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Guide to the Chicago Heart Association Records 1918-1950



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.CHA
Title	Chicago Heart Association. Records
Date	1918-1950
Size	3 linear feet (6 boxes)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	The Chicago Heart Association Records comprise three linear feet of files containing mainly off-prints, typescripts and pamphlets collected by the Association for distribution to the public. Some correspondence is also included. The material essentially deals with the topics of heart disease, convalescence, rheumatic fever, and vivisection. Also contains administrative correspondence of Gertrude Howe Britton, founding member and first Executive Director of the Association, to various individuals and organizations; and correspondence of Ruth Pierce McEldowney, Britton's successor. Correspondents include Alice Mary Dickerson, Katherine Hufangel, A.C. Ivy, Alexander Ropchan, and others.

Acknowledgments

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Chicago Heart Association. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note

The Chicago Heart Association was founded by James B. Herrick, M.D., who served as its first president. Originally known as the Chicago Association for the Prevention and Relief of Heart Disease, the association held its first formal meeting on April 7, 1922, after preliminary organizational work that had begun in 1921. Modeled on the New York Association for the Prevention and Relief of Heart Disease, it had a three-fold objective: the education of doctors and the general public; the coordination of community organizations dealing with heart disease; and the promotion of research on heart disease, especially as it relates to public health.

The organization held its first annual meeting in 1924, and in 1925 changed its name to the Chicago Heart Association. It played an active role in the American Heart Association and also sponsored the reorganization of the formerly dissolved Illinois Heart Association in 1944.

Scope Note

The collection is divided into two series.

Series 1: General Files, is comprised of off-prints and other publicly disseminated material as well as administrative correspondence, primarily that of Gertrude Howe Britton, a founding member of the Chicago Heart Association and its first executive director, and Ruth Pierce McEldowney, Britton's successor in 1937. The original organizational scheme of the files has been retained along with the individual file names.

The Chicago Heart Association's early concentration on heart disease, rheumatic fever, convalescent care, the place of the cardiac patient in industry, and actual job placement of patients is represented by internally-produced documents as well as publications of other organizations, such as the Metropolitan Life Company. Some of the materials, therefore, predate the Association's founding in 1922. Also included in this series are off-prints, typescripts, and correspondence concerning the negative implications for heart research in which the proposed outlawing of vivisection by city ordinance would result).

The second series includes material not fully incorporated into the Association's files, though it deals with essentially the same topics as the general files. These manuscripts have been organized alphabetically by author.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Britton, Gertrude Howe
- Dickerson, Alice Cora, 1908-
- Hufangel, Katherine
- Ivy, A. C. (Andrew Conway), 1893-
- McEldowney, Ruth Pierce
- Ropchan, Alexander
- Chicago Heart Association
- Medicine -- Societies, etc.
- Public health
- Convalescence
- Heart -- Diseases

INVENTORY

Series 1: General Files

Box 1

Folder 1

Cardiac clinics. Loose-leaf folder containing directory to clinics in Chicago and convalescent homes and summer camps in the Chicago area

Box 1

Folder 2

Chicago Heart Association: Dentistry. Typescript information on dental clinics serving cardiac and tuberculosis patients; newsletter

Box 1

Folder 3

Chicago Heart Association: Occupations for cardiacs. Three typescript copies of 1936 report

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Folder 4

Convalescence, Chicago. Folder, offprints, directory

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Folder 5

Convalescence, Children. Offprints

Box 1

Folder 6

Convalescence, Committee for Jewish Convalescent Service,

- Rose B. Kobak, Chicago, to Ruth McEldowney, Chicago, April 25, 1938. TLS, 1 p.
- Chicago, July 11, 1938. TLS, 1 p.
- Typescript statement of Committee's "General policy"

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Folder 7

Convalescence, Directories. Four directories of homes in U.S.

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Folder 8

Convalescence, General. Offprints

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Folder 9

Convalescence, La Loma Feliz. Flyer

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Folder 10

Convalescence, National Children's Cardiac Home. Flyer and correspondence

- Charles S. Tobin, Miami to Chicago Heart Association, Chicago, Sept. 10, 1940. TLS, 1 p.
- Charles S. Tobin, Miami to Chicago Heart Association, Chicago, Feb. 4, 1944. TLS, 1 p.
- Jessie O. Marcus, Miami, to Chicago Heart Association, Chicago, April 6, 1945. TLS, 1 p.
- R.P.M. to Mrs. L. Marcus, Miami, May 3, 1945. TL, 1 p.

- Katherine Hufnagel, Chicago, to Chicago Public Health Housing Service (n.d.). ALS, 1 p.
- R.P.M. to Katherine Hufnagel, Chicago, Oct. 17, 1945. TLS, 1 p.
- ? to Dr. Louis Katz, Chicago, May 2, 1946. TL, 1 p.
- ? to Dr. H. M. Marvin, New York, May 6, 1946. TL, 1 p.
- David D. Rutstein to Sidney Strauss, Chicago, May 11, 1946. TLS, 1 p. and carbon copy Margaret Matheson, New York, to Ruth Pierce
- McEldowney, Chicago, Nov. 4, 1946. TLS, 1 p.

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Folder 11

Convalescence, Presbyterian Home. "Rules of Administration" and correspondence

- R. P. M. to War Production Board, Washington, August 11, 1943. TL, 1 p. (2 copies)

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Folder 12

Convalescence, Rest Haven, Chicago. Form for social history correspondence

- Gertrude Howe Britton, Chicago to Mrs. Cannon, Chicago, Nov. 23, 1936. TLS, 1 p.
- R.P.M. to Mrs. Malvine Cannon, Chicago, Oct. 26, 1946. TL, 1 p.
- Alexander Ropchan, Chicago, to Ruth Pierce McEldowney, Chicago, April 9, 1945. TLS, 1 p.
- S. S. to Alexander Ropchan, Chicago, May 12, 1945. TL, 1 p.

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Folder 13

Convalescence, Ridge Farm Preventorium. Miscellaneous documents and correspondence

- Zoe Harpster, Chicago, to Gertrude Howe Britton, Jan. 4, 1932. TLS, 1 p.
- Gertrude Howe Britton, Chicago, to Ann Stansburg, Deerfield, Nov. 23, 1936. TLS, 1 p.
- Dorothy Martin, Highland Park, to Mrs. McEldowney, May 26, 1944. PCS
- Alice Mary Dickerson, to Mrs. McEldowney, Oct. 18 1944. TLS, 1 p.
- R. P. M. to Dorothy Martin, Deerfield, June 15, 1945. TL, 1 p.

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Convalescence, Rheumatic fever. Offprints

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Folder 15

Convalescence, St. Francis Hospital. Pamphlet

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Folder 16

Convalescence, St. Francis Sanitorium. Offprints and brochures

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Folder 17

Convalescence, Standards. Offprints, proposals for standards

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Folder 18

Convalescent homes: Reports

Box 2

Folder 1

Heart Disease, Bibliographies. Offprints and correspondence

- Louis N. Katz, Chicago, to "Doctor," March 1, 1946. TLS, 1 p., with enclosure
- Louis N. Katz, June 20, 1946. TLS, 1 p., with enclosure

Box 2

Folder 2

Heart Disease, Cardiac clinics -- General. Offprints, clinic record forms

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Folder 3

Heart Disease, Cardiac clinics -- General, Chicago. Directories, offprints, typescript copy of paper by Herrick and W. Hamburger

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Folder 4

Heart Disease, Clinics -- AHA forms. Offprints and clinic forms

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Folder 5

Heart Disease, Commercial appliances. Brochures

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Folder 6

Heart Disease, Dental. Offprints

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Folder 7

Heart Disease, Diet. Offprint and typescript paper

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Folder 8

Heart Disease, Exercises. Offprints, typescript recommendations

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Folder 9

Heart Disease, Geriatrics. Offprints

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Folder 10

Heart Disease, Illustrations. Charts, offprints, posters

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Folder 11

Heart Disease, Lay -- Children. Offprints

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Folder 12

Heart Disease, Lay -- General. Offprints and flyers

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Heart Disease, Lay -- Popular literature. Offprints and flyers

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Folder 14

Heart Disease, Lecture material. Offprints

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Folder 1

Heart Disease, Occupations and employment. Newsclippings, offprints

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Folder 2

Heart Disease, Occupations and employment. Offprints and studies

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Folder 3

Heart Disease, Prevention. Offprints and typescript testimony

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Folder 4

Heart Disease, Professional, Angina Pectoris. Offprints

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Folder 5

Heart Disease, Professional, Blood pressure. Offprints and correspondence

- Louis N. Katz, Chicago, to Mrs. R. P. McEldowney, Chicago, Sept. 10, 1947. TLS, 1 p. with enclosed brochure
- George E. Wakerlin, Chicago, to Dr. G. K. Fenn, Chicago, Jan. 14, 1949. TLS, 1 p., with enclosure

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Folder 6

Heart Disease, Professional, Children. Offprints, flyer

Box 3

Folder 7

Heart Disease, Professional, Classification. Offprints, pamphlets, typescripts

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Folder 8

Heart Disease, Professional, Coronary. Typescript, offprints

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Folder 9

Heart Disease, Professional, Cortisone. Offprint

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Folder 10

Heart Disease, Professional, E.K.G. Offprints

Box 3

Folder 11

Heart Disease, Professional, General. Offprints

Box 3

Folder 12

Heart Disease, Professional, General. Brochure, symposium proceedings, correspondence

- Emmet B. Bay, Chicago, to Dr. G. K. Fenn, Chicago, Jan. 20, 1949. TLS, 1 p., with enclosure

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Heart Disease, Professional, Marriage and pregnancy. Newsclipping, offprints

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Heart Disease, Professional, Peripheral vascular. Offprint

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Heart Disease, Professional, Rheumatic fever. Offprints, brochure

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Folder 3

Heart Disease, Professional, Rheumatic fever-chorea. Offprints

Box 4

Folder 4

Heart Disease, Professional, Rheumatic fever, diagnosis. Offprints, brochure, Labor Department typescript

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Folder 5

Heart Disease, Professional, Rheumatic fever-etiology. Offprints

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Heart Disease, Professional, Rheumatic fever-public health. Offprints, pamphlets

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Heart Disease, Professional, Rheumatic fever-studies. Offprints

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Heart Disease, Professional, Surgery. Offprints

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Heart Disease, Public health problem. Offprints

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Heart Disease, Social Aspects. Patient reports

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Heart Disease, Social aspects, continued. Offprints, typescript paper

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Folder 12-13

Heart Disease, Statistics. Offprints

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Folder 1

Heart Disease, Symposiums. Offprints

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Folder 2

Heart Disease, Vocational guidance. Offprints, typescripts

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Folder 3

Heart Disease, USES Service. Offprint, Labor Department typescript

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Folder 4

Lists of educational material -- Professional. Lists, form to request information

Box 5

Folder 5

Lists of educational material -- Lay. Offprint, lists, autograph notes

Box 5**Folder 6**

Rheumatic fever, Childrens' bureau. Pamphlets, offprints, slide list

Box 5**Folder 7**

Rheumatic fever, Community. Offprints, newsclippings

Box 5**Folder 8**

Rheumatic fever, Lay instructions for parents. Typescripts, offprints

Box 5**Folder 9**

Rheumatic fever, Lay pamphlets. Offprints, pamphlets

Box 5**Folder 10**

Rheumatic fever, Nursing. Offprints and flyer

Box 5**Folder 11**

Rheumatic fever, Lecture material. Offprints, typescript address

Box 5**Folder 12**

Rheumatic fever, Paul Dudley White, M.D.: Articles. Offprints

Box 5**Folder 13**

Vivisection, Offprints, postcard, typescripts and correspondence

- A. C. Ivy, Chicago, to "Representative," April 6, 1931. TL, 2 p.
- N. C. Gilbert, Chicago, to Mrs. Gertrude Howe Britton, Chicago, April 9, 1931. TLS, 1p.
- Gertrude Howe Britton, Chicago, to Judiciary committee, April 13, 1931. TL, 2 p.
- A. C. Ivy, Chicago, to Mrs. Gertrude Howe Britton, Chicago, April 17, 1931. TLS, 1 p.
- Gertrude Howe Britton, Chicago, to Chicago City Council, November 3, 1931. TLS, 2p.
- A. C. Ivy, Chicago, to Mrs. Gertrude Howe Britton, Chicago, November 19, 1931. TLS, 1 p. with enclosure
- John J. Grealis, Chicago, to Sidney Strauss, Chicago, January 12, 1935. TLS, 1 p.
- Joseph C. Ross, Chicago, to Sidney Strauss, Chicago, January 12, 1935. TLS, 1 p.
- William A. Rowan, Chicago, to Sidney Strauss, Chicago, January 14, 1935. TLS, 1 p.
- R. C. O'Neill, Chicago, to Sidney Strauss, Chicago, January 17, 1935. TLS, 1 p.
- Leo M. Lyons and Alexander Ropchan, Chicago, to Illinois Humane Society, Chicago, August 25, 1944. TL, 1 p.
- R.P.M. to Italo Volini, Chicago, September 5, 1944. TL, 1 p. with enclosures

Series II: Typescripts and Offprints**Box 5**

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Allen--Coburn

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Chicago Medical Society--Dodge

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Dublin-Eggleston

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Guild-Leven

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Levy-Maynard

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Metropolitan Life-Ralli

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Saint Francis--Scupham

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Special Committee--Swift

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War Manpower Commission--Wright