

Indiana State Land Office Purchase Records and  
Correspondence  
1833-1940  
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## Summary Information

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### Biographical/Historical Note:

The Auditor of State is an elected office codified in the constitutions of 1816 and 1851.<sup>1</sup> The overarching function of the Auditor is to keep an accounting record of all state expenditures, funds, and assets culminating in an annual report presented to the General Assembly. Land accounted for a substantial share of state holdings including acreage granted by the Federal government to be used for specific purposes or sold with provided the proceeds were used for improvements. Initially, the Auditor of State shared the responsibility of maintaining land records with state and local officials as well as trustees, and commissions but assumed more direct control at time went on.

Dishonest practices and inaccurate recording were pervasive and is evident in some places in this collection.<sup>2</sup> To rectify these issues, the 1887 General Assembly ordered all public land records to be concentrated within the office of the Auditor of State including records held by the Treasurer, Secretary of State, counties, and trustees.<sup>3</sup> The passage of this act also created a *Land Office* to be staffed by a *Land Clerk* to assist the auditor with their newly acquired responsibilities.

### Scope and Content Note:

This collection covers a period between 1833 and 1940 and contains a broad range of documents and correspondence. The list below is representative of most of the contents:

- Correspondence
- Certificates of purchase
- Deeds
- Abstracts of title
- Receipts
- Surveys
- Plat maps
- Lists of renters/mortgagers
- Certificates of appraisal

Official documents and correspondence regarding specific sets of land cite the law granting state and county officials permission to dispose of the plot in question. Statutes cited come from both Congress and the General Assembly and were often revised over time to make available new tracts or revise language. A list of many of the laws cited in this collection is below:

- Swamp Lands
- Forfeited Tax Lands
- Wabash Erie Canal Lands
- Michigan Road Lands
- Military Bounties
- Seminary Lands
- University Lands
- Kankakee River Meander Lands

### *The Swamp Lands*

In 1850, Congress authorized the transfer of ownership of uncultivable wetlands in several states including Indiana. A brief report from the state auditor, released in 1892, stated that 1,257,588 acres of

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<sup>1</sup> Ind. Const. art. V, §24 and Ind. Const. art. VI, §1.

<sup>2</sup> George Pence, Field Examiner. (Untitled report sent to the State Examiner, G.H. Hendren found in "Auditor of State\_AdminHist" on the K: drive. 1917): especially in the Swamp Lands.

<sup>3</sup> An Act providing for the concentration of land records in the office of the Auditor of State..., 61<sup>st</sup> I.G.A., ch. LXXVI (1877).

swamp land had been patented in the state.<sup>4</sup> The General Assembly enacted the first of many laws regarding the Swamp lands in 1851 which established the process of selecting and selling parcels. It was revised soon after with the passage of similar law in 1852.

- *Act of Congress. September 28, 1850. Ch. 84: "An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other states to reclaim the samp lands within their limits."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. February 14, 1851. Ch. 101: "An act to provide for defraying the expense of selecting swamp lands in the State of Indiana, and other purposes."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. May 29, 1852. Ch. 104: "An act to regulate the sale of the Swamp Lands donated by the United States to the State of Indiana, and to provide for the draining and reclaiming thereof, in accordance with the condition of said grant."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. March 6, 1865. Ch. 3: "An act authorizing the Auditor and Treasurer of State to sell certain swamp lands belonging to the State of Indiana, deeded by the General Government to the State, November 7, A.D. 1857, and know as the Indemnity Lands."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. March 7, 1883. Ch. 124: "An act authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain lands belonging to the State of Indiana, disposing of the proceeds thereof, and providing for the recovery of the possession of any lands of the State unlawfully occupied and for the rent of any of the lands of the State until sold."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. March 9, 1889. Ch. 162: "An act authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain lands of the State of Indiana , disposing of the proceeds thereof, and providing for the recovery of the possession of any of the lands of the State unlawfully held, and for the rent of any of the lands of the State until sold, repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency (swamp, indemnity, saline)."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. March 2, 1923. Ch. 58: (amended act of March 9, 1889, above)*

#### *Kankakee River Meander Lands*

The same 1850 bill granting swamp land to the state of Indiana, also transferred meander zones lands along the Kankakee River. A survey was conducted by the state in 1879 and the notes of the surveyor, A.T. Whittlesey, are in this collection. A second survey was conducted in 1890 by a George Parks. In 1923, the General Assembly passed a law authorizing the sale of meander lands.

- *Act of the General Assembly. March 9, 1923. Ch. 193: "An act to authorize the state auditor to sell meander lands owned by the state along the Kankakee River in St. Joseph, Laporte, and Starke counties..."*

#### *Michigan Road Lands*

In 1827, Congress granted to Indiana lands ceded to the United States through a treaty with the Potawatomie. Approximately 170,000 acres were selected by a commission appointed by a General

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<sup>4</sup> J.O. Henderson, Auditor of State, "Indiana: The public Domain and it's Survey" (WM. B. Burford, Indianapolis, 1893), 5.

Assembly.<sup>5</sup> These lands were to be sold, and funds used to construct the Michigan Road, which was to run from Michigan City through Indianapolis, terminating in Madison on the Ohio River. Commissioners were appointed in 1830 to select, survey, number, and mark land for placement of the road along with land to sell in order to fund the project. In 1844, the commission was abolished and all records related to the Michigan Road transferred to the Auditor of State which assumed the duties of the commission.<sup>6</sup>

- *Act of Congress. March 2, 1827. Ch. 102: "An act to authorize the State of Indiana to locate and make a road therein named."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. January 24, 1928. Ch. 120: "An act to provide for surveying and marking a road from Lake Michigan to Indianapolis."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. January 13, 1830. Ch. 119: "An act to establish a state road from Lake Michigan to Indianapolis."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. February 4, 1831. Ch. 122: "An act concerning the Michigan Road Scrip, Michigan Road Lands, and for other purposes."*

#### *Wabash and Erie Canal*

Not long after achieving statehood, the General Assembly embarked on a series of infrastructure projects known collectively as *internal improvements*. One endeavor was to build a canal linking Lake Erie with Ohio River via the Wabash Valley. Land for the construction of the Wabash & Erie Canal was first granted to the state in 1827 by Congress. Shortly thereafter, the state ran into financial difficulties and began defaulting on interest payments on loans taken out to fund the project. As part of a compromise with their creditors, the state agreed to incorporate trusteeship. From then on, the *Board of Trustees of the Wabash & Erie Canal* managed all assets and records related to the canal the consolidation of state-owned land records in 1877.<sup>7</sup> Two additional grants from the federal government were enacted in 1841 and 1848 which expanded the project. This collection contains patents, deeds, and maps of land sold while the canal was under trusteeship.

- *Act of Congress. March 2, 1828. Ch. 106: "An act to grant a certain quantity of land to the state of Indiana for the purpose of aiding said state in opening a canal to connect the waters of the Wabash River with those of Lake Erie."*
- *Act of Congress. May 29, 1830. Ch. 161: "An Act to vest in the state of Indiana certain lands within the limits of the canal grant."*
- *Act of Congress. February 27, 1841. Ch. 12: "An act to confirm to the State of Indiana the land selected by her for the portion of the Wabash and Erie Canal which lies between the mouth of Tippecanoe river and Terre Haute, and for other purposes."*

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<sup>5</sup> George Pence (1917). 4

<sup>6</sup> An act to transfer the books, papers, and vouchers of Michigan Road Commissioner's office to the office of Auditor of State, 28<sup>th</sup> I.G.A., ch. LV (1844).

<sup>7</sup> 61<sup>st</sup> I.G.A., ch. LXXVI (1877).

- *Act of Congress. May 9, 1948. Ch. 34: "An Act in addition to and Act therein mentioned."*

#### *Forfeited Tax Lands*

Boxes 2-4 contain records of public land mortgaged by the state and reclaimed due to the mortgagee's failure to pay taxes on the loan. These laws specifically mention the Swamp, Indemnity, Saline, and University lands, giving the auditor of state power to sell or rent any land in forfeiture or delinquency.

- *Act of the General Assembly. March 7, 1883. Ch. 124: "An Act authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain lands of the State of Indiana, disposing of the possession of any of the lands of the State unlawfully held and for the rent of and of the lands of the State until sold."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. March 9, 1889. Ch. 112: (identical language as the 1983 law)*
- *Act of the General Assembly. March 2, 1923. Ch. 58: (an amendment to §4 of the 1983 law)*

#### *Saline Lands*

The salt springs, or Saline Lands, comprised an area within Orange County now known as French Lick. The Saline Lands were requested by and granted to the state through an act of Congress in 1832. A commission was assembled to facilitate the selling of the land.

- *Act of the General Assembly. February 2, 1833. Ch. 89: "An Act to provide for the sale of certain lands therein named."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. January 24, 1834. Ch. 218: "An Act to amend an act entitled, 'an act to provide for the sale of certain lands therein named,' approved, February 2, 1833."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. March 11, 1875. Ch. 63: "An act authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain lands belonging to the State of Indiana."*

#### *The Bright Lands*

These were lands owned by Michael G. Bright and Aquillas Jones located in the counties of Newton and Jasper. The state acquired them in 1860 and in 1865, the General Assembly authorized the Auditor of State to put them up for sale to the public.

- *Act of the General Assembly. December 12, 1865. Ch. 93: "An Act to provide for sale of certain lands belonging to the State of Indiana, in the counties of Jasper and newton, and to give preemption to actual settlers thereon."*

#### *Seminary Lands, College Lands, and University Lands*

Upon admission into the union, Congress granted the county of Monroe to fund the building of a state college. In 1828, the General Assembly passed a law authorizing the establishment of what later became Indiana University with funding not only the from land in the county of Monroe, but also that of Gibson. Vincennes University, which had existed since 1804 and had, up to that point,

been the beneficiary of proceeds from land in Gibson county, sued the state claiming preemption.<sup>8</sup> VU won the suit and, as consolation to the state, a separate grant from Congress was awarded.

- *Act of Congress. April 19, 1816. Ch. 57: "An Act to enable the people of Indiana Territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state in the Union on an equal footing with the original states."*
- *Act of the General Assembly. January 24, 1828. Ch. 82: "An act to establish a college in the state of Indiana."*
- *Act of Congress. February 23, 1854. Ch. 12: "An act to indemnify the State of Indiana for failure of title to a township of land granted to said state on her admission to the Union in eighteen hundred and sixteen."*

#### *Military Bounties*

Folder 10 of box 7 contains military land warrants authorized under four federal laws. All warrants were entered at land offices in Winamac, Jeffersonville, and Indianapolis.

- *Act of Congress. February 11, 1847. Ch. 8. §9: "An act to raise for a limited Time an additional military Force and for other Purposes."*
- *Act of Congress. September 28, 1850. Ch. 85: "An act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in Military Service of the United States."*
- *Act of Congress. March 22, 1852. Ch. 19: "An act to make Land Warrants assignable, and for other Purposes."*
- *Act of Congress. April 19, 1855. Ch. 207: "An act in Addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in Military Service of the United States."*

#### Arrangement:

The collection is divided into two categories: documents and correspondence.

- Boxes 1 – 6 contain documents such as mortgages, lists of mortgages, receipts, deeds, surveys, abstracts of title, etc. Order is chronological with some effort made to keep them grouped by subject. For example, forfeited mortgages are separated by the funds they were paid out of (e.g. Bank Tax Fund, College Fund, etc.). Thus, there is some overlap in chronology.
- Boxes 3 – 5 contain certificates of purchase for land which are subdivided by the law that authorized the sale (e.g. Act of March 6, 1865).

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<sup>8</sup> J.O. Henderson, Auditor of State (1839). 6

- Boxes 7 consists of correspondence from the General Land Office in Washington D.C. and are organized chronologically. The subject varies but most are replies to correspondence from the Auditor of State.
- Boxes 8 – 19 consist of letters to the Auditor of State and are organized chronologically and placed in alphabetical order according to the last name of the sender or the organization they represented. Many of these letters come from attorneys seeking certified patents to perfect titles for clients.
- Box 20 contains inventories of land belonging to the state that remained unsold in 1883. They are organized alphabetically by county.

#### Box and Folder List:

Box 1 (AAIS 028476):	Land Records, 1833 to 1889
Folder 1:	Mortgages, Feb. 22, 1833 - Apr. 3, 1849
Folder 2:	List of College Fund and Indianapolis Fund Delinquents, 1834
Folder 3:	Deeds, Aug. 22, 1834 - Oct. 31, 1844
Folder 4:	Bank Tax Fund: Forfeited Mortgages, May 25, 1839-Nov. 29, 1844
Folder 5:	Congressional Township Fund: Forfeited Mortgages, Jun. 15, 1836
Folder 6:	State House Funds: Forfeited Mortgages, Mar. 26, 1833
Folder 7:	Surplus Revenue Fund: Forfeited Mortgages, Jul. 21, 1837-Feb. 22, 1850
Folder 8:	Treasury Fund: Forfeited Mortgages, Feb. 25, 1839-Apr. 22, 1839
Folder 9:	Indentures, 1839-1858
Folder 10:	Receipts, Aug. 16, 1844 – May 1, 1845 and Feb. 4, 1852
Folder 11:	An Act for the Relief of David Burn, Re: Canal Lands, Jan. 14, 1847
Folder 12:	Crown Hill Cemetery, 1848-1864
Folder 13:	Deed of land to Horace Greeley, et.al., Grand Prairie Harmonical Association, Jan. 27, 1854
Folder 14:	List of Patents Issued, Nov. 13, 1871 – Oct. 31, 1872
Folder 15:	Fees Collected, Jan. 29, 1883 – Feb. 6, 1891. Book no. 120308 from the Indiana Land Office.



Folder 16: Report of the Whittlesey Survey done under a Joint Resolution of 1879, Nov. 1, 1879. Cover is disintegrated and brittle; survey is from land acquired after the draining of Beaver Lake, English Lake, the Kankakee River, and the Calumet River.

Folder 17: Kankakee River Trust Deeds, 1887 – 1889

Box 2 (AAIS 028477): Land Records, 1839 to 1924

Folder 1: Certificates of purchase: forfeited lands, Aug. 1, 1889-Sept. 18, 1889. Receipts from the Treasurer of State for lands purchased from the general state fund or land forfeited due to nonpayment of taxes.

Folder 2: Notes concerning improvements (Board of Public Works), 1893-1898. Includes contract bids, petition information, and resolution details for improvements to the streets of Sheffield, Bismark, and Freemont.

Folder 3: Abstract of title: Knox Co., Jan. 18, 1906 & Sullivan Co., 1899. Includes abstract from section 16, township 8 from Sullivan Co. and records transfer of land between Herman Hulman and Robert Cox. Also includes abstract for parcel of land describing ownership dating back to 1807.

Folder 4: Receipt, Jan. 6, 1900-Jan. 24, 1903.  
All pertain to L.G. Rothschild.

Folder 5: Notices of Sale, 1901 and 1908.  
Notices are regarding land in the counties of Jefferson, Fayette, Perry, and Kosciusko.

Folder 6: Deeds: Aug. 19, 1903-Apr. 10, 1916

Folder 7: Treasurer's Statement: Atlanta Rolling Mill Tin Plate Co., 1903

Folder 8: Sale of State Lands, Sept. 10-26, 1906.  
Three pages of detailing role of Auditor of State in sale of state lands. Contains notice of sale and survey of estate in Section 1, Township 15 of Marion Co.

Folder 9: Cross Complaint for Streight vs. Streight, Marion Co. Circuit Court, Mar. 7, 1898. Complaint concerns Lovina Streight who was notable for her care for Union troops during the Civil War.

Folder 10: Ditch Tax Assessments, 1904-1914, 1922-1924. Concerns ditches owned by the state in St. Joe and Knox counties.

- Folder 11: Receipt: Nov. 23, 1905. Common School Lands.
- Folder 12: List of Land Department Fees Collected, Nov. 26, 1906-Apr. 30, 1907. Collected by Auditor of State John Billheimer.
- Folder 13: Survey of Patoka Island in Wabash River. Feb. 3, 1908.
- Folder 14: Certificates of Purchase, 1910.  
Filed by Auditor of State John Billheimer for sales of from the Forfeited Lands Fund (Indianapolis), the Kankakee Meander, Receded Lands on Bruce Lake, and College Trust Fund lands in Blackford Co.
- Folder 15: Deed (Act of Feb. 24, 1913), Mar. 25, 1913.  
A quit claim deed signed by Gov. Ralston for William Tennis for land in Indianapolis.
- Foder 16: Rent Receipt Stubs, Dec. 1, 1918-Mar. 1, 1919.  
Receipts are for rent from properties on Market St. and West Washington St. in Indianapolis.
- Folder 17: Petition to buy land from the State (under Act of Mar. 2, 1923).  
Contains minutes from meetings of the "Appraisement Committee" regarding lands in Lake Co., Laporte Co., and Starke Co. These included approval for sale of a large portion of land to Roscoe E. Woods. There is a petition to remove the twin bridges linking Starke and Laporte Counties across the Kankakee River for dredging by the Southern Colonization Company. There is a plat survey of a meander line around the Little Calumet River.
- Folder 18: Land Clerks Notebook, 1923-1924. Notes sale of lands with name of buyer, price per acre, and payment for advertisement.
- Folder 19: Sale of Ditch Assessed Land, Sep. 22, 1923-Oct. 21, 1924.  
Documents regard a dispute between the Dep. of Conservation and the Tiesburg Land Co. over the removal of timber on meandering swamp lands in Starke Co.
- Folder 20: Patents (Under an Act of March 2, 1923), 1924. Records the sale of swamp lands around the meander of the Little Calumet River to the Indiana Industrial Co., Anten H Tapper, and Theodore Smulski.
- Folder 21: List of Canal Lands in Sullivan Co.
- Folder 22: Miscellaneous, 1839-1901. Contains deeds of sale, the execution of a judgment against the Trustees of Indiana University (1858), and a list of rent payments.

Box 3 (AAIS 028478): Land Records, 1866 to 1905

- Folder 1: Certificate of Purchase (Act of 1865). Nos. 2, 6-9, 16-19, Jasper Co. Sales of land were to Alfred Thompson for tracts in what was known as "The Bright Lands." A deed transferring land from one Thomas Spitler to Rt. Rev. Joseph Dwenger also included.
- Folder 2: Certificates of Purchase (Act of 1865)  
Issued by Co. Auditor, Nos. 74-78 & 184-275, Newton Co. Tracts are part of "The Brightlands"
- Folder 3: Certificates of Purchase (Act of 1865)  
Aug. 1, 1866-Feb. 3, 1872. Nos. 1-276. Newton Co.
- Folder 4: Abstract of Sales (Act of 1865), Jul. 7, 1866-Aug. 10, 1866. Jasper Co. This is a list of purchasers of land in "The Bright Lands."
- Folder 5: Abstract of Sales (Act of 1865), Jul. 14, 1866-Oct. 18, 1867, Newton Co. This is a list of purchasers / owners for property in "The Bright Lands."
- Folder 6: Certificates of Purchase (Act of March 11, 1875), Sep. 12, 1877-Mar. 24, 1890. One certificate is for Pulaski Co. The rest refer to purchases in the Morton, Coffin, & Wright subdivision in Indy.
- Folder 7: Certificates of Appointment and Return of Appraisement (Act of 1875). Certificates are for lots in multiple counties including Clarkesville where land was appraised for the purposes of establishing a graveyard for the state prison.
- Folder 8: Certificate of Purchase, March 3, 1905 (Act of 1883). Allen County
- Folder 9: Certificates of Appointment and Return of Appraisement (Act of March 7, 1883). Brown Co. – LaPorte Co. 1884 & 1887. All certificates date from either the year 1884 or 1887. Cert. for LaPorte Co. contains sectional map.
- Folder 10: Certificates of Appointment and Return of Appraisement (Act of March 7, 1883). Marion Co. – Parke Co. All certificates date to 1884, 1887, and 1888.
- Folder 11: Certificates of Appointment and Return of Appraisement (Act of March 7, 1883), 1887. Perry Co. Certificates pertain to appraisals of land in Tell City. Contains a list of names of the owners and value of their property broken down by Lot number and block.
- Folder 12: Certificates of Appointment and Return of Appraisement (Act of March 1883). Pike Co. – White Co. 1884-1888
- Box 4 (AAIS 028479): Certificates of Purchase Nos. 1-250 (Act of March 7, 1883)

- Folder: 1        Certificates of Purchase Nos. 1-50 (Act of March 7, 1883) 1884.
- Folder 2:        Certificates of Purchase Nos. 51-100 (Act of March 7, 1883) 1884-1887.
- Folder 3:        Certificates of Purchase Nos. 101-150 (Act of March 7, 1883) 1887.
- Folder 4:        Certificates of Purchase Nos. 151-200 (Act of March 7, 1883) 1887-1888. Most of these are sales of forfeited lands in Tell City.
- Folder 5:        Certificates of Purchase Nos. 201-250 (Act of March 7, 1883) 1887-1889.

Box 5 (AAIS 028480):        Land Records, 1883-1940

- Folder 1:        Certificates of Purchase Nos. 251-300 (Act of March 7, 1883) 1889. All certificates refer to blocks in Tell City.
- Folder 2:        Certificates of Purchase Nos. 301-350 (Act of March 7, 1883) 1889-1893.
- Folder 3:        Certificates of Purchase Nos. 351-373 (Act of March 7, 1883) 1893-1905.
- Folder 4:        Certificates of Appointment and Return of Appraisement (Act of March 9, 1889) Aallen Co. - Jefferson Co. 1891-1903. Contains two plat maps for Fulton and Fountain co.
- Folder 5:        Certificates of Appointment and Return of Appraisement (Act of March 9, 1889) LaGrange Co. – White Co. 1889-1910.
- Folder 6:        Patents and Certificates, Mar. 13, 1909-Nov.14, 1940. Includes plat map related to petition by Expanded Steel Co. in Lake County. Allis-Chalmers lands in LaPorte County.
- Folder 7:        Leases (Under an Act of March 9, 1889) May 1, 1893-Mar. 1, 1901. Contains leases of lands in Marion Co., Monroe Co., Indianapolis, and West Shoals. Some leases may be connected to maps in Folder 5.
- Folder 8:        Land Sold (Act of March 3, 1899) 1904-1914. Pertains to dispute over land in sec. 14, twshp. 33N, Rng. 3W which was purchased from the state by Lemuel Darrow who was Mayor of LaPorte at one time. The case escalated to a degree that the Governor appealed to the Commissioner General of the Land Office.
- Folder 9:        Patents Issued (Act of March 9, 1889) Apr. 10, 1911-Sep. 8, 1915. Two patents for lands in Greene Co. and Starke Co.

Box 6 (AAIS 028481):        Land Records, 1867 – 1921

- Folder 1: Boys School – Abstracts of Title, 1847-1914. Contains land records for real estate where the Indiana Boys’s School was established. Includes certification of establishment by Lt. Gov. Baker, 1887. There is a letter from Auditor of State to the Superintendent of the school requesting these records.
- Folder 2: Clifty Falls State Park – Abstracts of Title, 1919 – 1921.  
Abstracts pertain to sections of land in Twp. 4 North, Range 10 East in Jefferson County. Filed under H.J. Zeiring, County Abstractor.
- Folder 3: Deaf and Dumb Institute – Abstract of Title, 1904
- Folder 4: State Horticulture Society – Abstract of Title, 1887-1903. Abstracts and warranty deeds pertaining to disputed ownership of land occupied by the Indiana Experimental Orchard.
- Folder 5: Eastern Hospital for the Insane – Abstract of Title, 1913. Abstracts for multiple sections of land in Twp. 16, R. 14 East in Wayne Co. Contains letter from A.G. approving accuracy.
- Box 7 (AAIS 028482): Letters from General Land Office, 1868-1900
  - Folder 1: Purdue University – Warranty Deed, 1917. Shows transfer of land from Augusta and Charles Newman to the State for Purdue University.
  - Folder 2: Soldiers and Sailors Orphan’s Home – Abstract of Title, 1887. Abstract pertaining to land on Lemuel Murray’s property belonging to the state.
  - Folder 3: Letters from the General Land Office, 1868-1879.
  - Folder 4: Letters from the General Land Office, 1880-1882.
  - Folder 5: Letters from the General Land Office, 1883-1885.
  - Folder 6: Letters from the General Land Office, 1886-1888.
  - Folder 7: Letters from the General Land Office, 1889-1892
  - Folder 8: Letters from the General Land Office, 1893-1895
  - Folder 9: Letters from the General Land Office 1896-1900
  - Folder 10: Military Land Bounties, 1849-1857. Individual records from the Land Office with the name of the warrantee and location. Lists of cancelled or suspended bounties are included with reasons given.
- Box 8 (AAIS 028483): Land Department Correspondence, 1851-1898

- Folder 1: Correspondence 1851-1878. Mostly correspondence sent to the Auditor of State. Many deal with a double issued patent.
- Folder 2: Land Department Correspondence, 1887-1888 (A – E)
- Folder 3: Letters to the Land Department, 1887-1888 (F-K). These are general correspondence sent to the Auditor of State inquiring about land availability of patents. Many come from attorneys representing interested clients. Organized alphabetically by sender's last name.
- Folder 4: Land Department Correspondence, 1887-1888 (L-Q).
- Folder 5: Land Department Correspondence, 1887-1888 (R-Z)
- Folder 6: Land Department Correspondence, 1892-1898
- Box 9 (AAIS 028484): Land Records, 1901 to 1912
- Folder 1: Attorney General Opinions, 1887-1912
- Folder 2: Land Department Correspondence, 1901-1912 (A-B)
- Folder 3: Land Department Correspondence, 1901-1912 (C-D)
- Folder 4: Land Department Correspondence, 1901-1912 (E-H)
- Folder 5: Land Department Correspondence, 1901-1912 (J-M)
- Folder 6: Land Department Correspondence, 1901-1912 (N-S)
- Folder 7: Land Department Correspondence, 1901-1912 (T-Z)
- Box 10 (AAIS 028485): Land Records, 1913-1924
- Folder 1: Attorney General opinions and Correspondence, 1913-1924
- Folder 2: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (A)
- Folder 3: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Bo-Bz)
- Folder 4: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (B-Bn)
- Folder 5: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (C-Cn)
- Folder 6: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Co-Cz)
- Folder 7: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (D)
- Box 11 (AAIS 028486): Land Records, 1913-1924

- Folder 1: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (E)
- Folder 2: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (F-Fn)
- Folder 3: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Fo-Fz)
- Folder 4: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (G)
- Folder 5: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (H-Hh)
- Folder 6: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Hi-Hz)

Box 12 (AAIS 028487): Land Records, 1913-1924

- Folder 1: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (I)
- Folder 2: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (J)
- Folder 3: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (K)
- Folder 4: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (L-Ln)
- Folder 5: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Lo-Lz)
- Foler 6: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (M-Mh)
- Folder 7: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Mi-Mz)

Box 13 (AAIS 028488): Land department Records, 1913-1924

- Folder 1: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (N)
- Folder 2: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (O)
- Folder 3: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (P)
- Folder 4: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (R-Rg)
- Folder 5: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Rh-Rz)
- Folder 6: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (S-Sh)
- Folder 7: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Si-Sz)

Box 14 (AAIS 028489): Land Department Records, 1913-1924

- Folder 1: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (St-Z)
- Folder 2: Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (Su-Sz)

Folder 3:	Land Department Correspondence, 1913-1924 (T-U)
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Folder 6:	Land Department Correspondence, 1925-1934 (M)
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Folder 5:	Land Department Correspondence, 1925-1934 (W-Z)
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