
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