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**Guide to Collection**

**Bernstein, Arthur, 1908-**

**Papers of Dr. Arthur Bernstein, 1947-1948**

**MS 132**

1 box  
0.2 linear ft.

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**Acquisitions:** The records were donated by Sidney S. Bernstein, M.D. to the Alaska State Archives in December 1987. They were transferred to the Alaska Historical Collections in November 1992. (Accession No. 93-4)

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## HISTORY

In 1947, a team of five doctors was sent to the territory of Alaska for a one-month survey of the health status of the Native population. Dr. Arthur Bernstein, a well-known Chicago internist, was head of the team appointed by the Advisory Committee of the American Medical Association to the Department of the Interior.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

Dr. Bernstein's papers include project notes, newspaper clippings, medical reports and correspondence with government and health professionals on the survey's recommendations.

## BOX INVENTORY

### **Folder 1 Correspondence, July 1947-June 1948 (35 items)**

Telegrams, letters and newspaper clippings concerning the survey and report. Includes: nursing report by Esther V. Schaubel, Field Nurse, covering January-June 1947 (observations on a field trip to the Bethel area and Nelson Island), versions of the final survey report, and information concerning medical conditions in various parts of Alaska.

### **Folder 2 Daily log [July 17-August 5, 1947] (3 items)**

### **Folder 3 Alaska [medical facilities notes] (1 item)**

For Anchorage, Palmer, Seward, Bethel, Unalakleet.

### **Folder 4 Survey report, manuscript drafts and notes (18 items)**

Barnett, Harry E., M.D., Fields, Jack, M.D., et al. *Medical conditions in Alaska, a report by a group sent by the American Medical Association*, reprinted from *Journal of the American Medical Association*, vol. 135 (Oct. 25, 1947), pp. 500-510 (31 p., 2 c.)

Also includes administrative notes, list of Alaska physicians dated Sept. 10, 1946, and drafts of *A brief summary of the medical activities of the Alaska Native Service*.

### **Folder 5 Publications (12 items)**

Alaska Department of Health. *Alaska's health*, vol. V, no's. 5-6 (May & June 1947), 8 p. each (2 items)

Alaska Department of Health. *Biennial report of the Office of the Commissioner of Health for the period July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1946*, 63 l.

Alaska Department of Health. Division of Sanitation and Engineering. *Recommended construction & operation standards for dug well, private premise water supply systems*, 14 p..

Alaska. Department of Labor. *Minimum sanitary requirements for industrial camps*, 5 l.

Alaska Native Service. *Annual report, fiscal year 1948*, 37 l. carbon copy.

Alaska. Office of the Governor. *Annual report of the Governor of Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior, fiscal year ended June 30, 1946*, 62 p.

Alaska Territorial Medical Association. *Annual meeting, 1946* [program], 2 p.

Dufresne, Frank, *Mammals and Birds of Alaska*, U.S.F.W.S. Circular No. 3, 1942, 35 p.

Kay, Wendell P. (Exec. Dir., Alaska Housing Authority), *Summary report on housing conditions in Alaska*, dated August 5, 1947, 6 l. carbon copy.

U.S.D.I., Division of Territories and Island Possessions, *Postwar Alaska*, 1946, 29 p.

Van Hagen, George E., *T.B., Alaska's time bomb*, reprinted from the *Forty-ninth Star*, August 10, 1947, 12 p.

#### **Folder 6    Miscellaneous (7 items)**

Alaska Star Airlines sticker found in ATMA annual meeting program, 1947 (2 c.)

1947 calendar card

*Map of the Territory of Alaska*, showing election districts, 8-1/2 x 11", 2 c.

U.S.G.S. *Alaska* (map), scale 1:5,000,000, 18-1/2 x 24", brittle.

U.S.G.S. *Map of Alaska*, 1940, 19 x 24", with possible route of health survey?