OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Office Of The Liquor Control Commissioner.
Series Title: Records,
Quantity: 6.2 cu. ft. (6 boxes and 1 oversize folder).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The records consist largely of incoming and outgoing correspondence concerning licenses and permits, laws and regulations, complaints, repeal of prohibition, sale of liquor on Indian reservations, and other matters related to liquor control.

There are also photographs of the commissioners, lists of licenses to sell liquor, the attorney general's opinions on liquor regulations, information on liquor labels, and some reports and publications. The Commission Administration files include reports, procedures, background information which describes the commission's duties, and financial, revenue, and taxation documents.

The records contain files on the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, the Sister Kenny Institute, the Joint Committee of the States to Study Alcoholic Beverage Laws, and the War Savings Council of the Liquor and Wine Industries.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

These records are organized into the following sections:

Correspondence.
Licensing.
Laws, legislation, and regulation.
Attorney General’s opinions.
Inspectors.
Commission administration.
Financial and revenue documents.
War Savings Council of the Liquor and Wine Industries.
Beer, wine, and mixed beverages.
Magazine articles.
Newspaper clippings.
Reports.

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:
Alcoholic beverages.
Attorneys general's opinions--Minnesota.
Beer.
Indians of North America--Alcohol use--Minnesota.
Labels.
License system--Minnesota.
Liquor laws--Minnesota.
Liquors.
Liquors--Taxation--Minnesota.
Municipal liquor stores--Minnesota.
Prohibition.

Persons:
Ericson, Dudley C.
Haskin, Earl G.
Nelson, L. G.
Puterbaugh, Jacob L. (Jack).
Sieben, Harry A.

Organizations:
Joint Committee of the States to Study Alcoholic Beverage Laws.
Minnesota. Dept. of Public Safety. Liquor Control Division.
Sister Kenny Institute.
War Savings Council of the Liquor and Wine Industries.

Types of Documents:
Photographs.
Posters.
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<td>Commissioners’ correspondence: Letters from individuals and liquor distributing and manufacturing companies with copies of the commissioner’s response. Correspondence is organized by year, there under in rough alphabetical order by sender.</td>
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Topical correspondence (cont.):

- Correspondence concerning the brand label registration and approval for sale in Minnesota of Everclear brand vodka.
- Examples of other brand’s labels, and some letters concerning the sale and packaging of other products.

- Joint Committee of States, 1953.
- Letters of Transmittal to Treasurer, 1947. 2 folders.
- National Conference of State Liquor Administrators:
  - 1950:
    - Correspondence and business, 1950.
    - Executive Committee Meeting, November 10-11, 1950.
    - 16th Annual Conference booklet, 1950.
  - 1951.
  - 1953. 4 folders.
- Nelson, L. G., Commission Executive Secretary, 1946.
- Rationing in Minnesota, 1943
- Sister Kenny Institute, 1944-1947. 4 folders.
  - Liquor industry fund-raising for the institute. “Pennies for Kenny” public fund-raising drive and donations from liquor stores, distributors, and manufacturers.
  - Temperance posters mailed to County Superintendents, 1939-1940.
- Warehouses’ reports, 1947. 2 folders,
- Wet and dry counties—Elections, 1933-1958.

Licensing:

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- “Certs” issued for the “on sale” of liquor in those places which had licenses in excess of the statutory limitations, 1947-1948.
- City of Crookston license, 1975.

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- Commercial Spirits Plant Operators and People Holding Alcohol Fuel Producers permits, 1981.
- Fulmore, Frank--Drug permit, 1947.
- Ham Lake Liquor, [ca. 1974].
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|                |     | Beer wholesalers, 1949-1951.  
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|                |     | Off and on sale liquor and club, 1962.  
|                |     | Off sale—Faribault, 1947.  
|                |     | On sale—Shakopee, 1948.  
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|                |     | La Bongo Club, November 5 and 10, 1964.  
|                |     | Proposed Amendment to Liquor Regulations, Chapter 6—Advertising, [1973]. 1 bound volume.  
|                |     | Revision of Regulations, January 14, 1974.  
|                |     | Joint Liquor Control and Senate Temperance and Liquor Control Committee Study minutes and agendas, 1967-1968.  
|                |     | Legislative Audit of Liquor Control Division and related correspondence, 1977-1979.  
|                |     | Liquor on Air National Guard Base in Duluth, 1976.  
|                |     | Prohibition Act Repeals and Adoptions Elected in 1933, 1919-1933.  
|                |     | Recommendations to Governor Olson, 1933.  

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Sale of liquor to Indians/reservations:
- Mille Lacs Tourist Center and Marina, 1974.
- Sale of liquor on Indian reservations, 1934.
- Sales to Indians, 1953.
- Session Laws—W. Petersen, 1947.
- State Dispensary, 1948-1949. 2 folders.
  Includes the report *The Case Against the State Dispensary System* (ca. 1949) and other information about the state held monopoly.
- State Supreme Court cases, 1936-1962.
- Statement of Need for Regulation Amendments, undated.
- Suggested Revisions of, and Additions to the Minnesota Liquor Control Act, September 1935.
- Voluntary Assessment Plan (Surdyk’s Plan), 1949.

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Inspectors’ meeting minutes, 1936-1938.
Inspectors’ Reports to Commissioner, April 1938.
Inspector’s Territory—L.G. Nelson’s File, 1939-1942.
Instructions for Inspectors, [ca. 1940].
Muer, John (Initial), 1955-1959.
Statements Re: Bribe of Gopher/American Legion Post No. 440, 1941.
Commission administration:

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Background information, 1985.  
Chart of the Office, [ca. 1947]-1954.  
Department of Administration Management Study, [1977].

Meetings:  
- Department Heads with Liquor Control Commissioner, December 7, 1937.  
- Discuss Rules and Regulations, April-September 1940.  
- Liquor Industry and Commissioner, 1940-1959.  
- Wholesalers Meeting Re: Proposed Regulations, 1940.

On, Off & Municipal Liquor Store Procedures, Executive Secretary’s copy, January 1, 1964.


Public statements, 1935-1953.

Reorganization, [ca. 1974].


Report to Interim Committee on State Administration, 1943.


Rulemaking, 1975.

Financial and revenue documents:

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Comparative revenues, 1946-1957.
Financial and revenue documents (cont.):

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   Bonus Surtax, Chapter 642, 1949.
   Carrying Charges for Minnesota State Excise Tax Stamps, 1950.
   Consumers’ Tax, January 1954.
   Federal Taxation on Alcoholic Beverages, 1953. 2 folders.
     Includes papers from the Joint Committee of the States to
     Study Alcoholic Beverage Laws.

Location  Box
116.I.13.3B  6  Liquor Control Tax Apportionment:
   January 1- July 31, 1948.
   National Tax Association Convention, September 28, 1953.
     Includes an address given by Dudley C. Ericson.

War Savings Council of the Liquor and Wine Industries:

   Includes information on the War Stamp Council and War Bond
   sales drives promoted by the industry between 1943 and 1945.

Beer, wine, and mixed beverage:

   Label information files, 1934-1981.
     The following folders are organized by import or distribution
     company and contain a sampling of liquor labels, registrations of
     labels, ingredient analyses, and correspondence.
     The American Distilling Co., 1934.
     Bardenheier’s Wine Cellars, 1959.
     The Buckingham Corporation, 1947.
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- Italian Swiss Colony, 1948-1957.
- Meier’s Wine Cellars, Inc., 1946.
- Pabst Brewing Company, 1957.
- Park & Tilford Import Corp., 1935.

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Undated and 1943-1945.

Typescripts of speeches and magazine articles written by Commissioner Earl G. Haskin covering such topics as regulations, post-war control problems in open states, closing of liquor stores on VE-Day and participation in war loan drives and the Sister Kenny Campaign, and copies of his “Off the Commissioner’s Desk” column in *The Northwest Package & Tavern News*. 
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