

The Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County Records

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Summary Information

Repository	Local History & Genealogy Division
Creator	Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County.
Creator	Rochester Tuberculosis Committee.
Creator	Tuberculosis and Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County.
Title	The Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County Records
Date [inclusive]	1917-2004
Extent	8.0 Cubic feet (10 boxes)
General Physical Description note	Records are in good condition. Eighteen scrapbooks are in poor condition and show evidence of mold.
Language	English
Abstract	The records of the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, which date from the year of its founding in 1917 as the Rochester Tuberculosis Committee, describe the organization's efforts to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis in the Rochester and Monroe County areas. The collection includes founding documents, annual reports, histories, meeting minutes, photographs, newsletters, reports, glass slides, and ephemera. The organization would evolve to encompass practically all aspects of public health; this collection well documents its efforts to aid in the recovery of alcoholics and the mentally ill, and to educate the public about health matters in general.

Citation

The Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County Records, [Box#, Folder#], Local History & Genealogy Division, Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County N.Y.

Historical Note

The Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County has its roots in the Public Health Association, organized in the mid-1890s. The group was funded by Captain Henry T. Lomb (of Bausch & Lomb) until his death in 1908. In 1917 a group of concerned Rochesterians formed the Rochester Tuberculosis Committee to improve sanitation and fight the growing menace tuberculosis represented to the community. The organization morphed into the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County four years later, keeping the name until 1950 when the specter of tuberculosis retreated and the group began focusing on social hygiene, heart disease, and nutrition. Working alongside medical professionals, citizen volunteers have held leadership positions in the Association throughout its history. In its early years, the Health Association emphasized public education, distributing 200,000 pieces of literature a year in its early stages and sponsoring “Health Talks,” a series of weekly radio broadcasts covering a wide variety of health topics. As increasing numbers of diseases became preventable by vaccination, the Association’s focus shifted to health maintenance and eventually to late twentieth-century issues including addictions, mental health, and environmental concerns. The organization evolved into the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, and ceased operations in 2004, when it merged with DePaul, as the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, which date from the year of its founding in 1917 as the Rochester Tuberculosis Committee, describe the organization’s efforts to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis in the Rochester and Monroe County areas. The collection includes founding documents, annual reports, histories, meeting minutes, photographs, newsletters, reports, glass slides, and ephemera. These documents chart the development of health issues as they arose throughout the 20th century as well as the spread of the public health movement from urban to outlying areas.

Arrangement

Documents and minutes in boxes 1 through 4, which relate to the proceedings of the Rochester Committee, are arranged chronologically. Committee and subcommittee meeting folders are arranged roughly in order of their creation.

Box 5 contains newsletters and periodic reports, chronologically arranged, as well as minutes of the County Committee and materials relating to Christmas Seal campaigns.

Box 6 includes communications, proposals, and special programs collected by Executive Director Irving Zeitz. Promotional literature, various publications have a random organization,

The photographs in Box 7 are arranged by subject.

Box 8 contains the contents of 18 scrapbooks that were disassembled due to mold and poor condition. The scrapbooks, which had no prior arrangement, were renumbered chronologically.

Boxes 9 and 10 contain lantern slides that were most likely used for public education.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Local History & Genealogy Division

Access

There are no restrictions regarding access to this collection.

Use

Permission to publish, reproduce, distribute, or use in any current or future manifestations must be obtained in writing from the Rochester Public Library Local History & Genealogy Division.

Custodial History

The collection was transferred to the Local History Division when the Association merged with DePaul in 2004. A deed of gift is included in the collection.

Processing Information

This collection was rehoused and inventoried by Terry Lehr, November 2012. The collection was partially reprocessed, rearranged, and rehoused by Cheri Crist, October 2014.

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Public health--New York (State)--Rochester
- Tuberculosis--New York (State)--History.
- Tuberculosis--New York (State)--New York--Statistics.
- Tuberculosis--New York (State)--Rochester--Prevention
- Tuberculosis--New York (State)--Rochester.
- Tuberculosis--Societies, etc.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Constitutions and revisions/self study (1976-1978)	1	1
Minutes–Annual Meetings (1924-1952)	1	2
Minutes–Annual Meetings (1953-1980)	1	3
Minutes–Executive Committee (4/1924-12/1925)	1	4
Minutes–Executive Committee (1/1927-12/1929)	1	5
Minutes–Executive Committee (1/1930-9/1936)	1	6
Minutes–Executive Committee (3/1937-11/1939)	1	7
Minutes–Executive Committee (9/1940-7/1944)	1	8
Minutes–Executive Committee (1/1945-11/1947)	1	9
Minutes–Executive Committee (1/1948-11/1949)	1	10
Minutes–Executive Committee (1/1950-12/1952)	1	11
Minutes–Executive Committee (1/1953-9/1955)	1	12

Minutes–Executive Committee (4/1955-11/1957)	1	13
Minutes–Executive Committee (2/1958-11/1959)	1	14
Minutes–Executive Committee (1960; 1961; 1/1962-10/1964)	1	15
Minutes–Executive Committee (1/1965-12/1966)	1	16
Minutes–Executive Committee (1/1967-5/1969)	1	17
Minutes–Executive Committee (12/1976-4/1979)	1	18
Minutes–County Committee (11/1923-2/1931)	1	19
Minutes–County Committee (1/1930-10/1931)	1	20
Minutes–County Committee (4/1932-12/1939)	1	21
Minutes–County Committee (1/1940-1/1944)	1	22
Minutes–County Committee (1/1945-12/1949)	1	23
Minutes–County Committee (10/1950-10/1956)	1	24
Minutes–County Committee (1/1957-1/1962)	1	25
Miscellaneous minutes and reports (n.d.)	1	26

Minutes–Staff Meetings (5/1924-10/1925)	2	1
Minutes–Board of Directors (1924; 1925; 6/1930-12/1934)	2	2
Minutes–Board of Directors (3/1935-10/1939)	2	3
Minutes–Board of Directors (1/1940-12/1942)	2	4
Minutes–Staff Meetings (4/1942-12/1942)	2	5
Minutes–Board of Directors (2/1943-6/1944)	2	6
Minutes–Board of Directors (3/1945-12/1946)	2	7
Minutes–Board of Directors (3/1947-12/1949)	2	8
Minutes–Board of Directors (1950; 3/1951-12/1953)	2	9
Minutes–Board of Directors (1/1934-10/1955)	2	10
Minutes–Board of Directors (1/1956-11/1959)	2	11
Minutes–Board of Directors (4/1961-12/1963)	2	12
Minutes–Board of Directors (6/1964-11/1968)	2	13
Minutes–Board of Directors (6/1969-10/1969)	2	14

Minutes–Board of Directors (2/1977-3/1977)	2	15
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (4/14/1977)	2	16
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (5/12/1977)	2	17
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (6/9/1977)	2	18
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (7/13/1978)	2	19
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (9/14/1978)	2	20
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (10/12/1978)	2	21
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (10/31/1978)	2	22
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (11/9/1978)	2	23
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (12/14/1978)	2	24
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (1/18/1979)	2	25
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (2/15/1979)	2	26
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (3/8/1979)	2	27
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (4/12/1979)	2	28

Minutes & Adjunct Materials (5/24/1979)	2	29
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (6/14/1979)	2	30
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (6/26/1979)	2	31
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (9/13/1979)	2	32
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (10/11/1979)	2	33
Minutes & Adjunct Materials (12/13/1979)	2	34
Minutes-Public Relations Committee (2/1953-2/1962)	2	35
Minutes-Exhibits Committee (7/1952-3/1955)	2	36
Minutes-Sanatoria/TB Prevention Service (2/1935-3/1949)	3	1
Minutes-TB Prevention Service (5/1952-12/1957)	3	2
Minutes-TB Prevention Service (2/1959-3/1962)	3	3
Minutes-TB Prevention and Alcoholism Subcommittee (2/1959-3/1962)	3	4
Minutes-Nutrition Class/Child Health Nutrition (4/1924-10/1931)	3	5
Minutes-Nutrition (10/1945-1/1962)	3	6

Minutes–Care of Eye Defects/Eye Conservation (3/1934-12/1955)	3	7
Minutes–Eye Conservation (1/1956-12/1958)	3	8
Minutes–Eye Conservation (2/1959-1/1962)	3	9
Minutes–Publicity and Health Education (4/1924-12/1931)	3	10
Minutes–Health Education (10/1952-12/1959)	3	11
Minutes–Occup. Therapy & Indust. Workers Rehab Counseling (3/1928-11/1954)	3	12
Minutes–Occupational Health Education (1/1957-9/1961)	3	13
Minutes–Social Hygiene (1/1944-2/1960)	3	14
Minutes–Neighborhood Health (6/23/1944)	3	15
Minutes–Culver-Parsells Neighborhood (11/1948-11/1954)	3	16
Minutes–Culver-Parsells Neighborhood (1/1955-3/1960)	3	17
Minutes–Westside Neighborhood (9/1952-2/1962)	3	18
Minutes–Health for the Aging/Hi Neighbor (4/1955-11/1959)	3	19

Minutes–School Health Education (5/1945-11/1958)	3	20
Minutes–School Health Education (1/1959-4/1967)	3	21
Minutes–Junior Health (11/1951-3/1962)	3	22
Minutes–College Health Education (10/1953-1/1962)	3	23
Minutes–Industrial Clinics 1922; Health Education (9/1952-11/1956)	3	24
Minutes–Arthritis and Rheumatism (6/29/1953-1/4/1962)	3	25
Minutes–Alcoholism (4/1952-11/1957)	4	1
Minutes–Alcoholism (11/1958-1/1962)	4	2
Minutes–Alcoholism Subcommittees: Long-Range Planning, Program, Study of Alcoholic, Alcoholism Treatment Programs, Summaries of Activities (1952-1960)	4	3
Minutes–Alcoholism Subcommittees: Clinic for Diagnosis and Treatment, Clinic Staff Personnel, Clinic Staff, Clinic Advisory Council ; Outpatient Clinic Proposal (1952-1958)	4	4
Minutes–Alcoholism Subcommittees: Information Center, Research Project, Chronic Police Case Alcoholic, Duress Group, Penitentiary Service, Reception House (1952-1959)	4	5

Minutes–Alcoholism Subcommittees: Alcohol Education, Women Alcoholics, Family Problems, NYS Council of Committees on Alcoholism; MCAOS program (1954-1962)	4	6
Minutes–Heart Disease and Rheumatic Fever (1/1926(?)-2/1949)	4	7
Minutes–Heart/Heart Disease and Rheumatic Fever (6/1952-11/1956)	4	8
Minutes–Heart (1/1957-10/1965)	4	9
Minutes–Heart Committee Subcommittees: Program, Health Education, Evaluation, Research & Professional Education (1952-1962)	4	10
Minutes–Heart Committee Subcommittees: Vocational Adjustment, Work Simplification, Work Classification, Rheumatic Fever Study Group (1952-1962)	4	11
Minutes–Heart Committee Subcommittees: Cardiac Referrals, Heart of the Home, Work Evaluation Unit (1954-1961)	4	12
Minutes–Mental Health (3/1946-12/1954)	4	13
Minutes–Mental Health (1/1953-12/1957)	4	14
Minutes–Mental Health (1/1958-1/1965)	4	15
Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittees: Mental Health Study, Professional Advisory (1952-1962)	4	16

Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittees: Clinic Advisory, Neighborhood Mental Health Program, Speakers Bureau (1952-1959)	4	17
Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittees: Study of the Sex Variant, Mental Health and Aging (1953-1962)	4	18
Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittees: Materials Review, Legislation, Mental Health and Industry (1954-1962)	4	19
Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittees: Study of the Emotional Problems of the Handicapped Child (1954-1957)	4	20
Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittees: Study of the Hiscock Report on Mental Health, TV Development (1955-1962)	4	21
Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittees: Mental Health Education Program, Mental Health and Religion (1956-1961)	4	22
Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittee: Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children (1956-1962)	4	23
Minutes–Mental Subcommittee: Mental Retardation with sub-subcommittees: Recreation, Education, Research (1957-1958)	4	24
Minutes–Mental Health Subcommittee Mental Retardation with sub-subcommittees: Recreation, Education, Research (1959-1960)	4	25
Histories	5	1

Bulletin (1919-1925)	5	2
Bulletin; Service Reports (1926-1932; 1929)	5	3
Health Association (Education) News (1926-1927, 1929)	5	4
Monthly Reports (1928-1929)	5	5
Monthly Reports (1930-1931)	5	6
Monthly Reports; Service Report (1932, 1933; 1932)	5	7
Monthly Reports; County Service Record (1934, 1935; 1935)	5	8
Monthly Reports (1936)	5	9
Quarterly Reports (1937-1939)	5	10
Activities Bulletin, Rochester Division (1939-1943)	5	11
Activities Bulletin, County Division (1939-1943)	5	12
County Committee Finances (1922-1944)	5	13
County Committee Reports (1922-1928)	5	14
County Committee Reports (1929-1930)	5	15

Christmas Seal Campaigns (1919-1925)	5	16
Christmas Seal Campaign (1925)	5	17
Christmas Seal Campaign (1926)	5	18
Christmas Seal Campaign (1927)	5	19
Christmas Seal Campaign (1928)	5	20
Christmas Seal Campaign (1929)	5	21
Christmas Seal Campaigns (1930, 1934)	5	22
Christmas Seal Stamps (1920-1961)	5	23
“Executive Director,” “Board of Directors”	6	1
Industrial Health	6	2
Occupational Health	6	3
Environmental Health	6	4
School Health	6	5
Related Health Groups: Health Forum, Health Council, Health Foundation	6	6

Nurses and Health—Industrial Nurses, Personalized Service/VNS	6	7
Alcohol Outreach	6	8
Nutrition Committee	6	9
Grants and Special Projects	6	10
Miscellaneous (1950s-1960s)	6	11
Special Reports (1971-1972)	6	12
Newspaper Clippings	6	13
General Correspondence and Papers	6	14
Prominent Supporters	6	15
Radio and TV Programs	6	16
Sample Pamphlets (1956-1959)	6	17
Brochures and Promotional Literature	6	18
Publications	6	19
Bank deposit books (1920-1960)	6	20

Photos: Buildings and grounds	7	1
Photos: Large meetings	7	2
Photos: Christmas Seal campaigns	7	3
Photos: Activities with children	7	4
Photos: Activities with adults	7	5
Photos: Portraits and small groups	7	6
Photos: Exhibits–General	7	7
Photos: Exhibits–Specific	7	8
Photos: Posters	7	9
Photos: Oversized	7	10
Scrapbook 1 (1948)	8	1

Scope and Content Note

Seal Sale scrapbook: Various documents including letters (appeal, thank you), annual dinner invitations, reports, brochures.

Scrapbook 2 (1950)	8	2
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Scope and Content Note

Certificate from awarded by State Committee on Tuberculosis and Public Health; advertising materials and seals; correspondence, music, plan for one-minute TV promotion produced in Minneapolis; biography & photo of Edward N. Mayer, Jr.; 1950 spreadsheet for town campaigns; invitation and program, Marriage Counseling Institute; reports of seal sales by towns; correspondence regarding trailers to be shown in movie theaters, confusion of independent giving campaign and Community Chest contributions; news release; invitation to annual meeting; sheet music: "One Little Candle"; divided instruction and model sections for envelopes, annual dinner, organizations, pastor's letter, personal appeal, publicity, follow up, answers to complaints.

Scrapbook 3 (1951)

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Scope and Content Note

Certificate from State Committee; advertising materials; letter to a pastor (1949); 1935 news pamphlets, "County Health Committee Service Record of Accomplishment," "Recent Display at Rochester Exposition," "County Girl Scouts Assist in Campaign Preparation"; 1951 Christmas Seal Sale spreadsheet; instructions for County Health Committee Dinner; seal sales reports; 1950 census of Rochester and surrounding towns; 1951 Seal Sale stationery; divided instruction and model sections for typing envelopes, \$10-\$3 letter, annual dinner, organizations, personal appeal, pastor's letter, reports, thank you, follow up, membership, answers to complaints.

Scrapbook 4 (1952)

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Scope and Content Note

Contribution note, agenda, certificate from State Committee, sheet music: "One Little Candle," article about 1952 seal design as a collector's item

with short history of double-barred cross; Brighton-Pittsford Post editorial; typescript of talks: "Tuberculosis and the Living," "The Christmas Candle," "Miracle Drugs' and TB"; cover letter for publicity kit; copies of legislation regarding solicitation of funds from school children with correspondence; records of personal solicitations receipts; advertising postcard; divided instruction and model sections for typing envelopes, organizations, pastor's letter, \$10-\$3 letter, annual dinner, personal appeal, reports, thank you, follow up, membership, answers to complaints.

Scrapbook 5 (1953) 8 5

Scope and Content Note

Documents regarding that year's seal sale.

Scrapbook 6 (1954) 8 6

Scope and Content Note

Seals, advertising materials, certificate from State Committee, letter to pastor, letter regarding forgotten county contribution (1955); list of reasons for letters of apology; reports of county sale; personal solicitation receipts; divided instruction and model sections for scholastic press project, seal sale supplies, mail sale, \$2 letter, \$3 letter, \$4, \$5, \$10 letter, personal appeal, organizations, county luncheon, chairmen's kits, Boy Scout letter, pastor's letter, publicity, coin boxes, reports, thank you, explanations and complaints.

Scrapbook 7 (1955) 8 7

Scope and Content Note

Advertising notepaper; seals; reports; correspondence regarding articles in newsletters and Boy Scout assistance; daily report forms; personal appeal lists; record of school appeals; list of radio and TV announcers; personal solicitation receipts; thank you letters; volunteers for sale stuffings; personal notes regarding contributions, newspaper page from Miami Herald; divided instruction and model sections: scholastic press project, seal sale supplies, mail sale, \$2 letter, \$3 letter, \$4, \$5, \$10 letter, personal appeal, organizations, county luncheon, chairmen’s kits, Boy Scout letter, pastor’s letter, publicity, coin boxes, thank you, explanations and complaints.

Scrapbook 8 (1956)

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Scope and Content Note

Advertising handouts and seals, “Health Briefs”; divided instruction and model sections: scholastic press project, seal sale supplies, mail sale, \$2 letter, \$3 letter, \$4, \$5, \$10 letter, personal appeal, county luncheon, pastor’s letter, publicity, reports, follow ups, explanations and complaints, Luncheon Christmas Seal Sale Christmas, miscellaneous letters, Girl Scouts letter, Boy Scouts letter.

Scrapbook 9 (1957)

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Scope and Content Note

Handouts, seals, form letters, inventory of Seal Sale Room Closet; divided instruction and model sections: scholastic press project, seal sale supplies, mail sale, \$2 letter, \$3 letter, \$4, \$5, \$10 letter, personal appeal, county luncheon, pastor’s letter, publicity, reports, follow ups, explanations and complaints, Luncheon Christmas Seal Sale Christmas, miscellaneous letters, Girl Scouts letter, Boy Scouts letter.

Scrapbook 10 (1958-1959)	8	10
Scope and Content Note		
Articles and editorials regarding local and national health care from the Times-Union and Democrat & Chronicle.		
Scrapbook 11 (1958-1959)	8	11
Scope and Content Note		
Articles and editorials regarding health care with a focus on local issues from various city and county papers.		
Scrapbook 12 (1959)	8	12
Scope and Content Note		
Community Chest Red Cross Drive, May 7-18, 1959.		
Scrapbook 13 (1960)	8	13
Scope and Content Note		
Articles regarding resignations of Health Association executives over policy issues; articles and editorials about local health care from the Times-Union and Democrat & Chronicle.		
Scrapbook 14 (1960-1961)	8	14
Scope and Content Note		

Articles and editorials regarding health care with a focus on local issues from various city and county papers.

Scrapbook 15 (1962-1963) 8 15

Scope and Content Note

Articles and editorials regarding health care with a focus on local issues from various city and county papers.

Scrapbook 16 (1963-1964) 8 16

Scope and Content Note

Newspaper articles (various publications).

Scrapbook 17 (n.d.) 8 17

Scope and Content Note

Brochures, fliers, invitations used by the Westside Neighborhood Health Committee.

Scrapbook 18 8 18

Scope and Content Note

Miscellaneous ephemera, advertising brochures, posters, order forms for posters designed and promoted by many different concerns.

Box

Lantern slides (#1-64) 9

Scope and Content Note

61 numbered envelopes (1, 10, 11, 27, 32 missing). Posters and diagrams illustrating healthy habits and progression of specific diseases; historical events in health, mostly commercially produced, probably used to accompany public education meetings. Most are black and white, some with tinted images, a few full-color drawings. Some have been cracked or damaged.

Lantern slides (#65-123)

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Scope and Contents note

58 numbered envelopes (#123 missing). Posters and diagrams illustrating healthy habits and progression of specific diseases, mostly commercially produced, probably used to accompany public education meetings. Most are black and white, some with tinted images, a few full-color drawings. Some have been cracked or damaged.