

## *Iowa Ag History Collections—Northwest*

This resource includes information from historical societies and organizations from Northwest Iowa that have reported research or museum collections related to Iowa's agricultural history. In addition to contact, accessibility information, and onsite materials, our partners shared their organizations specific regional focuses, time periods with strength, and other thematic intersections. This is not a comprehensive list of all Iowa history organizations throughout the state, but rather a list of those who have chosen to share information at this time. All partners have been listed alphabetically.

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### **Central School Preservation**

211 South Center St, Lake City, IA 51449

<https://www.historiccentralschool.com/>

Museum Open Regular Hours, Appointment Requested for Researchers

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**Regional Focus:** Calhoun County, West-Central Iowa

**Time Period Focus:** late 1800s–1970s

**Thematic Intersections:** Cultural History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Trade Literature, Farm Organization Records, Farm Periodicals, Atlases and Soil Maps

**Types of Artifacts:** Machinery/Implements and Equipment

In possession of all of the Lake City FFA's archives from 2000 and have this material available, also a number of production agriculture textbooks from the mid-20th century.

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**Dordt University Archives**

700 7th St, Sioux Center, IA 51250

<https://dordt.libguides.com/dordtarchives>

By Appointment Only

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**Regional Focus:** Sioux Center

**Time Period Focus:** 1955–present, Strongest from 1970–present, with some materials dating back to 1890s

**Thematic Intersections:** Cultural History, Immigration History, Religious History, Labor History, History of Higher Education

**Types of Archival Materials:** Trade Literature, Farm Organization Records, Farm Periodicals, Posters, Broadsides, or other Paper Signage

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**Dutch American Heritage Museum**

120 3rd St SW, Orange City, IA 51041

<https://www.facebook.com/OCDAHM>

Research by Appointment

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**Regional Focus:** Sioux County

**Time Period Focus:** 1890s–present, strongest 1910–1940

**Thematic Intersections:** Cultural History, Immigration History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Farm Directories

**Types of Artifacts:** Tools

Collections focus on the Dutch settlement and development of Sioux County, Iowa. The Museum also holds a military collection featuring men and women from Sioux County, Iowa.

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**Farnhamville Public Library**

*240 Hardin St, Farnhamville, IA 50538*

<https://www.farnhamville.lib.ia.us/>

Open Regular Hours

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**Regional Focus:** Calhoun County, Statewide

**Time Period Focus:** none specified

**Thematic Intersections:** Cultural History, Immigration History

**Types of Archival Materials:** none specified

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**Glidden Public Library**

*110 Idaho St, PO Box 345, Glidden, IA 51443*

<https://www.glidden.lib.ia.us/>

Open Regular Hours

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**Regional Focus:** Glidden Area, Statewide

**Time Period Focus:** none specified

**Thematic Intersections:** none specified

**Types of Archival Materials:** Personal/Family Collections, Deeds, Farm Directories, books, genealogy

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**Le Mars Public Library**

*46 1st St SW, Le Mars, IA 51031*

<https://www.lemarsiowa.com/640/Public-Library>

Open Regular Hours

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**Regional Focus:** Le Mars, Plymouth County

**Time Period Focus:** Local newspaper digitized and in microfilm from 1884–2020

**Thematic Intersections:** none specified

**Types of Archival Materials:** Atlases and Soil Maps, Newspapers

We have a nice collection of historical rural life items for Plymouth County & Le Mars. We do have a current collection of books on "homesteading" and small ag topics such as how to raise chickens, goats, beekeeping etc.

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**Northwestern College**

*101 7th Street SW, Orange City, IA 51041*

<https://library.nwciowa.edu/>

Open Regular Hours but Appointments Preferred

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**Regional Focus:** Sioux County, Northwest Iowa

**Time Period Focus:** 1880–present

**Thematic Intersections:** Cultural History, Immigration History, Religious History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Personal/Family Collections, Atlases and Soil Maps, Farm Directories, Institutional Histories/Scrapbooks

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**Orange City Public Library**

*112 Albany Ave SE, Orange City, IA 51041*

<https://www.orangecitylibrary.org/>

Open Regular Hours

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**Regional Focus:** Sioux County, some Plymouth County, Lyon County, and O'Brien County.  
Some Statewide

**Time Period Focus:** 1908–2010, strongest 1970–2010

**Thematic Intersections:** Cultural History, Religious History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Personal/Family Collections, Atlases and Soil Maps, Cookbooks, Institutional Histories/Scrapbooks

The library holds miscellaneous atlases from the period of 1776–1976.

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**Plymouth County Historical Museum**

*335 1st Ave SW, Le Mars, IA 51031*

<https://www.lemarsiowa.com/521/Plymouth-County-Historical-Museum>

Open Regular Hours or By Appointment

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**Regional Focus:** Plymouth County

**Time Period Focus:** none

**Thematic Intersections:** Immigration History, Religious History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Trade Literature, Farm Organization Records, Farm Periodicals, Posters, Broadside, or other Paper Signage, Personal/Family Collections, Atlases and Soil Maps, Deeds, Cookbooks, Farm Directories, Institutional Histories/Scrapbooks

**Types of Artifacts:** Machinery/Implements and Equipment, Tools, Buildings, Structures, and Other Objects on the Landscape

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