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**STATE LAND OFFICE:
An Inventory of Its Patent Records for State Trust Fund
Lands:**

OVERVIEW

- Agency:** Minnesota. State Land Office.
- Series Title:** Patent Records for State Trust Fund Lands.
- Dates:** 1863-1991.
- Abstract:** The State Land Office's copies of the patents that constituted the original conveyance of title from the state of Minnesota to the purchasers of state trust fund lands.
- Quantity:** 31 microfilm reels; 29.25 cubic feet (29 boxes); 595 microfiche.
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for shelf locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The printed forms are filled in with patent number; certificate number, which refers to the purchaser's initial filing for the parcel; name(s) of patentee and any assignees; date of full payment on the land; legal description of the property citing section number and subdivision, township, range, and county, and usually giving the total acreage; and date the patent was executed.

The original of each patent was given to the purchaser of the land, who was responsible for registering it with the county recorder of deeds. Since this was not systematically done, especially in early years, this series constitutes the only complete record of original conveyance of the state's trust fund lands.

In addition to the land patents themselves, additional documents were occasionally tipped into the volumes. These have been microfilmed adjacent to the patents to which they refer.

ARRANGEMENT

The records are arranged in the following sections, within each by type of trust fund land, then chronologically by assigned patent number.

Patent Records for State Trust Fund Lands, 1863-1991 (Microfilm SAM 45, Reels 1-31)
Closed Originals
Closed Master Microfiche

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:

Land titles--Registration and transfer--Minnesota.
Public land sales--Minnesota.
Trust fund lands--Minnesota.

Types of Documents:

Deeds.
Microforms.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:

Microfilmed originals (29.25 cubic feet) and master microfiche (595 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. Patent Records for State Trust Fund Lands. *[Indicate the cited volume and page here]*. *[For microfilm, add:]* SAM 45, *[Reel number]*. Minnesota Historical Society. State Archives.
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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. 595 microfiche : 16 mm.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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

PATENT RECORDS FOR STATE TRUST FUNDS (MICROFILM SAM 45, REELS 1-31)

School Lands, 1863-1942

Patent numbers 1-22,075. Patents for school lands and indemnity school lands were assigned in a single chronological and numerical sequence until 1895, after which the patents for indemnity school lands were recorded separately (below). Patent numbers 13,100 through 13,999 were never assigned.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	1	Volume A, Nos. 1-578, 1863-1868. Volume B, Nos. 579-1156, 1868-1874.
SAM 45	2	Volume C, Nos. 1157-1755, 1874-1879. Volume D, Nos. 1756-2357, 1879-1881.
SAM 45	3	Volume E, Nos. 2358-2977, 1881-1883. Volume F, Nos. 2978-3601, 1883-1884.
SAM 45	4	Volume G, Nos. 3602-4241, 1884-1886. Volume H, Nos. 4242-4841, 1886-1888.
SAM 45	5	Volume I, Nos. 4842-5425, 1888-1890. Volume J, Nos. 5426-6061, 1890-1892.
SAM 45	6	Volume K, Nos. 6062-6701, 1892-1895. Volume L, Nos. 6702-7340, 1895-1898.
SAM 45	7	Volume N, Nos. 7341-7980, 1898-1899. Volume O, Nos. 7981-8620, 1899-1900.
SAM 45	8	Volume P, Nos. 8621-9260, 1900-1901. Volume Q, Nos. 9261-9900, 1901.
SAM 45	9	Volume R, Nos. 9901-10,540, 1901-1902. Volume S, Nos. 10,541-11,180, 1902-1904.
SAM 45	10	Volume T, Nos. 11,181-11,816, 1904-1905. Volume V, Nos. 11,817-12,452, 1905-1908.
SAM 45	11	Volume W, Nos. 12,453-13,090, 1908-1910. Volume X, Nos. 13,091-14,630, 1910-1911.
SAM 45	12	Volume Y, Nos. 14,631-15,266, 1911-1912. Volume Z, Nos. 15,267-15,906, 1912-1914.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	13	Volume A-1, Nos. 15,907-16,544, 1914-1915. Volume B-1, Nos. 16,545-17,183, 1915-1917.
SAM 45	14	Volume C-1, Nos. 17,184-17,822, 1917-1918. Volume E-1, Nos. 17,823-18,458, 1918-1919.
SAM 45	15	Volume E-2, Nos. 18,459-19,104, 1919-1921. Volume E-3, Nos. 19,105-19,747, 1921-1924.
SAM 45	16	Volume E-4, Nos. 19,748-20,393, 1924-1926. Volume E-5, Nos. 20,394-20,895, 1926-1930.
SAM 45	17	Volume E-6, Nos. 20,896-21,495, 1930-1936. Volume E-7, Nos. 21,496-22,075, 1936-1942.

Indemnity School Lands, 1895-1942

Patent numbers 1-1939. Patents prior to 1895 were assigned in a single chronological and numerical sequence with those of school lands (above).

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	18	Volume M, Nos. 1-484, 1895-1904. Volume U, Nos. 485-1123, 1904-1917.
SAM 45	19	Volume D-1, Nos. 1124-1763, 1917-1932. Volume D-2, Nos. 1764-1939, 1932-1942.

School Lands Transferred, 1891-1942

Patent numbers 1-4131. Transferred from internal improvement lands per Laws 1891 chapter 31.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	20	Volume A, Nos. 1-599, 1891-1898. Volume B, Nos. 600-1195, 1898-1906.
SAM 45	21	Volume C, Nos. 1196-1793, 1900-1902. Volume D, Nos. 1794-2391, 1902-1907.
SAM 45	22	Volume E, Nos. 2392-2989, 1907-1913. Volume F, Nos. 2990-3587, 1913-1920.
SAM 45	23	Volume G, Nos. 3588-4131, 1920-1942.

University Lands, 1880-1942

Patent numbers 1-463.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	24	Volume A, Nos. 1-463, 1880-1942.

University Lands Transferred, 1897-1942

Patent numbers 1-221. Transferred from internal improvement lands per Laws 1891 chapter 31.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	24	Volume A, Nos. 1-221, 1897-1942.

Agricultural College Lands, 1872-1942

Patent numbers 1-1248.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	25	Volume A, Nos. 1-598, 1872-1899. Volume B, Nos. 599-1194, 1899-1925. Volume C, Nos. 1195-1248, 1925-1942.

Internal Improvement Lands, 1878-1942

Patent numbers 1-1004.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	26	Volume A, Nos. 1-600, 1878-1897. Volume B, Nos. 601-1004, 1898-1942.

State Institution Lands, 1897-1942

Patent numbers 1-693.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	27	Volume A, Nos. 1-590, 1897-1933. Volume B, Nos. 591-693, 1934-1942.

Public Building Lands, 1902-1942

Patent numbers 1-64.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	27	Volume A, Nos. 1-64, 1902-1942.

Reform School Lands, 1891-1902

Patent numbers 1-11. D. W. Ingersoll's Addition to St. Paul.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	27	Volume A, Nos. 1-11, 1891-1902.

Swamp Lands, 1902-1942

Patent numbers 1-1151.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	28	Volume A, Nos. 1-638, 1902-1924. Volume B, Nos. 639-1151, 1924-1942.

All Trust Fund Lands, 1942-1991

Patent numbers 33001-39700. Patents for all land categories, issued in a single sequence. An active series; patents are still being added.

Prior to August 12, 1942, patent records for the various categories of state trust fund lands were recorded in separate volumes, with separate sequences of patent numbers assigned consecutively within each category. A total of 33,000 patents (except for an unused sequence of numbers midway through the school land patents) were issued under this system. On August 12, 1942, a unified system of recording patents was instituted in which patents for all types of trust lands were recorded under the designation "state trust fund lands," with patent numbers beginning at 33001. All prior volumes were closed out with an annotation referring the user to the new consolidated system.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	29	Volume 1. Nos. 33001-33500, 1942-1943. Volume 2. Nos. 33501-33900, 1943-1944. Volume 3. Nos. 33901-34300, 1944-1945. Volume 4. Nos. 34301-34800, 1945-1946. Volume 5. Nos. 34801-35300, 1946-1947.
SAM 45	30	Volume 6. Nos. 35301-35800, 1947-1950. Volume 7. Nos. 35801-36300, 1950-1952. Volume 8. Nos. 36301-36800, 1952-1955. Volume 9. Nos. 36801-37300, 1955-1960. Volume 10. Nos. 37301-37800, 1960-1963.
SAM 45	31	Volume 11. Nos. 37801-38300, 1963-1966. Volume 12. Nos. 38301-38800, 1966-1970. Volume 13. Nos. 38801-39200, 1970-1973. Volume 14. Nos. 39201-39700, 1973-1978. Volume 15. Nos. 39701-40064, 1979-1991.

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Location

- 304.G.12.8F School Lands:
 Volumes A-D, Nos. 1-2357, 1863-1868.
- 304.G.13.1B Volumes E-G, Nos. 2358-4241, 1881-1886.
- 304.G.13.2F Volumes H-K, Nos. 4242-6701, 1886-1895.
- 304.G.13.3B Volumes L, N-P, Nos. 6702-9260, 1895-1901.
- 304.G.13.4F Volumes Q-S, Nos. 9261-11180, 1901-1904.
- 304.G.13.5B Volumes T, V, W, Nos. 11181-13090, 1904-1910.
- 304.G.13.6F Volumes X-Z, Nos. 13091-15906, 1910-1914.
- 304.G.13.7B Volumes A-1, B-1, C-1, Nos. 15907-17822, 1914-1918.
- 304.G.13.8F Volumes E-1, E-2, E-3, Nos. 17823-19747, 1918-1924.
- 304.G.14.1B Volumes E-4-E-7, Nos. 19748-22075, 1924-1942.
- 304.G.14.2F Indemnity School Lands:
 Volumes M, U, D-1, D-2, Nos. 1-1939, 1895-1942.
- 304.G.14.3B School Lands Transferred:
 Volumes A-C, Nos. 1-1793, 1891-1902.
- 304.G.14.4F Volumes D-F, Nos. 1794-3587, 1902-1920.
- 304.G.14.5B Volume G, Nos. 3588-4131, 1920-1942.
- University Lands:
 Volume A, Nos. 1-463, 1880-1942.
- University Lands Transferred:
 Volume A, Nos. 1-221, 1897-1942.
- 304.G.14.6F Agricultural College Lands:
 Volumes A-C, Nos. 1-1248, 1872-1942.
- State Institution Lands:
 Volume A, Nos. 1-590, 1897-1933.
 [Volume B], Nos. 591-693, 1934-1942.
 Bound with Agricultural College Lands, Volume C.
- 304.G.14.7B Public Buildings Lands:
 Volume A, Nos. 1-64, 1902-1942.
- Reform School Lands:
 Volume A, Nos. 1-11, 1891-1902.
- Internal Improvement Lands:
 Volumes A-B, Nos. 1-1004, 1878-1942.

Location

304.G.14.8F	Swamp Lands: Volumes A-B, Nos. 1-1151, 1902-1942.
	All Trust Fund Lands: Volumes 1-2, Nos. 33001-33900, 1942-1944.
304.G.5.5B	Volumes 3-6, Nos. 33901-35800, 1944-1950.
304.G.5.6F	Volumes 7-10, Nos. 35801-37800, 1950-1963.
304.G.5.7B	Volumes 11-14, Nos. 37801-39700, 1963-1978.
304.E.13.5B-1	Volume 15, Nos. 39701-40064, 1979-1991.

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Location

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