

# Guide to the Leonard Greenburg Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1320

**CREATOR:** Greenburg, Leonard, 1892-1991

**TITLE:** Leonard C. Greenburg papers

**DATES:** 1911-1946

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Research studies, notes, writings, correspondence, photographs and printed matter chiefly connected with Greenberg's position as sanitary engineer in the United States Public Health Service (1918-1932). Most of the papers concern hazards to the health of industrial workers, but also materials on several research projects including a study of *Bacillus acidophilus* and a project conducted in collaboration with C.-E.A. Winslow on skin temperature. The correspondence is largely professional, with only a few family letters and a small number from his teachers at Yale, C.-E.A. Winslow and Ira V. Hiscock. These papers form part of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection in the Yale University Library.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Yale University Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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Leonard C. Greenburg Papers (MS 1320). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

LEONARD GREENBURG, 1892--

1892 - born in New York City

1915 - received C.E. From Columbia University School of Engineering

1918-1932 - worked for United States Public Health Service

1923 - received Ph. D. from Yale University

1923-1950 - Lecturer, Clinical Professor of Public Health, Yale University

1930 - received MD from Yale University

1935-1952 - Director, Industrial Hygiene, New York State Dept. of Labor

1949 - received Certification in Public Health

1951 - Associate Clinical Professor, New York University -- Bellevue Hospital

1952-1960 - Commissioner, Air Pollution Control, City of New York

1956 - received Certification in Occupational Medicine

1960-1966 - Professor, Chairman, Dept. of Preventive and Environmental Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

1967 - Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Preventive Medicine and Community Health, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

-- from the *Directory of Medical Specialists*, 20th ed., 1981-82, p. 2869 (Preventive Medicine); *Historical Register of Yale University*, 1937-51, p. 165.

## Scope and Contents

The Leonard Greenburg Papers primarily date from the early part of Greenburg's career, 1918-1932, when he was sanitary engineer in the United States Public Health Service. Most of his work concerned hazards to the health of industrial workers, such as accidents and toxic substances; the subject files, which constitute the bulk of the collection, document several of his on-site studies and investigations. Also in these files are materials regarding Greenburg's involvement in the manufacture of a milk product, *Bacillus acidophilus*, and papers concerning a research project, on which he collaborated with C.-E. A. Winslow, on the changes in skin temperature produced by drafts of air.

The subject files contain correspondence, notes, drafts, writings, legal and financial papers, printed matter, and photographs. They are followed by seven folders of miscellaneous "personal papers" -- correspondence, legal papers, and notes, arranged chronologically -- and two folders of miscellaneous photographs and printed matter. Most of the correspondence in the collection is from co-workers or plant representatives, with only a small amount of family correspondence and only one or two letters from Greenburg's teachers and colleagues at Yale, C.-E. A. Winslow and Ira V. Hiscock.

Details of Greenburg's various appointments in the USPHS, and a summary of his education and work experience to 1931, may be found in a letter of 1931 Sep 18 and its enclosures (in folder 10). Another folder contains a list of his early publications.

The papers were accessioned from the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, ca. 1971.

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## General

Forms part of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection.

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## Collection Contents

Subject files		
b. 1, f. 1	Accidents	1921-1922, undated
b. 1, f. 2 - 3	Asbestos (Multibestos Company, Walpole, Mass.)	1929-1930, undated
b. 1, f. 4 - 8	Bacillus acidophilus See also: Inventory Folder 31 <a href="#">ref31</a>	1920-1923, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Benzol poisoning (Ida S. Pelton case)	1930
	Castor bean dust (Berkshire Chemical Co., Bridgeport, Conn.)	
b. 1, f. 10 - 11	Correspondence	1928-1931, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Report: rough draft	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Report: final drafts	undated
b. 2, f. 14	Notes, drafts	undated
b. 2, f. 15	Lead poisoning (Balbach Plant, Newark, N.J.)	undated
b. 2, f. 16	Oils (U.S. Rubber Regenerating Co., Naugatuck, Conn.)	1929-1930, undated
	Skin temperature study	
b. 2, f. 17	Paper	undated
b. 2, f. 18	Paper: draft	undated
b. 2, f. 19	Financial and legal papers	1928-1931, undated
b. 2, f. 20 - 22	Miscellaneous papers	1921, 1928-1930, undated
b. 2, f. 23 - 24	Personal papers	1923-1929
b. 3, f. 25 - 29	Personal papers	1930-1931, undated
b. 3, f. 30	Miscellaneous photographs	undated
b. 3, f. 31	Miscellaneous printed matter	1911, 1913, 1920-1928, 1939, 1946, undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Industrial hygiene  
Milk -- Microbiology  
Physicians  
Public health

### **Occupations**

Health-officers

### **Preferred Titles**

*Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy  
Collection*

### **Names**

Greenburg, Leonard, 1892-1991  
Hiscock, Ira V. (Ira Vaughan), 1892-  
Winslow, C.-E. A. (Charles-Edward Amory),  
1877-1957

### **Corporate Body**

United States. Public Health Service