

Guide to the Nathan Sinai Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 760

CREATOR: Sinai, Nathan, 1894-1977

TITLE: Nathan Sinai papers

DATES: 1912-1966

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, speeches, writings, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, and research files documenting Nathan Sinai's career as a professor of public health at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and his many posts on national and international health organizations. Included also are research data concerning costs of medical care in three cities in the United States in 1929 compiled by the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care, material on medical relief in Essex County, Ontario, and studies and reports on medical economics in Michigan (1933-1948). Also papers on the Twentieth Century Fund, the World Health Organization and on health benefits for the UAW-CIO in 1949. These papers form part of the Contemporary Medical and Health Policy Collection.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Nathan Sinai, 1974.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Nathan Sinai: foundation official; D.V.M., San Francisco College, 1915; M.S. in Public Health, University of Michigan, 1924, Dr. P.H., 1926; director, Division of Sanitation, Stockton, 1916-1921; health officer, Stockton, 1921-1923; instructor, hygiene and public health, University of Michigan, 1924-1927, assistant professor, 1927-1929, associate professor, 1929-1932, professor, 1932-1964, professor emeritus, 1964-.

Scope and Contents

The Nathan Sinai Papers (3 storage cartons) have been divided into four general series. Within each series, the material has been very roughly arranged. Most of the material is still in the original folders, but some loose material has been put in new folders. The four series are:

- I. CORRESPONDENCE (5 folders)
- II. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND SCRAPBOOKS (3/4 carton)
- III. ADDRESSES AND WRITINGS (1 carton)
- IV. SUBJECT FILE (1 carton)

The first series, CORRESPONDENCE, contains only several letters that were found among other material in the Papers.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND SCRAPBOOKS, the second series, contains magazine and newspaper clippings about Sinai and his work and other public health topics. There are also many reviews of Sinai's books and articles. Also included in this series are programs and schedules from numerous conventions, dinners, and meetings that Sinai attended or addressed. Most of the material found in this section was originally in scrapbooks, but since much of it had become detached, it has been removed and placed in folders.

The third series, ADDRESSES AND WRITINGS, contains manuscripts, transcripts, and some printed copies of speeches and articles by Sinai. These are arranged chronologically.

Some writings by Sinai are also contained in the fourth series, the SUBJECT FILE. The material in this series has been roughly grouped together by subject. For example, material relating to Sinai's work on the Committee on Medical Economics of the Michigan State Medical Society has been filed together.

The following list is of folder titles in each series and each carton. The folders are not numbered, but they are in the following order.

Box number corresponds with carton number.

Arrangement

Arranged in four series: I. Correspondence. II. Newspaper Clippings and Scrapbooks. III. Addresses and Writings. IV. Subject File.

Collection Contents

Series I: CORRESPONDENCE

b. 1	Burnell, Max R. (1)	1950
b. 1	Donovan, Brigadier General William (3)	1944
b. 1	Easlick, Kenneth A. (1)	1942
b. 1	<i>Life Magazine</i> (1) English	1945
b. 1	McMahon, James (1)	1912
b. 1	Pennsylvania State Dental Society (1)	1931
b. 1	United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Health Service (2)	1968
b. 1	Warren, Earl (1)	1947
b. 1	Western Canada Dental Society (1)	1931

Series II: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND SCRAPBOOKS

b. 1	Programs and schedules from conventions, dinners, meetings	1931-1946, 1950
b. 1	Commencement program and magazines from Sinai's high school	1912
b. 1	Newspaper and magazine clippings	1921, 1928, 1930- 1935, 1937-1951, undated
b. 1	Newspaper parody promoting sanitary privies (published by USPHS and WPA)	
b. 1	Misc.	

Series III: ADDRESSES AND WRITINGS

b. 2	"The Improvement of the Sanitary Personnel," English	1924
b. 2	"The Costs of Medical Care to 4,560 Families: Preliminary Report" by N. Sinai and M. Klem English	1930
b. 2	"National Health Insurance in England," English	1930
b. 2	"Costs of Medical Care," English	1931
b. 2	"The Trend of Medicine" (alternate version of "Costs of Medical Care") English	1931
b. 2	"Our System of Medical Care" (early version of "Costs of Medical Care"?) English	1931
b. 2	"The Medical Insurance Situation in the United States," English	1931
b. 2	"The Way of Health Insurance," English	1931-1932
b. 2	"In Defence of Doctor Dewey," English	1932
b. 2	"Social Evolution in Medicine and Dentistry," English	1932
b. 2	"Health Insurance Movement," English	1932
b. 2	"Organization and Administration of Public Health," English	1933
b. 2	"The Distribution of Medical Service," English	1933
b. 2	"Medical and Dental Economics," English	1934
b. 2	"Current History in Medicine and Dentistry," English	1935
b. 2	"Mutual Health Service," English	1935
b. 2	Public health organization in Michigan	1935
b. 2	"Health Insurance," English	1935
b. 2	"Social Security: The Problem of Sickness," English	1935

b. 2	"Let Us Have Facts," English	1935
b. 2	"Medical and Dental Relief: Policies and Results," English	1936
b. 2	"Medical Relief in Michigan" by N. Sinai, M.F. Hall, V. M. Hoge, and M. Steep English	
b. 2	"Health as a National Asset," English	1937-1938
b. 2	"The Need for a National Health Program," English	1938
b. 2	Planning for Health Needs: A Résumé of National and Community Efforts in "Curriculum Problems in Physical Education, School Health and Recreation,"	1938
b. 2	"People Are Alike" (rough draft and notes) English	1938
b. 2	"Talks on Medical Care Before the Cincinnati Medical Society," English	1939
b. 2	"The Present Situation Regarding the Adequacy of Medical Care in the United States," English	1939
b. 2	"The Medical Economic Scene," English	1939
b. 2	"Systems of Prepayment for Medical Care Operated by Physicians," English	1940
b. 2	University of Michigan compared to Harvard and Johns Hopkins	1940
b. 2	"Public Health and Public Medical Service" by N. Sinai, C. Mann, A. Lough, A. M. Beeuwkes English	1940
b. 2	"Group Purchase of Medical Care and Hospitalization," English	1940
b. 2	"Singapore Calling," English	1940
b. 2	"All-Out Sacrifice," English	1941
b. 2	"Where Is Dentistry Going in Public Health?," English	1941
b. 2	"Physical Fitness and the Draft," English	1941
b. 2	"But Health Insurance Is Different," English	1941-1942

b. 2	"Medical Service Plans," English	1942
b. 2	"Needed: A Realistic Health Plan," English	1942
b. 2	"Proposed Program for Studies of Social Security in Latin America," English	1942
b. 2	Report of "Adult Health Panel Discussion" of Health for Victory Conference	1942
b. 2	"Are Local Health and Medical Services a Federal Problem?" ("Town Meeting" radio broadcast) English	1943
b. 2	"Social Movement with Respect to Medical Care," English	1943
b. 2	"Current Trends in Medical Services," English	1943
b. 2	"The Present Status of Health Insurance in the United States," English	1943-1944
b. 2	"Content and Administration of a Medical Care Program," English	1944
b. 2	"Health Economics," English	1944
b. 2	Medical economics and health insurance	1945
b. 2	"The Administration of Prepaid Medical Care," English	1945
b. 2	"Organization for Medical Care," English	1945
b. 2	"Health Insurance Plans," English	1945
b. 2	"Ability of Population to Pay for Dental Service," English	1945
b. 2	"Public Health Economics" (series of lectures) English	1945
b. 2	"Public Health Organization and Administration, Richmond, Va." by N. Sinai and A. Wilson English	1945
b. 2	"Medical Economics," English	1945-1946
b. 2	"The Movement in Medical Economics," English	1946
b. 2	"Proposed Health Legislation," English	1946

b. 2	"Health Economics - Teaching Content and Methods," English	1946
b. 2	"Changing Issues in Health Economics," English	1946
b. 2	"The Training of Administrative Personnel and Research in Public Health Economics," English	1946
b. 2	"Experience and Lessons from Emergency Maternity and Infant Care," English	1946-1947
b. 2	"Plantation Health Services - Analysis and Recommendations" by N. Sinai and C. Peterson English	1947
b. 2	"Three Fiscal Years in Health Economics," English	1948
b. 2	"EMIC - Emergency Maternity and Infant Care," English	1948
b. 2	"The Problems of Medical and Dental Care," English	undated
b. 2	"The March of Public Health," English	undated
b. 2	"What Is Public Health?" by G. Vida English	1940
b. 2	"Sickness Insurance Problems in the United States" (no author listed) English	undated
b. 2	List of published writings by Sinai (compiled 1949 Sep)	1949

Series IV: SUBJECT FILE

<u>California, City of Stockton Health Dept</u>		
b. 3	"Annual Report for 1922," English	1923
<u>The Committee on the Costs of Medical Care</u>		
b. 3	Letter requesting data	undated
b. 3	<i>A Survey of the Medical Facilities of the City of Philadelphia: 1929</i> by N. Sinai and A. B. Mills English	1931
b. 3	<i>A Study of Physicians and Dentists in Detroit: 1929</i> by N. Sinai and A. B. Mills English	1931
b. 3	<i>A Survey of the Medical Facilities of San Joaquin County, California: 1929</i> by N. Sinai English	1931
b. 3	"Errata" (statement by I. S. Falk, M. Klem, and N. Sinai in response to criticism of Committee statistics) English	1933?
<u>Essex County Medical Economic Research</u>		
b. 3	"Medical Relief and Related Problems," English	1936
b. 3	<i>Medical Relief Administration: the Experience in Essex County, Ontario</i> English	1937
b. 3	<i>Medical Relief Administration: Final Report of Experience in Essex County, Ontario</i> by N. Sinai, M. F. Hall, and R. E. Holmes English	1939
<u>Michigan State health departments</u>		
b. 3	"Gearing Our Public Health Programs To Meet Wartime Conditions" (reports of panel discussion) English	1942
b. 3	"Report of the Board of Health on the Coordination of City and County Health Activities," English	1942
b. 3	Notes and papers re: hospitalization rates of two Michigan counties	1948
b. 3	Care of the indigent in Washtenaw County	1948
<u>Michigan State Medical Society (Committee on Medical Economics)</u>		
b. 3	Papers, re: study of postgraduate medical education needs	1933, undated
b. 3	"Postgraduate Medicine for General Practitioners" (report of Committee) English	1935
b. 3	Papers re: study of medical economics and facilities	1931, undated

Michigan State Medical Society (Committee on Medical Economics) (continued)

b. 3	"Report of the Committee on Survey of Medical services and Health Agencies," English	1933
b. 3	"Report of the Committee on Survey of Medical Services and Health Agencies," English	1933
b. 3	Report of Committee on Medical Economics presenting Mutual Health Service plan	1933
b. 3	Proposed program for Michigan Committee on Medical Economics	1933
b. 3	"Luce-Sinai Report to the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Medical Society," English	1934
b. 3	"Report of the Committee on Medical Economics," English	1934
b. 3	"The Detroit Plan of Medical Participation," English	1934
b. 3	Three resolutions re: Mutual Health Service	1934
b. 3	Memorandum to Committee on Medical Economics re: income limits	1934
b. 3	Papers re: Medical Security Corporation of Michigan	1934
b. 3	Papers re: Mutual Health Service	1934
b. 3	Report to the Council of the Michigan State Dental Society	1935
b. 3	Summary of medical relief in 10 counties, Michigan	1934
<u>Michigan, University of</u>		
b. 3	Tentative report to the University Council on physical education	1932
b. 3	Notes and papers re: health insurance	undated
b. 3	Notes and papers re: organization and planning of school of public health	1941
b. 3	Papers re: school of public health	1941-1942, 1946-1947, 1949
b. 3	"Proceedings of Inservice Training Course on Public Health Statistics for Health Directors and Public Health Statisticians," English	1948
b. 3	Papers re: University of Michigan employee benefit plan	1949
<u>Twentieth Century Fund, Inc.</u>		
b. 3	Annual Reports,"	1933-1934
b. 3	Report on medical economics for Twentieth Century Fund	1935

UAW-CIO

UAW-CIO (continued)

b. 3	Papers re: health benefits for UAW-CIO workers	1949
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<u>World Health Organization</u>		
b. 3	Copy of letter from John Foster Dulles to Richard M. Nixon re: WHO appropriation	1955
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b. 3	American Review of World Health,"	1966
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b. 3	Transcript of speech on Australia and WHO (no author listed)	undated
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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

Educators
Medical care, Cost of
Medical economics
Medicine
Public health

Geographic Names

Essex (Ont. : County)
Michigan

Occupations

Health-officers
Health services administrators

Preferred Titles

*Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy
Collection*

Names

Burnell, Max Ronald, 1893-1959
Donovan, William J. (William Joseph),
1883-1959
Sinai, Nathan, 1894-1977
Warren, Earl, 1891-1974

Corporate Body

International Union, United Automobile,
Aircraft, and Agricultural Implement Workers
of America