

Minnesota Historical Society - State Capitol Historic Site

Inventory of Art in the Minnesota State Capitol

March 2013

Key:

Artwork on canvas affixed to a surface

Artwork that is movable (framed or a bust)

Type	Installed	Name	Artist	Completed	Location
Mural	1904	Contemplative Spirit of the East	Cox, Kenyon	1904	East Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Winnowing	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	East Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Commerce	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	East Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Stonecutting	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	East Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Milling	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	East Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Mining	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	East Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Navigation	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	East Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Courage	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	Senate Chamber
Mural	1904	Equality	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	Senate Chamber
Mural	1904	Justice	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	Senate Chamber
Mural	1904	Freedom	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	Senate Chamber
Mural	1905	Discovers and Civilizers Led to the Source of the Mississippi	Blashfield, Edwin H.	1905	Senate Chamber, North Wall
Mural	1905	Minnesota: Granary of the World	Blashfield, Edwin H.	1905	Senate Chamber, South Wall
Mural	1905	The Sacred Flame (Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow)	Walker, Henry Oliver	1903	West Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Horticulture	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	West Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Huntress	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	West Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Logging	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	West Grand Staircase

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Mural	1904	Pioneer	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	West Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Sowing	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	West Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Dairy	Willett, Arthur (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	West Grand Staircase
Mural	1904	Winter	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	3 rd Floor North Corridor Ceiling
Mural	1904	Spring	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	3 rd Floor East Corridor Ceiling
Mural	1904	Summer	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	3 rd Floor South Corridor Ceiling
Mural	1904	Autumn	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	3 rd Floor West Corridor Ceiling
Mural	1904	Records (extant but covered)	McKay, W.A. (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	House of Representatives Chamber
Mural	1904	History (extant but covered)	McKay, W.A. (Artist) Garnsey, Elmer	1904	House of Representatives Chamber
Mural	1904	Flora and Fauna	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	House Retiring Room
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Aquarius	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Capricorn	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Sagittarius	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Scorpio	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Libra	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Virgo	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Leo	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Cancer	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Gemini	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome (Mn. History Center)
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Taurus	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Aries	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1904	Zodiac-Pieces	Garnsey, Elmer (Design)	1904	Dome
Mural	1905	Civilization of the Northwest	Simmons, Edward	1904	Rotunda, Southwest Corner
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Mural	1906	Civilization of the Northwest	Simmons, Edward	1905	Rotunda, Southeast Corner
Mural	1905	Moral and Divine Law	La Farge, John	1903	Supreme Court Chamber, East Wall
Mural	1905	The Recording of the Precedents	La Farge, John	1904	Supreme Court Chamber, North Wall
Mural	1906	The Adjustment of Conflicting Interests	La Farge, John	1905	Supreme Court Chamber, South Wall

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Mural	1906	The Relation of the Individual to the State	La Farge, John	1905	Supreme Court Chamber, West Wall
Mural	1935	Old Fort Charlotte on the Pigeon River	SERA artist, Unknown	1935	B-22 (Former Governor's Dining)
Mural	1936	River Fishing Scene; Untitled	Olson, Carl	1936	B-27 (Former Justice's Dining Room)
Painting	1905	Father Hennepin at St. Anthony Falls	Volk, Stephen A. Douglas	1905	Governor's Reception Room
Painting	1905	Treaty of Traverse des Sioux	Millet, Francis David	1905	Governor's Reception Room
Painting	1906	The Battle of Nashville	Pyle, Howard	1906	Governor's Reception Room
Painting	1906	The Fourth Minnesota Entering Vicksburg	Millet, Francis David	1904	Governor's Reception Room
Painting	1906	The Second Minnesota at Mission Ridge	Volk, Stephen A Douglas	1906	Governor's Reception Room
Painting	1907	The Battle of Gettysburg	Zogbaum, Rufus F.	1906	Governor's Reception Room
Painting	1910	The Third Minnesota Entering Little Rock	Arthurs, Stanley M.	1910	Governor's Ante Room
Painting	1912	The Fifth Minnesota at Corinth	Blashfield, Edwin H.	1912	Governor's Ante Room
Painting	1914	Battle of Ta-Ha-Kouty (Killdeer Mtn.)	Boeckmann, Carl L.	1910	317
Painting	c.1923	Attack on New Ulm	Gag, Anton	1904	118
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Adolph Olson Eberhardt	Nyholm, Arvid F.	1917	1st Floor, East Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Alexander Ramsey	Gutherz, Carl	1873	1st Floor, West Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Andrew R. McGill	Gutherz, Carl	1889	1st floor, West Stair Corridor North
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Cushman K. Davis	Gutherz, Carl	1882	1st floor, West Stair Corridor South
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	David M. Clough	Conner, Herbert G.	1893	1st Floor, North Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Elmer Benson	Bohnen, Carl	1939	1st Floor, East Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Floyd B. Olson	Bohnen, Carl	1936	1st Floor, East Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Harold E. Stassen	Bohnen, Carl	1943	1st Floor, East Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Henry A. Swift	Unknown	1871	1st Floor, West Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Henry Hastings Sibley	Bligh, John P.	c.1860	1st Floor, West Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Hjalmer Petersen	Bohnen, Carl	1937	1st Floor, East Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Horace Austin	Gutherz, Carl	1873	1st Floor, West Stair Corridor South
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Jacob A.O. Preus	Bohnen, Carl	1927	1st Floor, East Stair Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	John A. Johnson	Brewer, Nicholas	1907	1st Floor, East Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	John Lind	Bohm, Max	1902	1st Floor, North Dome Corridor

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Portrait (Gov.)	1944	John S. Pillsbury	Antrobus, John	1887	1st floor, West Stair Corridor South
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Joseph A.A. Burnquist	Bohnen, Carl	1919	1st Floor, East Stair Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Knute Nelson	Gutherz, Carl	1895	1st floor, North Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Lucius F. Hubbard	Gutherz, Carl	1887	1st floor, West Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Samuel R. Van Sant	Conner, Herbert G.	1905	1st Floor, North Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Stephen Miller	Cooley, Ben	1865	1st Floor, West Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Theodore Christianson	Bohnen, Carl	1930	1st Floor, East Stair Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	William R. Marshall	Gutherz, Carl	1881	1st floor, West Stair Corridor North
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	William R. Merriam	Muller-Ury, Adolph	c.1895	1st floor, West Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1944	Winfield Hammond	Brewer, Nicholas	1915	1st Floor, East Stair Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	c.1947	Edward J. Thye	Sohner, Theodore	1947	1st Floor, East Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	c.1955	Clyde Elmer Anderson	Brewer, Edward V.	1955	Ground Floor, West Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	c.1961	Orville L. Freeman	Mihalyi, Elizabeth	1961	Ground Floor, West Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	c.1963	Elmer L. Anderson	Brewer, Edward V.	1963	Ground Floor, North Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1964	Luther W. Youngdahl	Grendahl, Louis A.	1964	1st Floor, East Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1967	Karl F. Rolvaag	Greenman, Frances Cranmer	1967	Ground Floor, North Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1971	Harold Levander	Peet, Barbara Brewer	1971	Ground Floor, North Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1982	Wendell R. Anderson	Lack, Richard	1981	Ground Floor, North Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1985	Albert Quie	Lack, Richard	1984	Ground Floor, East Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	1999	Arne Carlson	Gjertson, Stephen	1999	Ground Floor, South Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	2000	Rudy Perpich	Balma, Mark	2000	Ground Floor, East Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	2003	Jesse Ventura	Cepello, Steve	2003	Ground Floor, South Dome Corridor
Portrait (Gov.)	2011	Tim Pawlenty	Rossin	2011	Ground Floor, So. Corridor, Great Hall
Portrait	1932	Abraham Lincoln	Brewer, Edward V.	1931	House Chamber
Portrait	1990	Gordon Rosenmeier	Caspner, Charles	1988	G17
Portrait	c.1920	Charles Gilman	Place, Vera Clark	c.1890	223

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Portrait	c.1960	George Washington	Unknown	Unknown	125
Portrait	Unknown	Joe Rolette	Unknown	1890	112
Portrait	Unknown	Gordon Rosenmeier	Ryan, Jerome	1972	122
Statues	1905	Bounty	French, Daniel Chester	1905	South Attic (Exterior)
Statues	1905	Courage	French, Daniel Chester	1905	South Attic (Exterior)
Statues	1905	Integrity	French, Daniel Chester	1905	South Attic (Exterior)
Statues	1905	Prudence	French, Daniel Chester	1905	South Attic (Exterior)
Statues	1905	Truth	French, Daniel Chester	1905	South Attic (Exterior)
Statues	1905	Wisdom	French, Daniel Chester	1905	South Attic (Exterior)
Statues	1906	Progress of the State (Quadriga)	French, Daniel Chester / Potter, Edward	1906	South Capitol Drum Terrace (Exterior)
Statues	1909	William Colvill	Backus, Catherine	1909	2nd Floor, Rotunda
Statues	1910	Alexander Wilkin	Daniels, John Karl	1910	2nd Floor, Rotunda
Statues	1911	John Sanborn	Daniels, John Karl	1911	2nd Floor, Rotunda
Statues	1914	James Shields	Hibbard, Fredrick C.	1914	2nd Floor, Rotunda
Statues	1938	Minnesota Spirit of Government	Brioschi Studios	1938	House Chamber
Statues	1959	German Pioneers	Jaegers, Albert	1925	1st Floor, North Entrance Vestibule
Bust	1910	Henry Rice	Varney, Luella	1906	Senate Chamber
Bust	1915	Knute Nelson	Fjelde, Jacob	1895	Senate Chamber
Bust	1926	Cass Gilbert	Quinn, Edward	1925	1st Floor, West Dome Corridor
Bust	1944	William Windom	Unknown	Unknown	1st Floor, South Dome Corridor
Bust	1974	Henry Hastings Sibley	Dexter, Henry	1860	1st Floor, North Dome Corridor
Bust	1974	Ignatius Donnelly	Daniels, John Karl	1901	1st Floor, North Come corridor
Bust	1974	William Watts Folwell	Fjelde, Jacob	1891	1st Floor, North Dome Corridor
Bust	1977	Hubert H. Humphrey III	Bassett, George	1977	1st Floor, West Grand Staircase
Bust	1983	Nicholas D. Coleman	Granlund, Paul T.	1983	1st Floor, West Dome Corridor
Bust	1984	Warren Burger	Hancock, Walker	1984	2nd Floor, Supreme Court Foyer
Bust	1985	Sigurd Olson	Bassett, George	1981	1st Floor, North Corridor

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Bust	1986	Martin Luther King, Jr.	Bassett, George	1985	1st Floor, East Grand Staircase
Bust	1986	Wabasha III	Bird, JoAnne	1985	1st Floor, East Dome Corridor
Bust	1990	Edward Burdick	Granlund, Paul T.	1990	House Lobby
Bust	Unknown	Cushman Davis	Trentanove, I.G.	Unknown	Senate Chamber
Bust	Unknown	William Washburn	Simmons, Franklin	1906	Senate Chamber, SE corner
Bust	Unknown	Winfield Scott Hammond	Baker, Bryant	1926	1st Floor, South Dome Corridor
Plaque	1907	Capitol Commissioners	Gilbert, Cass / Carsley, G.A.	1907	1st Floor, South Dome Corridor
Plaque	1907	Capitol Dedication	Gilbert, Cass / Carsley, G.A.	1907	1st Floor, South Dome Corridor
Plaque	1907	Capitol Description	Gilbert, Cass / Carsley, G.A.	1907	1st Floor, South Dome Corridor
Plaque	1908	34th Senate of the State of Minnesota	Gilbert, Cass	1907	Senate Retiring Room
Plaque	1911	1st Minnesota Infantry Regiment	Backus, Catherine/Hibbard, Fredrick C.	1911	1st Floor, Rotunda
Plaque	1927	Clara Ueland	Gross, Louis	Unknown	1st Floor, Rotunda
Plaque	1928	Gettysburg Address	Unknown	1928	1st Floor, South Dome Corridor
Plaque	1928	Memorial Day Order	Unknown	1928	1st Floor, South Dome Corridor
Plaque	1929	Alexander Ramsey	Gilbert, Cass	1928	1st Floor, West Corridor
Plaque	1938	Floyd B. Olson	Brioschi, Charles	1937	1st Floor, West Corridor
Plaque	1939	Martha Ripley	Wells, Charles S.	1938	1st Floor, Rotunda
Plaque	1939	Old Northwest Territory	Unknown	c.1938	1st Floor, Rotunda
Plaque	1948	13th Minnesota Infantry Regiment	Brioschi Studios	1943-1948	1st Floor, Rotunda
Plaque	1964	Roscoe Pound	Unknown	c.1964	2nd Floor, East Corridor
Plaque	2002	Philippine-American War	Klefstad, Ann	2002	1st Floor, Rotunda

Art in the Capitol: Summary

Type	Number	
Murals	49	(All painted on canvas and affixed to wall or ceiling)
Paintings	10	(Six in the Governor's Reception Room are stretched on canvas and framed to the wall)
Governor's Portraits	38	
Other Portraits	6	
Statues	13	
Busts	17	
Plaques	15	
Total Art Work:	148	