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STATE LAND OFFICE
An Inventory of Its Lists and Maps of Land Offered for Sale

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. State Land Office.
- Series Title:** Lists and maps of land offered for sale,
- Dates:** 1912-1970.
- Abstract:** Printed lists of state land offered for sale to the public (1915-1970), supplemented by a few maps showing their locations (1912-1920).
- Quantity:** 1.1 cu. ft. (1 box and 1 oversize folder).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for locations.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION ON STATE LAND SALES

Pursuant to General Laws 1911, Chapter 123, the State Auditor was required to hold public sales of school and other state lands in specified counties in northern Minnesota. According to section 5 of this law, the Auditor was to prepare and have published maps showing the parcels to be offered for sale. Section 2 of this law implied that the Auditor was also to prepare lists of lands being offered for sale, since it required him to publish land sale notices that included information as to where such lists could be obtained.

The places, times, and other conditions of the state land sales were modified by General Laws 1913, Chapter 8, and subsequent legislation. Following the creation of the Conservation Department in 1930 and the absorption of the State Land Office into its Division of Lands and Minerals, the relevant laws were codified in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 92: Division of Lands and Minerals: Sales of Lands and Investment of Proceeds.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Printed lists of state land offered for sale by the State Auditor (through 1932) and the Commissioner of Conservation (after 1932). These lists give the legal description of the land, usually noting both its appraised value and the appraised value of any timber or other improvements. Occasionally, the land is categorized into agricultural, non-agricultural, pasture, hay, grazing, etc. Times and places of the sales are given. Very rarely, photographs of sample parcels may be included (especially for Aitkin County). The lists are supplemented by maps showing the locations of lands for sale, 1912-1920.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

The lists are organized alphabetically by county; within each county, chronologically. The maps are organized chronologically.

RELATED MATERIALS

The separately cataloged State Land Office series “Memorandum of sale of state lands” and “Record of sales of state trust fund lands” provide a complete record of land offered for sale and its disposition, while “Abstracts of sales” summarize this information.

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:

Public land sales--Minnesota.
Public lands--Minnesota--Valuation.
Public lands--Minnesota--Photographs.
Timber--Minnesota.

Organizations:

Minnesota. State Auditor.
Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.

Types of Documents:

Maps—Minnesota.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Land Lists, 1915-1970. 1.0 cu. ft. (1 box).

Location	Box	
103.H.8.4F	1	Aitkin County, October 15, 1915 - November 3, 1938 Aitkin County, October 31, 1939 - November 4, 1969 Anoka County, November 8, 1937 - September 22, 1947 Becker County, September 20, 1923 - October 28, 1969 Beltrami County, October 13, 1915 - October 27, 1938 Beltrami County, October 26, 1939 - October 29, 1969 Benton County, October 15, 1945 - October 9, 1957 Big Stone County, November 7, 1939 - September 19, 1944 Blue Earth County, December 17, 1940 - December 2, 1946 Carlton County, September 15, 1923 - November 20, 1970 Cass County, October 8, 1915 - November 18, 1970 Chisago County, October 13, 1944 - September 19, 1947 Clay County, October 25, 1937 - October 27, 1969 Clearwater County, September 19, 1923 - October 29, 1969 Crow Wing County, September 25, 1925 - November 3, 1969 Cook County, October 13, 1943 - October 27, 1964 Dakota County, November 10, 1939 - November 15, 1955 Dodge County, November 10, 1939 - October 20, 1948 Douglas County, November 6, 1939 Faribault County, December 18, 1940 Fillmore County, October 11, 1930 - December 18, 1940 Goodhue County, December 19, 1940 - October 19, 1948 Grant County, October 14, 1958 Houston County, October 10, 1930 - October 19, 1948 Hubbard County, September 18, 1923 - October 28, 1969 Isanti County, November 9, 1939 - November 16, 1970 Itasca County, October 18, 1915 - October 6, 1930 Itasca County, May 25, 1931 - November 18, 1970 Kanabec County, May 3, 1930 - December 3, 1965 Kandiyohi County, November 8, 1939 - September 15, 1942

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103.H.8.4F	1	Kittson County, April 25, 1930 - October 23, 1968 Koochiching County, October 11, 1915 - October 15, 1930 Koochiching County, May 9, 1931 - November 19, 1970 Lake County, September 14, 1923 - October 17, 1958 Lincoln County, December 16, 1940 Mahnomen County, October 11, 1930 - October 29, 1963 Marshall County, April 25, 1930 - October 28, 1968 Meeker County, October 21, 1948 - November 8, 1963 Mille Lacs County, May 3, 1930 - October 25, 1968 Morrison County, June 5, 1931 - November 20, 1967 Nobles County, October 28, 1953 Norman County, September 15, 1930 - October 22, 1956 Olmsted County, October 24, 1944 Otter Tail County, June 6, 1931 - October 27, 1969 Pennington County, May 7, 1931 - November 9, 1967 Pine County, November 7, 1925 - October 28, 1968 Pipestone County, December 17, 1940 Polk County, May 14, 1931 - October 23, 1961 Pope County, November 6, 1939 - November 27, 1967 Red Lake County, September 16, 1930 - November 10, 1967 Redwood County, September 24, 1943 Renville County, December 16, 1940 Rice County, December 19, 1940 Roseau County, October 25, 1915 - September 24, 1945 Roseau County, September 20, 1946 - October 23, 1968 St. Louis County, October 13, 1942 - October 31, 1968 Sibley County, December 16, 1940 - September 14, 1942 Sherburne County, June 19, 1931 - October 28, 1948 Stearns County, October 27, 1937 - October 27, 1948 Stevens County, September 18, 1944 Swift County, November 8, 1939 - October 21, 1948 Todd County, May 24, 1930 - October 18, 1960 Traverse County, November 7, 1939 - October 21, 1948 Wadena County, May 20, 1932 - October 29, 1968 Waseca County, October 25, 1945 - October 20, 1948 Watonwan County, December 17, 1940

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103.H.8.4F	1	Wilkin County, October 14, 1935 - October 13, 1948 Winona County, October 10, 1930 - December 19, 1940 Wright County, November 8, 1939 - November 8, 1963

Maps, 1912-1915. 16 items in oversize folder.

These maps are arranged chronologically. However, they cover two sets of counties: one for Kittson, Marshall, and Roseau (1912-1918, 1920) and another for Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis, and Wadena (1912-1917, 1920).

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A3/ov4 Drawer 4	Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau Counties during November 1912. Prepared by Samuel G. Iverson, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands. Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis and Wadena Counties during 1912. Prepared by Samuel G. Iverson, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands. Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau Counties during 1913. Prepared by Samuel G. Iverson, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands. Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis and Wadena Counties during 1913. Prepared by Samuel G. Iverson, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands. Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau Counties during 1914. Prepared by Samuel G. Iverson, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands. Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis and Wadena Counties during 1914. Prepared by Samuel G. Iverson, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands. Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau Counties during 1915. Prepared by J.A.O. Preus, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands. 2 copies (one is acc. #988-5). Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis and Wadena Counties during 1915. Prepared by J.A.O. Preus, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands. Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau Counties during 1916. Prepared by J.A.O. Preus, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands.
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Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau Counties during 1918. Prepared by J.A.O. Preus, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands.

Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau Counties during 1920. Prepared by J.A.O. Preus, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands.

Minnesota School and Other State Lands for Sale in Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis and Wadena Counties during 1920. Prepared by J.A.O. Preus, State Auditor, In Charge of State Lands.