Guide to Collection

Bernstein, Arthur, 1908-

Papers of Dr. Arthur Bernstein, 1947-1948

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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)


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