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STATE LAND OFFICE

An Inventory of Its State Trust Fund Land Certificates

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. State Land Office.
- Series Title:** State trust fund land certificates,
- Dates:** 1862-1984.
- Abstract:** The original certificates issued when a parcel of state land was initially sold, accompanied by documentation of subsequent changes in ownership, that were turned in to the State Land Office when a final patent on that parcel was issued.
- Quantity:** 79.0 cu. ft. (79 boxes).
- Location:** See Box List section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

After the final payment had been made on a parcel of state land, the purchaser turned in to the State Land Office the original certificate of purchase, along with documentation of any changes in ownership that might have occurred since the initial filing, and received title in the form of a land patent. This series consists of the certificates, annotated as needed to show conveyance to new owner(s) since their initial issuance, and often accompanied by such ancillary documents as abstracts of title, warranty and quitclaim deeds, probate court decrees, receipts for sale, certificates of assignment, and county auditor's certificates of taxes paid.

The patent number is written or typed onto the face of each certificate of purchase, and often (but not always) onto the accompanying documents as well. Several certificates may be encompassed in a single patent number. Some patent numbers are missing. The series ends with patent number 39894 (1984). Certificates for reform school patents are not present.

Boxes 71, 72, and 79(part) contain documentation of related transactions: affidavits of loss of certificates, corrected certificates, and special certificates issued for land purchased at tax judgment sales.

Note to users: There is no means of direct access by certificate number to this series.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

These records are organized primarily by type of trust fund land, and thereunder arranged by patent number. Three boxes contain documentation of related transactions.

RELATED MATERIALS

The Record of Payments on State Land Contracts (cataloged separately) provides the only direct linkage between the original certificate number and the final patent number. See also Special Certificate Record (cataloged separately).

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.
Land titles--Registration and transfer--Minnesota.
Trust fund lands--Minnesota.

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BOX LIST

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. THE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW ARE PATENT NUMBERS, NOT CERTIFICATE NUMBERS.

Location	Box	
		Certificates for School Land Patents:
104.L.12.3B	1	Nos. 3 - 1466
104.L.12.4F	2	Nos. 1467 - 2267
104.L.12.5B	3	Nos. 2268 - 2971
104.L.12.6F	4	Nos. 2972 - 3514
104.L.12.7B	5	Nos. 3515 - 4093
104.L.12.8F	6	Nos. 4094 - 4718
104.L.13.1B	7	Nos. 4719 - 5332
104.L.13.2F	8	Nos. 5333 - 6037
104.L.13.3B	9	Nos. 6038 - 6537
104.L.13.4F	10	Nos. 6538 - 7074
104.L.13.5B	11	Nos. 7075 - 7689
104.L.13.6F	12	Nos. 7690 - 8181
104.L.13.7B	13	Nos. 8182 - 8657
104.L.13.8F	14	Nos. 8658 - 9167
104.L.14.1B	15	Nos. 9168 - 9669
104.L.14.2F	16	Nos. 9670 - 10117
104.L.14.3B	17	Nos. 10118 - 10623
104.L.14.4F	18	Nos. 10624 - 11123
104.L.14.5B	19	Nos. 11124 - 11627
104.L.14.6F	20	Nos. 11628 - 12093
104.L.14.7B	21	Nos. 12094 - 12583
104.L.14.8F	22	Nos. 12584 - 13023
104.L.15.1B	23	Nos. 13024 - 14345
104.L.15.2F	24	Nos. 14346 - 14749

Location	Box	
104.L.15.3B	25	Nos. 14750 - 15199
104.L.15.4F	26	Nos. 15200 - 15629
104.L.15.5B	27	Nos. 15630 - 16049
104.L.15.6F	28	Nos. 16050 - 16450
104.L.15.7B	29	Nos. 16451 - 16809
104.L.15.8F	30	Nos. 16810 - 17235
104.L.16.1B	31	Nos. 17236 - 17677
104.L.16.2F	32	Nos. 17678 - 18077
104.L.16.3B	33	Nos. 18078 - 18487
104.L.16.4F	34	Nos. 18488 - 18861
104.L.16.5B	35	Nos. 18862 - 19299
104.L.16.6F	36	Nos. 19300 - 19659
104.L.16.7B	37	Nos. 19660 - 20015
104.L.16.8F	38	Nos. 20016 - 20405
104.L.17.1B	39	Nos. 20406 - 20793
104.L.17.2F	40	Nos. 20794 - 21199
104.L.17.3B	41	Nos. 21200 - 21651
104.L.17.4F	42	Nos. 21652 - 22075

Certificates for Indemnity School Land Patents:

104.L.17.4F	42	Nos. 1 - 67
104.L.17.5B	43	Nos. 68 - 585
104.L.17.6F	44	Nos. 586 - 1073
104.L.17.7B	45	Nos. 1074 - 1530
104.L.17.8F	46	Nos. 1531 - 1939

Certificates for Agricultural College Land Patents:

104.L.18.1B	47	Nos. 3 - 763
104.L.18.2F	48	Nos. 764 - 1248

Location	Box	
		Certificates for University Land Patents:
104.L.18.3B	49	Nos. 1 - 378
104.L.18.4F	50	Nos. 379 - 463
		Certificates for University Lands Transferred [from Internal Improvement Lands]:
104.L.18.4F	50	Nos. 1 - 221
		Certificates for Public Building Lands Patents:
104.L.18.4F	50	Nos. 1 - 64
		Certificates for Swamp Land Patents:
104.L.18.5B	51	Nos. 1 - 550
104.L.18.6F	52	Nos. 551 - 1020
104.L.18.7B	53	Nos. 1021 - 1151
		Certificates for Internal Improvement Lands:
104.L.18.7B	53	Nos. 1 - 570
104.L.18.8F	54	Nos. 571 - 1004
		Certificates for School Lands Transferred [from Internal Improvement Lands]:
104.L.19.1B	55	Nos. 2 - 495
104.L.19.2F	56	Nos. 496 - 955
104.L.19.3B	57	Nos. 956 - 1400
104.L.19.4F	58	Nos. 1401 - 1840
104.L.19.5B	59	Nos. 1842 - 2312
104.L.19.6F	60	Nos. 2313 - 2560
104.L.19.7B	61	Nos. 2561 - 3185
104.L.19.8F	62	Nos. 3186 - 3600
104.L.20.1B	63	Nos. 3601 - 4000
104.L.20.2F	64	Nos. 4001 - 4131
		Certificates for State Institution Land Patents:
104.L.20.2F	64	Nos. 1 - 400
104.L.11.3B	65	Nos. 401 - 693

Location	Box	
		Certificates for Patents: All Lands: Boxes 73-79 are in tri-folded docket packets.
104.L.11.3B	65	Nos. 33001 - 33165
104.L.11.4F	66	Nos. 33166 - 33680
104.L.11.5B	67	Nos. 33681 - 34190
104.L.11.6F	68	Nos. 34191 - 34830
104.L.11.7B	69	Nos. 34831 - 35420
104.L.11.8F	70	Nos. 35421 - 36099
106.K.9.6F	73	Nos. 36100 - 36665 (1951-1954)
106.K.9.7B	74	Nos. 36666 - 37070 (1954-1958)
106.K.9.8F	75	Nos. 37071 - 37630 (1958-1962)
106.K.10.1B	76	Nos. 37631 - 38240 (1962-1966)
106.K.10.2F	77	Nos. 38241 - 38883 (1966-1971)
106.K.10.3B	78	Nos. 38884 - 39500 (1971-1976)
106.K.10.4F	79	Nos. 39501 - 39894 (1976-1984). partial box.
104.L.12.1B	71	Applications for Patents. 1/4 box. Correspondence, memoranda, and related documents regarding land parcels for which payment had been completed but no patent issued, or for which the ownership transaction remained incomplete for assorted other reasons. Arranged alphabetically by county.
104.L.12.1B	71	Special Certificates Nos. [1] - 886, ca. 1871-1950. Certificates, with related documentation, for land parcels purchased at tax judgment sales. Related materials: Special Certificate Record (cataloged separately) consists of bound copies of the special certificates.
104.L.12.2F	72	Affidavits of Loss of Certificates, 1865-1954. Arranged in rough chronological order. May be duplicated in the patent files (above), which also contain numerous affidavits of loss.
106.K.10.4F	79	Corrected Certificates and Original Certificates Surrendered/Divided, ca. 1906-1926. 1/3 box. Tri-folded.