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OFFICE OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER

An Inventory of Its Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Office Of The Liquor Control Commissioner.
Series Title: Records,
Dates: 1919-1991 (bulk 1945-1969).
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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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

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

Correspondence:

Location	Box	
116.I.12.12F	1	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. Haskin, Earl G., 1942-1946. 12 folders. Ericson, Dudley C.: 1947-1949. 9 folders.
116.I.12.13B	2	1949-1954. 8 folders.
112.C.2.3 (do)	7 [partial]	"Its Not Gambling. . ." Poster, 1949. Poster about candy giveaway via punchboards. Related correspondence is filed in <i>Commissioners' correspondence: Ericson, Dudley C., 1949</i> ; second folder in Box 2.
116.I.12.13B	2 [cont.]	Sieben, Harry A., 1955-1956. 2 folders. Puterbaugh, Jack, 1957-1961. 4 folders. Commissioner's telephone and office visit message files: Ericson, Dudley C., 1950-1954. 5 folders Sieben, Harry A., 1955-1956. 2 folders. General correspondence, 1936-1939, 1942, 1945, 1946, 1970-1972. 12 folders.
116.I.12.14F	3	General correspondence, 1973. 1 folder. Complaints, 1940-1962: Miscellaneous complaints, 1940-1942, 1944. 4 folders. Complaints and "leads," 1959-1962. Topical correspondence: Benson, Elmer A. (Minnesota Governor), 1937-1938. City Attorney for New Ulm, Minn., 1938. Concerning information to be published by the Distiller's Club, 1948. Department letters to industry, 1959-1964.

Correspondence (cont.):

Location	Box	
116.I.12.14F	3	<p>Topical correspondence (cont.):</p> <p>Everclear, 1988-1991.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Joint Committee of States, 1953.</p> <p>Lally, John R., 1950-1951.</p> <p>Letters of Transmittal to Treasurer, 1947. 2 folders.</p> <p>National Conference of State Liquor Administrators:</p> <p>1950:</p> <p>Correspondence and business, 1950.</p> <p>Executive Committee Meeting, November 10-11, 1950.</p> <p>16th Annual Conference booklet, 1950.</p> <p>1951.</p> <p>1953. 4 folders.</p> <p>Nelson, L. G., Commission Executive Secretary, 1946.</p> <p>Rationing in Minnesota, 1943</p> <p>Sister Kenny Institute, 1944-1947. 4 folders.</p> <p>Liquor industry fund-raising for the institute. "Pennies for Kenny" public fund-raising drive and donations from liquor stores, distributors, and manufacturers.</p> <p>Temperance posters mailed to County Superintendents, 1939-1940.</p> <p>Warehouses' reports, 1947. 2 folders.</p> <p>Wet and dry counties—Elections, 1933-1958.</p>

Licensing:

Location	Box	
116.I.12.14F	3	<p>Bowling alley licenses, 1950-1974.</p> <p>"Certs" issued for the "on sale" of liquor in those places which had licenses in excess of the statutory limitations, 1947-1948.</p> <p>City of Crookston license, 1975.</p>
116.I.13.1B	4	<p>Commercial Spirits Plant Operators and People Holding Alcohol Fuel Producers permits, 1981.</p> <p>Denials of licenses, 1977-1978.</p> <p>Fulmore, Frank--Drug permit, 1947.</p> <p>Ham Lake Liquor, [ca. 1974].</p> <p>Letters concerning club certifications for municipalities having municipal liquor stores, 1947.</p>

Licensing (cont.):

Location	Box	
116.I.13.1B	4	License lists: Beer wholesalers, 1949-1951. License lists, 1978. Municipal liquor stores—Statistics and lists, 1949, 1956, 1962, 1965-1971. Off and on sale liquor and club, 1962. Off sale—Faribault, 1947. On sale—Shakopee, 1948. Sample certificates and licenses, 1937-1953. Types of intoxicating liquors and wines, 1947.

Laws, legislation, and regulation:

Location	Box	
116.I.13.1B	4	Fair trade, 1938, 1947, 1950. 3 folders. Famous Brands, Inc. v. Twin City Wine Co., et al., 1976-1977. Hearings: Various, 1961-1987. Advertising of intoxicating liquors, September 11, 1973. La Bongo Club, November 5 and 10, 1964. Liquor Control Commission Hearing, January 14, 1974. 1 bound volume. Proposed Amendment to Liquor Regulations, Chapter 6—Advertising, [1973]. 1 bound volume. Ketchum, Hollis M.—Statement Before the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, March 15, 1977. Revision of Regulations, January 14, 1974. Hotel Sales of Miniatures, 1971-1973. Joint Liquor Control and Senate Temperance and Liquor Control Committee Study minutes and agendas, 1967-1968. Legislation, 1943, 1945. Legislative Audit of Liquor Control Division and related correspondence, 1977-1979. Liquor on Air National Guard Base in Duluth, 1976. Minnesota Distillers v. Novak (76-42-160), Selected pleadings, 1976. Price advertising of 3.2 Beer, 1972. Prohibition Act Repeals and Adoptions Elected in 1933, 1919-1933. Proposed regulations, 1950-1951. Proposed Revisions to Chapter 430, 1975-1976. Recommendations to Governor Olson, 1933.

Laws, legislation, and regulation (cont.):

Location	Box	
116.I.13.1B	4	Sale of liquor to Indians/reservations: Mille Lacs Tourist Center and Marina, 1974. Minnesota Distillers v. Novak (76-42-160), Selected Pleadings, 1976. 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 <i>The Case Against the State Dispensary System</i> [ca. 1949] and other information about the state held monopoly. State Supreme Court cases, 1936-1962. Statement of Need for Regulation Amendments, undated. Stipulations, 1987. Suggested Revisions of, and Additions to the Minnesota Liquor Control Act, September 1935. Voluntary Assessment Plan (Surdyk's Plan), 1949.
116.I.13.2F	5	Wholesalers, importers, and manufacturers, 1973-1976.

Attorney General's Opinions, 1934-1981:

Location	Box	
116.I.13.2F	5	1934-1941. 1942-1950. 1951-1961. 1962-1981.

Inspectors:

Location	Box	
116.I.13.2F	5	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:

Location	Box	
116.I.13.2F	5	<p>Background information, 1985.</p> <p>Chart of the Office, [ca. 1947]-1954.</p> <p>Commissioner's Administrative Procedures, 1961-1965.</p> <p>Department of Administration Management Study, [1977].</p> <p>Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department Heads with Liquor Control Commissioner, December 7, 1937. Discuss Rules and Regulations, April-September 1940. Liquor Industry and Commissioner, 1940-1959. On Inside and Outside Advertising Signs, October 10, 1967. Wholesalers Meeting Re: Proposed Regulations, 1940. <p>On, Off & Municipal Liquor Store Procedures, Executive Secretary's copy, January 1, 1964.</p> <p>Photographs, 1934-1971.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photographs of the commissioners of the Liquor Control Division; the years given are those in which they held that office: David Arundel (1934-1936), William Mahoney (1936-1939), J. Norman Peterson (1939-1942), Earl G. Haskins (1942-1947), Dudley C. Ericson (1947-1955), Harry A. Sieben (1955-1957), Jacob L. Puterbaugh (1957-1961), William H. Joyce (1961-1967), and Gale F. Lindsey (1967-1971). <p>Public statements, 1935-1953.</p> <p>Reorganization, [ca. 1974].</p> <p>Report to Efficiency in Government Commission and related correspondence, 1950.</p> <p>Report to Interim Committee on State Administration, 1943.</p> <p>Review of Activities of the Office of Minnesota Liquor Control Commissioner, 1934-1936.</p> <p>Review of Trade Practice Regulations Project, 1984-1985.</p> <p>Rulemaking, 1975.</p>

Financial and revenue documents:

Location	Box	
116.I.13.2F	5	<p>Biennial budget, 1983-1985.</p> <p>Comparative revenues, 1946-1957.</p> <p>Financial statements, 1948-1950.</p> <p>Recapitulation of Imported and Rectified Distilled Spirits for Sale in Minnesota, 1948, 1949.</p>

Financial and revenue documents (cont.):

Location	Box	
116.I.13.2F	5	Taxation: 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. Floor Stock Tax, 1947-1949.

Location	Box	
116.I.13.3B	6	Liquor Control Tax Apportionment: July 1 – December 31, 1947. 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:

116.I.13.3B	6	1942-1945. 5 folders. Includes information on the War Stamp Council and War Bond sales drives promoted by the industry between 1943 and 1945.
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Beer, wine, and mixed beverage:

116.I.13.3B	6	Beer, 1964-1965. 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 <u>A</u> merican Distilling Co., 1934. Arrow Liquors Company, 1936-1972. August Schell Brewing Co., 1973-1978. Austin Nichols & Co., Inc., 1946-1970. Bardenheier's Wine Cellars, 1959. Brandy Distillers Company, 1955. Browne Vintners Co., Inc., 1947-1974. The <u>B</u> uckingham Corporation, 1947. Carillon Importers, Ltd., 1946-1965. The <u>D</u> istillers Company, Ltd., 1947. Ed. Phillips & Sons Co., 1945-1969 The <u>F</u> leischmann Distilling Corporation, 1954-1968. Gibson Wine Co., 1952-1953.
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Beer, wine, and mixed beverage (cont.):

Location	Box	
116.I.13.3B	6	<p>Label information files (cont.):</p> <p>Great Lakes Wine Co., 1956-1958.</p> <p>Griggs, Cooper, and Co., 1950-1957.</p> <p>Heaven Hill Distilleries, Inc., 1949-1957.</p> <p>Heublein, Inc., 1945-1989.</p> <p>Hiram Walker & Sons, Inc., 1937-1981.</p> <p>Inglebrook Vineyard Co., 1954.</p> <p>Italian Swiss Colony, 1948-1957.</p> <p>Jack Poust & Company, Inc., 1954-1968.</p> <p>James B. Beam Distilling Company, 1951.</p> <p>Julius Wile Sons and Co., Inc., 1943-1967.</p> <p>Kobrand Corporation, 1953-1956.</p> <p>LeRoux & Co., Inc., 1934-1966.</p> <p>Mc Kesson & Robbins, Inc., 1935-1945.</p> <p>Many, Blanc & Co., 1934-1945.</p> <p>Meier's Wine Cellars, Inc., 1946.</p> <p>Mohawk Liqueur Corporation, 1938-1958.</p> <p>Monarch Wine Company, Inc., 1945-1958.</p> <p>Mont La Salle Vineyards, 1945-1975.</p> <p>Munson G. Shaw Co., 1950-1973.</p> <p>National Distillers Products Company, 1945.</p> <p>Pabst Brewing Company, 1957.</p> <p>Park & Tilford Import Corp., 1935.</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Wine Co., 1945-1959.</p> <p>Schenley Import Corporation, 1938-1981.</p> <p>Schieffelin & Co., 1934-1954.</p> <p>Theo. Hamm Brewing Co., 1967.</p> <p>"21" Brands, Inc., 1945-1964.</p> <p>Wine Growers Guild, 1948-1962.</p>

Magazine articles and speeches:

Location	Box	
116.I.13.3B	6	<p>Undated and 1943-1945.</p> <p>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 <i>The Northwest Package & Tavern News</i>.</p>

Newspaper clippings:

Location	Box	
116.I.13.3B	6	Clippings, 1947. Mainly from the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth newspapers; covering liquor legislation and the appointment of Dudley C. Ericson as Commissioner.

Reports:

Informational materials; none were produced by the Office of the Liquor Control Commissioner.

Location	Box	
116.I.13.3B	6	Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., 1947-1948. 2 items. Some Notes on the Subject of Sales to Minors, 1947; Twenty Three Ways to Curb Purchases by Minors, 1948. Alcohol Beverage Control: An Official Study by The Joint Committee of the States to Study Alcoholic Beverage Laws, 1950. 1 bound volume. Consumption and Action of Alcohol (University of Minnesota's School of Public Health), 1950. Mimeographed. Municipal Liquor Store Revenues, 1952-1964. Yearly printed reports (1952-1960) produced by Information Service of Municipal Reference Bureau and typeset reports (1960-1964) compiled by the Minnesota Public Examiner's Office. The Case Against Minnesota Split Liquor Legislation, presented by the Minnesota Committee for Private Enterprise, [1969]. [Legislative] Liquor Study Commission Final Report, 1973.