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STATE LAND OFFICE: An Inventory of Its Special Certificate Record:

OVERVIEW

- Agency:** Minnesota. State Land Office.
- Series Title:** Special Certificate Record.
- Dates:** 1870-1974.
- Abstract:** Special certificates (Nos. 1-889) issued to new purchasers of forfeited state land that had originally been sold as school, swamp, internal improvement, or other trust fund land.
- Quantity:** 1 microfilm reel; 1.25 cubic feet (1 partial box); 15 microfiche.
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for shelf locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

When a parcel of state land was sold, the purchaser was issued a certificate, which was a record of his or her interest in the land and which stated the conditions of the sale. When the sale conditions were met, the state issued a patent that formally transferred title to the land. If the certificate holder failed to satisfy the terms of the sale, through nonpayment of principal and interest or of assessed taxes, the land reverted (was forfeited) to the state, which could then resell it. Purchasers of such forfeited land were issued a "special certificate" that transferred the original certificate holder's interest in the land to the new purchaser.

Each certificate is a preprinted form filled in with special certificate number, category of state land, original purchaser, legal description of the property, total acreage, per acre purchase price, original certificate number and date issued, unpaid balance, statement of the grounds for foreclosure, date of resale, and new purchaser.

ARRANGEMENT

These records are arranged in the following sections:

Special Certificate Record, 1870-1974 (Microfilm SAM 45, Reel 32)
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:

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

Types of Documents:

Microforms.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:

The originals of the microfilmed records (1.25 cubic feet) are held by the Minnesota Historical Society and closed to general use.

Preferred Citation:

Minnesota. State Land Office. Special Certificate Record. *[Indicate the cited volume and certificate number here]*. *[For microfilm, add:]* SAM 45, Reel 32. 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. 15 microfiche : 16 mm.

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

Accession Information:

Accession number: 984-41

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.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE RECORD (MICROFILM SAM 45, REEL 32)

Arranged by chronologically assigned certificate number.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	32	Volume A. Nos. 1-200, 1870-1898. Volume B. Nos. 201-347, 375-414, and 424, 1898-1908. Volume C. Nos. 415-576, 1909-1915.

Location	Reel	
SAM 45	32	Volume D. Nos. 577-775, 1915-1923. Volume E. Nos. 776-889, 1923-1974.

CLOSED ORIGINALS

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Location

304.G.12.3B	Volume A. Nos. 1-200, 1870-1898. Volume B. Nos. 201-347, 375-414, 424, 1898-1908. Volume C. Nos. 415-576, 1909-1915. Volume D. Nos. 577-775, 1915-1923. Volume E. Nos. 776-889, 1923-1974.
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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	1870-1974. 15 microfiche. A listing of each microfiche's contents is housed in the State Archives accession file for these records.
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