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Accession 2008-07 - Davenport Police Department Historic Photographs  
Most Located Range 14 Section 1 Compact Shelving

**Folder 1**

15 images removed from gray matte board over gold, measuring 26 x 30"  
14 images of officers wearing badges 1-14 are 4.25 x 6.5" cabinet photographs  
1 image of Chief Kessler is 6.25 x 8"  
all are sepia tone  
All photography by Hastings, White, & Fisher Davenport IA  
All [1884]  
Fair to good condition

Calligraphy in lower left corner of the gray matte board:

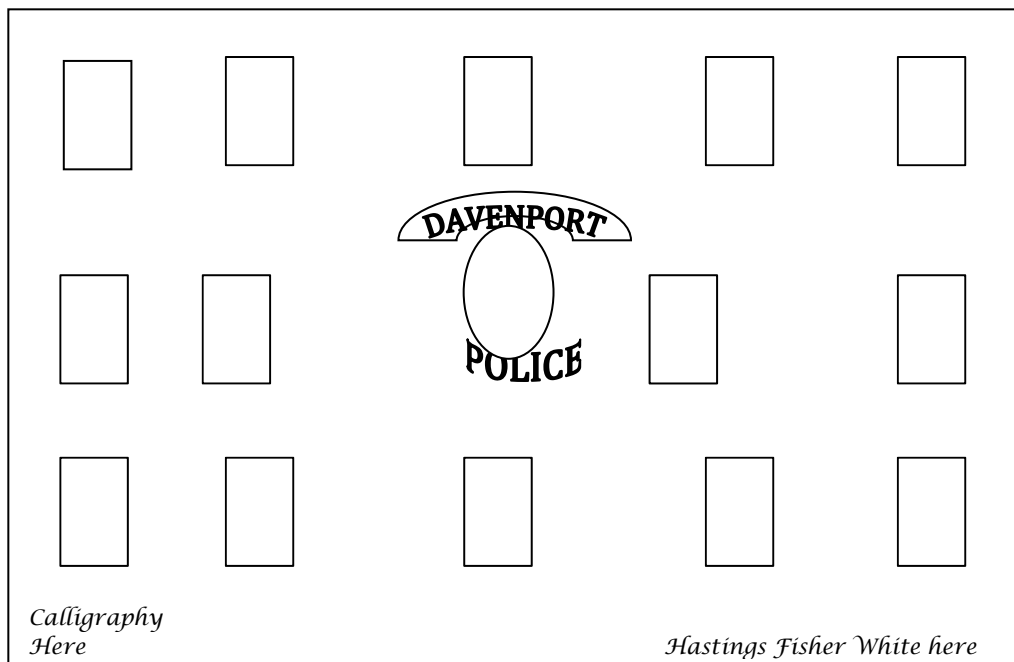
*“Presented  
to  
Frank Kessler  
Chief of Police,  
by  
Members of the Davenport Police.  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 1884”*

Calligraphy in lower right corner of the gray matte board:

*Hastings, White & Fisher. Photo's*

All rectangular cut outs with exception of center – oval – with Chief Kessler’s image. Above and beneath that photo were arched the words in all caps:

DAVENPORT  
POLICE.



**Folder 2**

Pictures cut out of ephemeral publications ca 1887-1899

Variety of sizes and shapes

b&w

photocopies made

includes a brief history of police force from 1899 Souvenir publication

1899 Police – group picture with names listed as a caption

Martens, Henry, Chief

Jansen, J. H.

Blum, Chas.

Glynn, F. J.

Mullane, Time

Gotsch, Hy.

Mundt, Wm.

Atkinson, T.

Connelly, Jas. M., Captain

Tilebein, E. A.

Bundschuh, E.

Siegfriedt, J. L.

Guiney, John

Ramm, Wm.

McGee, C. P.

Bischof, W. H.

Phelan, P. J.

Balluff, J. B.

Sanford, E. A.

Smallfield, F. C.

Roe, A. A.

Stutz, Chas

Stafenbiel, Adam

Huber, Frank

Grapengeter, F.

Papenbrock, F. P.

McManus, James

Hass, Henry

Connole, W. H.

Baker, Geo. T. , Mayor

Martens, Henry, Chief of Police

Gilloley, P. M., Chief of Fire Department

Police patrol – horsedrawn wagon and two officers

Scott County Court House

City Hall

Scott County Jail

Souvenir Police Department of Davenport 1899 – cover (exceptionally faded)

Davenport Malting Company – probably the back of the Souvenir publication (exceptionally faded)

Listing of Location and number of fire alarm boxes in Davenport

Advertisement for Ferd. Roddewig Sons Pioneer House of Iowa City Hall Wine Cellars with interesting and detailed print of steel engraving.

**Oversize prints in archive box**

**Police Matron Sarah Hill**

Excellent condition

9.5 x 6" photographic print on 9.5 x 13" matte

Seemann's Studio (listed at 1401 Ripley for first time in 1925 city directory)

14<sup>th</sup> & Ripley Davenport, IA.

b&w

various handwriting on back

blue ink: First Police Matron Mrs. Sarah Hill; picture taken at House of Detention 5<sup>th</sup> Main

pencil: Mrs. Hattie Platt; 2800 Eastern Avenue (see also image of police on plank sidewalk outside of "old markethouse" or "Bridewell" labeled Platt)

red ink stamp: Times Copy; size 4 x 5 ½ ; Time wanted Wed; Dept. Green; Instructions

An elderly woman wearing a dark blouse and skirt with a light colored apron is sitting on a large wooden chair in front of a roll top desk studying papers. There are many framed images on the desktop and hanging on the wall above the desk. A large clock also hangs above the desk. The floors are covered with carpets. Many details of the interior can be seen including the telephone, lightings, etc. Research indicates this would be the interior of Bridewell, or the old Markethouse, located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets.

*RESEARCH: Mrs. G. W. (Sarah) HILL began working as Davenport's Police Matron in July 1893 and continued in that position until 1920. Federal and state census records indicate Mrs. Hill was widowed, born about 1850 and lived where she worked - in the House of Detention at 5th and Main Street also called Bridewell. She received \$55 a month for wages in 1900. The first police matron was actually Miss Annie E. DAVIS from 1889 until 1893. Tillie Boettscher followed Mrs. Hill as the third police matron.*

**Davenport Police Department 1925**

Brittle condition – some cracks

10 x 14.5" photographic print

Lenz Photographer (Davenport, IA)

Sepia

Montage of officers, patrolmen, mayor, two women. Names are written beneath the individual images, however some are faded or blurred.

**Police Department City of Davenport 1910-1911**

Some silvering of print ; matte board chipped on all corners

9 x 13" photographic print

J. M. Lenz Photo Artist

Sepia

Montage of officers, patrolmen, and others. Names are written beneath the individual images.

**Davenport Police Officers standing outside a brick building – circa 1884**

Dirt road, horse pulling buggy-men standing on wooden plank sidewalk – two men seated in chairs.

Building is likely the "old markethouse" also known as "Bridewell" where the police were headquartered from 1877 – 1896, located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main.

Image is 9.5 x 11.5" on matte 11 x 13"

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Photo is in moderately good condition; matte is in poor condition  
Sepia  
No photographer  
Handwriting on back of image says Mrs. Platt (see also image of Sarah Hill labeled Platt)

**Police force** standing in three straight rows outside of Davenport City Hall [circa 1913-15]

Brick street  
Excellent condition  
8 x 10" image b&w  
10.5 x 12" matte  
Upper right hand corner of matte backing has a partial circular stamp "J. C. SEE..." and "Davenport, Iowa. Believe this is the stamp for photographer J. C. SEEMAN who began photography in Davenport about 1913.

**Police officers in uniform** and men in overcoats and hats [circa 1910]

5.5 x 14" image; 7 x 16" matte  
Image fair condition; matte poor condition  
Sepia  
No photographer  
No identification  
Many have a small sprig of greenery in their lapel or near their badges

**Police officers** and others standing on Library steps [ca 1910-1920]

5.5 x 14" image; 7 x 16" matte  
Image has damage on left side  
Sepia  
No photographer  
No identification

**Davenport Police Department – located in oversize drawer of flat file storage in public area**

Oct. 16, 1934  
Photographic print  
7.25 x 19" image-excellent condition  
Fromader Davenport, Iowa photographer  
Police force, two women, non-uniform others posed in front of stone building believed to be the police station at City Hall.  
Some in white hats, some dark  
Sepia  
No further identification

**Davenport Police Department – located in oversize drawer of flat file storage in public area**

July 2, 1925  
7 x 39.5" image – mounted to same size backing  
Melander, Commercial Photographer  
Sepia  
Standing in front of stone building (probably City Hall) with Police Station sign. Officers are in uniforms consisting of shirts and pants. Men out of uniform are wearing straw hats with flat brims.  
Some damage to left end of image-yellowed