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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

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Abstract:	Land examination slips for swamp lands located on Minnesota's Ojibwe Indian reservations.
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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Two surveys are represented: one done in 1904 by Omar H. Case, appointed to represent the state of Minnesota during an examination conducted by W. B. Douglass of the U.S. General Land Office; and one done in 1908 by J. H. Beagle. They are accompanied by a list (undated) of the number of tracts in each township selected for Minnesota by the U.S. Surveyor General, examined, found to be swamp or dry, or not examined; and by a table (undated) showing, for each quarter-quarter section, the examination result (acres dry, acres swamp, and whether or not it was designated a swamp land tract).

Each examination slip covers an individual section of land within a township and contains a sketch map showing swamp areas, with comments on vegetation and other pertinent data. Case's slips are pasted into a volume, indexed by range and township. His five-page report to state auditor S. G. Iverson (1905), regarding the methodology of the U.S. survey and the current controversy over identification and designation of swamp lands, is pasted onto page 35; his examination slips were apparently prepared to provide evidence supporting the state of Minnesota's position that the majority of examined tracts were actually swamp lands, and therefore belonged to the state rather than to the Indians.

Beagle's slips are foldered; cover sheets for each set of slips sent to the state auditor are headed "State Land Examiner." Evidently representing a resurvey, they vary somewhat to considerably from Case's drawings and notes for the same tracts.

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:

Indian reservations--Minnesota.
Surveying--Minnesota.

Persons:

Beagle, J. H.
Case, Omar H.
Douglass, W. B.

Organizations:

Minnesota. State Auditor.
United States. General Land Office.

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Land surveys--Minnesota.

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