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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:  
State Board of Health**

**An Inventory of Its Records**

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**OVERVIEW**

- Agency:** Minnesota. State Board of Health.
- Series Title:** Records.
- Dates:** 1872-1977.
- 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.  
Minnesota. Dept of Health.  
Minnesota. State Board of Health. Bacteriological Laboratory.  
Minnesota. State Board of Health. Engineering Division.  
Minnesota. State Board of Health. Veterinary Dept.

## 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:

*[Indicate the cited item and folder title and/or volume and page number here].*

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*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

### Accession Information:

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### Processing Information:

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
127.H.9.8F	A	Minutes, 1872-1977. Accompanied by agenda materials (1963-1977) and transcripts (1970, 1972-1973); also minutes of the executive committee; some quarterly reports (1897-1912) of the Bacteriological Laboratory, the executive office, the Veterinary Department, the Engineering Division, and possibly other divisions; and some special reports. There are no minutes for 1875-1881. The 1882-1897 minutes appear to have been copied or transcribed from originals (location unknown); the 1897-1961 minutes are signed by the secretary or executive officer; and those for 1963-1974 are the official numbered sets. Indexes for 1882-1961 minutes. 26 folders. Photocopies of index pages from individual volumes.
127.H.11.9B	1	1872-1873. 15 pages in 1 volume. Minutes and miscellaneous records, 1873-1874, 1884-1896. 1 folder. Photocopies of minutes for August 20, 1873; November 6, 1873; January 7, 1874; November 13, 1884 (agenda letter); February 25, 1887 (?); January 14, 1896 (contains statistics not in printed minutes); and February 5, 1896 (draft executive committee minutes); and miscellaneous financial records and fragments of correspondence. Minutes: Volume 1, 1872-1900. Entries actually cover only 1882-1900. Volume 2, 1901-1904. Volume 3, 1905-1906. Volume 4, 1907-1909.
127.H.11.10F	2	Volume 5, 1910-1912. Volume 6, 1913-1914. Volume 7, 1915-1916. Volume 8, 1917-1918. Draft transcripts and miscellany, 1914-1915. 12 folders.

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127.H.12.1B	3	Volume 9, 1919-1920. Volume 10, 1921-1922. Volume 11, 1923-1924. Volume 12, 1925-1926.
127.H.12.2F	4	Volume 13, 1927-1928. Volume 14, 1929-1930.
127.H.12.3B	5	Volume 15, 1931-1932. Volume 16, 1933-1934.
127.H.12.4F	6	Volume 17, 1935-1936. 1937-1939. 3 volumes.
127.H.12.5B	7	1940. 2 volumes. 1941-1943. 3 volumes. 1944. 2 volumes.
127.H.12.6F	8	1945-1949. 5 volumes.
127.H.12.7B	9	1950. 2 volumes. 1951. 1 volume. 1952. 2 volumes. 1953 - June 1954. 1 volume.
127.H.12.8F	10	July 1954 - June 1955. 1 volume. July 1955 - June 1956. 1 volume. July 1956 - June 1957. 1 volume. July-December 1957. 1 volume. 1958. 2 folders. 1959. 3 folders.
127.H.12.9B	11	1960. 4 folders. Abstracts of minutes, June 1941 - October 1946. Executive Committee minutes, 1900-1945. 4 volumes. 1900-1916. 1917-1928. [Missing 1929-1935.] 1936-1940. 1941-1945.

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111.D.5.5B	12	Minutes, reports, and miscellaneous records. July 1897 - July 1905.
111.D.5.6F	13	September 1905 - July 1912.
111.D.5.7B	14	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.
111.D.5.8F	15	Minutes and agenda materials. May include mailings, minutes, exhibits, transcripts; 1963- 1974 are the numbered official set. 1963-October 1965.
111.D.5.9B	16	1966-January 1969.
127.H.8.10F	17	March 1969-July 1970.
111.D.12.10F	18	August 1970-September 1971.
127.H.8.9B	24	June 1971 mailing.
126.B.15.8F	19	November 1971-May 1972.
126.B.15.9B	20	June 1972-March 1973.
126.B.15.10F	21	April-December 1973.
127.H.9.6F	22	January-July 1974.
127.H.9.7B	23	August 1974-March 1975.
127.H.8.9B	24	Agenda packets and minutes, April 1975-May 1976.
126.J.14.10F	25	Agenda packets and minutes, June 1976-May 1977.
103.H.14.7B	26	Subject files, 1961-1977. Ambulance service hearing: Carl W. Bergl, 1974. Ambulance service, proposed: Hearing officer report and recommendations, 1974. Appointments to Board, 1961-1970. Board of Pharmacy, 1968-1972. 2 folders. Committee assignments, 1976. Correspondence, 1976-1977. Executive Office communication, 1971-1977. Legislative Session, 1968-1970. Mailing lists, [undated].

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103.H.14.7B	26	<p>Mailings, 1971. Meeting and Board policies, 1974–1977. Membership listings, undated, 1961-1970. 2 folders. Missions, Goals, and Objectives, undated. Policy and Procedure Manual materials, 1975–1977. Committee files, 1975–1977. Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc), 1976–1977. Certification of Need Committee, 1976. Community Health Services Committee, 1976–1977. Executive Committee (Standing), 1976–1977. HMO Committee (Standing), 1975–1977. Office of Human Services Recommendations Committee (Ad Hoc), 1976–1977. Rate Review Rules Committee (Ad Hoc), 1976. Division of Venereal Diseases files, 1917-1974. <b>PARTIALLY RESTRICTED</b> 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.</p>
106.D.15.3B-1	27	<p>Patients and physicians’ ledger, 1948–1974. <b>RESTRICTED</b> 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)</p>

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103.H.14.7B	26	<p>Subject files, 1917–1974. <b>RESTRICTED</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Criteria and techniques for the diagnosis of gonorrhea, circa 1973–1974.</p> <p>Epidemiological investigation, syphilis and gonorrhea charts, circa 1940s.</p> <p>Epidemiological reports, monthly, yearly, quarterly, 1947–1958. 2 folders.</p>
119.H.4.5B	28	<p>Inter-departmental social hygiene, 1919–1921. 2 folders.</p> <p>Initiation of venereal disease program in Minnesota, 1918–1920.</p> <p>Investigations, 1930–1950. 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.</p> <p>Investigation of prostitution in Winona, 1940–1943.</p> <p>Legal problems and legal opinions, Minnesota legislation, 1918–1921.</p> <p>Miscellaneous articles regarding venereal disease, 1917–1937.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Night clinic report, Draftees WWI, 1917 – circa 1936.</p> <p>Penicillinase-Producing Neisseria Gonorrhoeae [PPNG] and Penicillin resistant Gonorrhea Culture [GC], 1975 - 1985.</p>

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119.H.4.5B	28	<p>Quacks, prosecution of druggists, advertising of remedies: Druggists who complied, 1918–1920.</p> <p>Selective Service Data, Report on follow-up of separates, 1940–1950.</p> <p>Seminar on Interpretation of Serologic Testing for Antibodies to HTLV-III and Patient Counseling about Tests and Test Results, 1985.</p> <p>Social Hygiene [Commission], State and Federal, 1917–1919. 2 folders. Primarily concerning the Minnesota Hygiene Commission and public education.</p> <p>Summaries, Intensive therapy cases, November 1940 – September 1942. Includes patient name, residence, and intensive five-day treatment provided for syphilis.</p> <p>Various important items regarding early venereal disease work in Minnesota, 1918–1924. Includes correspondence and newspaper clippings.</p> <p>Venereal disease clinic, State Board of Health, conducted at the University of Minnesota Hospital, 1921–1929. 2 folders. Includes committee meeting minutes detailing the University of Minnesota transforming the evening dispensary into a fee based night clinic and financial reports.</p>
119.H.4.6F	29	<p>Venereal disease [VD] reports, quarterly, yearly, and biennial, 1918–1929. 15 folders.</p> <p>General, 1918–1929. 13 folders. Includes an overview of the division's.</p> <p>Miscellaneous, 1918–1929.</p> <p>Statistical tables, 1918–1923.</p>