OVERVIEW
Series Title: Records.
Abstract: Records of the State Board of Health, established in 1872 and dissolved in 1977 [Laws 1977 c305 s46, repealing Minn. Stat. 144.01-.04].
Quantity: 27.75 cubic feet (27 boxes; 3 partial boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS
The records include minutes, agenda materials, and transcripts (1872-1873, 1881-1977), accompanied by executive committee minutes and quarterly reports (1897-1912) of the Bacteriological Laboratory, the executive office, the Veterinary Department, and the Engineering Division; subject (1961-1977) and committee (1975-1977) files; and records documenting efforts to control venereal disease in the state (1917-1974). Topics covered in the files include board appointment, policies, and procedures; legislation; mailings, ambulance service; relations with the Pharmacy Board; and committee work on certification of need, community health services, health maintenance organizations [HMOs], human services, and rate review rules.
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:
- Ambulance service—Minnesota.
- Community health services—Minnesota.
- Gonorrhea.
- Health facilities—Certificates of need—Minnesota.
- Health facilities—Rates—Minnesota.
- Health maintenance organizations—Minnesota.
- Health—Law and legislation—Minnesota.
- Human services—Minnesota.
- Public health—Minnesota.
- Sexually transmitted diseases—Minnesota—Prevention.
- Syphilis.

Organizations:
- Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:
Some of these records include private information about individuals. Records with private information are closed for 75 years from date of last entry in the record. The restricted records are noted in the finding aid. Researchers must apply for permission to use these records. Please consult library staff for more information.

Preferred Citation:
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Accession numbers: None; 304; 980-7; 980-17; 982-71; 982-151; 988-238; 989-82; 990-31; 991-183; 992-116; 993-50; 994-120; 2004-3; 2004-33; 2008-37

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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Minutes, reports, and miscellaneous records.
July 1897 - July 1905.
September 1905 - July 1912.
August 1912 - Miscellaneous 1914.
Outlines of action taken at Board meetings, 1940-1946. 2 volumes.
Abstracts prepared by O. C. Pierson (at least for 1944-1946); not duplicates of the minutes.
Minutes, indexed, 1961. 4 folders.
Minutes and agenda packets, indexed, 1962. 6 folders.
Minutes and agenda materials.
May include mailings, minutes, exhibits, transcripts; 1963-1974 are the numbered official set.
1963-October 1965.
June 1971 mailing.
Agenda packets and minutes, April 1975-May 1976.
Board of Pharmacy, 1968-1972. 2 folders.
Committee assignments, 1976.
Correspondence, 1976-1977.
Mailing lists, [undated].
Meeting and Board policies, 1974–1977.
Missions, Goals, and Objectives, undated.

Certification of Need Committee, 1976.
Executive Committee (Standing), 1976–1977.
HMO Committee (Standing), 1975–1977.
Rate Review Rules Committee (Ad Hoc), 1976.

Division of Venereal Diseases files, 1917-1974. **PARTIALLY RESTRICTED**

Files of this division and its successors; organized in February 1918, it was one of the first state venereal disease outreach programs. Includes documentation of its efforts in the medical control of infectious cases, education, organization of adequate social service work, cooperation with law enforcement authorities in the suppression of prostitution, and the control of incorrigible infected persons through assistance to institutions and communities in organizing and conducting such work.

Correspondence, 1917–1918.
Includes the 1918 telegram, H. M. Bracken, Minnesota Secretary State Board of Health, to Dr. H. G. Irvine, detailing the creation of the Division of Venereal Diseases and Irvine’s appointment as director.

Includes patient name, attending physician, city, county, file number, and medication administered (pages 2–97; 1948-1971); addition of physician/clinic name (pages 98–129; 1972-1974). Also list of the quantities of drugs (Bicillin, Wycillin, Ampicillin, Probenecid, Tetracycline, Trobicin, Erthomycin, and Crystacillin) received, used, and on hand, presumably for the division (pages 131–147)
Subject files, 1917–1974. **RESTRICTED**
Chart histories, [undated], 1940–1948.
Includes epidemiological investigations in the spread of syphilis and gonorrhea; including the number of persons involved, number infected, territory involved, and a detailed description of how the disease was spread, with background information on primary persons including age, sex, relationship to primary contact, and sometimes names and/or file numbers.
Epidemiological investigation, syphilis and gonorrhea charts, circa 1940s.
2 folders.

Inter-departmental social hygiene, 1919–1921. 2 folders.
Initiation of venereal disease program in Minnesota, 1918–1920.
Includes information on investigations of the Lymanhurst Special Clinic, Minneapolis, circa 1937; Savage Transient Camp, Scott County, circa 1937; Red Lake, circa 1930; and Camp Independence, Scott County, circa 1936.
Investigation of prostitution in Winona, 1940–1943.
Legal problems and legal opinions, Minnesota legislation, 1918–1921.
Miscellaneous articles regarding venereal disease, 1917–1937.
Miscellaneous articles and statistics regarding venereal disease, state hospital study, 1938–1959.
Covers such topics as social hygiene education in the state’s public schools, venereal disease control in connection with military maneuvers, and syphilis among veterans after World War II.
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