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## STATE LAND OFFICE: An Inventory of Its Miscellaneous Trust Fund Land Lists and Correspondence

### OVERVIEW

- Agency:** Minnesota. State Land Office.
- Series Title:** Miscellaneous trust fund land lists and correspondence.
- Dates:** 1857-1938.
- Quantity:** 2.0 cubic feet (2 boxes and 1 partial box).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS

Miscellaneous lists and correspondence relating to the selection, patenting, and sale of various types of state trust fund land. They include records relating to school, public building, state institution, university, and salt spring land.

### 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:**

- Land titles—Registration and transfer—Minnesota.
- Public land sales—Minnesota.
- Public lands—Minnesota.
- Salt spring lands—Minnesota.
- School lands—Minnesota.
- Swamp lands—Minnesota.
- Trust fund lands—Minnesota.

#### **Organizations:**

- United States. Duluth Land District (Minn.).
- United States. Saint Cloud Land District (Minn.).

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

*[Indicate the cited volume and page or item and folder title here].* Minnesota State Land Office. Miscellaneous Trust Fund Land Lists and Correspondence. Minnesota Historical Society. State Archives.

*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location number shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

### Location

- 106.K.11.1B Indemnity School Land, 1857-1938. 2 folders.  
Miscellaneous lists and correspondence relating to preemption of school land, selection of indemnity school land, and contested claims on school land.
- 114.E.11.6F-1 List No. 12 of Indemnity School Sections, Duluth Land District, May 25, 1988. 1 item.
- 106.K.11.1B State Capitol (Public Building) Lands, 1858-1901 (bulk 1901). 3 folders.  
Miscellaneous correspondence, a list, and appraisals relating to the lease and sale of public building land. The appraisals are of improvements that leaseholders had made on the land prior to its being offered for sale in 1901.
- State Institution Lands, 1882-1906. 5 folders.  
Selection lists (Nos. 1-85, 4 folders) and miscellaneous correspondence (1 folder). An act of 1865 [Laws 1865, CShapter 95] empowered the state land commissioner to select specified amounts of land from among the swamp lands patented to the state. These lands were to be used for the benefit of "educational and charitable institutions," including an insane asylum, a school for the deaf and blind, three normal schools, and a state prison.
- University Land, 1915.  
Correspondence relating to the claim of the Wisconsin Steel Company for a refund on university land in Itasca County.

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Salt Spring Land, 1858.

Three letters addressed to Henry H. Sibley, relating to the discovery and selection of salt spring lands.

Selection Lists for St. Cloud Land District, 1865-1897. 1 volume.

Typed copies of selection lists for internal improvement, school indemnity, university, and agricultural college land filed in the St. Cloud land district. Also included are several lists originally filed in the Alexandria and Stillwater (Taylors Falls) districts.

Land Sales, 1880. 1 packet in folder.

An abstract of state trust fund lands sold in 1880, arranged by county and category of trust fund land. It gives sale date, county, land category, legal description of each parcel sold, area of the parcel, total price, principal and interest paid, unpaid balance, certificate number and date issued, and purchaser's name. Information is recorded in the Record of Sales maintained by the State Land Office (cataloged separately).

Notices of State Land Sales, [1890-1894]. 1 packet in folder.

A record of the publication of announcements of state land sales. It includes the following information: place of sale (town); county in which the offered lands were located; date of the sale; and newspaper in which the sale notice was published.

Indemnity School Land Selections, [undated].

List of school lands lost (due to the presence of lakes, Indian reservations, etc.) and selections of indemnity lands in replacement. 55-page fragment; carbon copy.

102.F.16.5B

Trust Fund Land Selection Lists, [ca. 1866-1905].

Lists for internal improvement, school indemnity, agricultural college, and university lands; trifolded.