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Summary Information

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| Repository | Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department |
| Creator | Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis Society. |
| Title | Ralph H. Childs/Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis Society records |
| Date [inclusive] | 1905-1986 |
| Extent | 16.0 Linear feet |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | <p>The Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis Society existed in Grand Rapids, Michigan from 1905 to 1986. The organization became the Kent County Tuberculosis Society in 1947 and the Tuberculosis, Health and Emphysema Society of Kent County in 1968. Ralph Childs was the executive director of the society from 1958 until the time of his death in 1986. This collection contains organizational records including legal and financial documents, meeting minutes and annual reports, among others. There is also a large set of scrapbooks and a small collection of audio and video tapes.</p> |

Biographical/Historical note

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis was founded in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1904. The name was changed to the National Tuberculosis Association in 1918 and fifty years after that became the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. In 1973 it took its current name, the American Lung Association, keeping the former double barred cross logo.

The Christmas seal had its origin in Denmark in 1904 when the government issued a decorative sticker for mailings. Sales from the sticker helped build a children's tuberculosis hospital. A woman named Emily Bissell is credited with first bringing the Christmas seal to America when she adopted it in 1907 as a means of raising money towards Red Cross efforts to eradicate tuberculosis in Wilmington, Delaware.

In 1910 the National Tuberculosis Association joined forces with the Red Cross to conduct a Christmas Seal campaign. In 1919, the double barred cross motif was added to the seal and in 1920 the National Tuberculosis Association took sole control of the effort.

Locally, the Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis Society, the first such volunteer association in the state, was founded in 1905. Tuberculosis was a concern receiving attention from a variety of sources in the community. Among these was Samuel Ranck, the new Librarian at the Grand Rapids Public Library who previously worked in libraries in Baltimore where there were active tuberculosis eradication efforts. Ranck arranged for a lecture at the library by Dr. Vaughan, dean of the Medical School at the University of Michigan. The March 3rd lecture served to facilitate the subsequent formal organization of the society with John W. Blodgett as president.

Early efforts of the society included anti spitting and fly campaigns, direct services through visiting nurses, and the promotion of open air schools and treatment centers.

On Feb. 14, 1907, the Grand Rapids Board of Health opened the state's first tuberculosis hospital in a converted farmhouse on north Fuller Street between Michigan and Leonard. In April 1923 a new structure called Sunshine Sanatorium was opened at the same location.

The anti-tuberculosis society became the Kent County Tuberculosis Society in 1947 and in 1968, the Tuberculosis, Health and Emphysema Society of Kent County. In 1970 the name switched again to the Tuberculosis, Health and Emphysema Society of West Michigan. Ralph Childs was the executive director of the society from 1958 until the time of his death, Jan. 31, 1986.

Scope and Contents note

Users of this collection will discover that sometimes the local anti-tuberculosis society worked in close conjunction with the state and national societies, but other times fought with the broader scoped

organizations and sought to separate itself. The collection reflects this multi-leveled aspect of the anti-tb movement as all of the levels are represented by various records.

Two activities of the organization dominate as subjects throughout all the material in the collection. One of these is the Christmas seal. A sub-series of the series, Organizational Records, is dedicated exclusively to Christmas seals but patrons interested specifically in seals can look about anywhere in the collection for information.

Through the decades of the 1960s and 1970s there was considerable conflict between the local organization and both the state (Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, MTRDA) and national (National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, NTRDA) societies that resulted in efforts to change organizational structure and relationships. Included in the debate were issues surrounding the appropriateness of continuing direct services. Again, a sub-series of the series, Organizational Records, is dedicated exclusively to reorganization efforts but a majority of the documents from these decades throughout the collection relate to this subject.

The formation and early history of the society is covered well by primary sources in the form of meeting minutes, though the minutes do not continue consistently after 1916. Near the end of the Organizational Records series is a file on the history of the society also containing primary, as well as secondary, source information about the early years of operation. There is also a file on the history of the Christmas seal in the Christmas Seal sub-series.

The early statistical/service reports are the best source of information about the direct care services of the local organization and the actual tuberculosis problem in this area. They document what the nurses were doing and what they were finding in their patients. This kind of information cannot be found in the collection after the 1930s.

One of the most comprehensive records sets are the annual reports. They contain mostly statistics and overviews and they were used as promotional tools so the information is more complimentary to the society than objective, but there is a report for nearly every year of the society's existence.

Scrapbooks make up about half the volume of the collection. Those with titles are listed by their title in quotation marks and those that had no titles are simply called "Scrapbook" with a date range. The first scrapbook in the series, Scrapbook 1905 – 1959, is a wealth of original photos representing over fifty years of history in images. The second scrapbook in the series, Scrapbook 1914 – 1952, is a similar wealth of documents including meeting minutes and nurses reports and can supplement what is found separately in the Organizational Records series.

Near the end of the Organizational Records series is a sub-series of material that seems like an anomaly. A full standard Hollinger box is filled with metropolitan studies; reports about utilities, the rise of the suburbs and other issues related to the urbanization of this community dated primarily from the mid to late 1950s. It is a useful group of material. It is unknown how it became included in this collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department 2011

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- records (documents)

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Lungs -- Diseases -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Tuberculosis -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Tuberculosis -- Societies, etc.

Organizational Records

Collection Inventory

Series I Organizational Records

Scope and Contents note

Material in this series is divided into sub-series first by form (such as correspondence, minutes, etc.) and then arranged chronologically within sub-series. Later in the series is a smaller group of material divided into sub-series by subject (Christmas seals, metro studies, etc.) and then arranged chronologically. Smaller (one folder) sub-series are found after the more voluminous ones, gathered together under a Miscellaneous organizational records heading.

Subseries A Correspondence

| | Box | Folder |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Envelopes and letterhead | 1 | 1 |
| Sept. 17, 1914 – Jan. 22, 1948 | 1 | 2 |
| Jan. 1951 – Oct. 1, 1959 | 1 | 3 |
| Mar. 9, 1960 – Dec. 9, 1969 | 1 | 4 |
| Jan. 14, 1970 – Nov. 18, 1974 | 1 | 5 |
| Apr. 23, 1975 – Jan. 22, 1979 | 1 | 6 |

Meeting Minutes

| | | |
|--|------------|---------------|
| n.d. | 1 | 7 |
| Invitations, early, 1962 - 1971 | 1 | 8 |
| Subseries B Meeting Minutes | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Report from Feb. 24, 1905 formulating meeting | 2 | 1 |
| | | Box |
| First Minute Book of the Grand Rapids Anti-Tuberculosis Society, 1905 - 1913 | | 2 |
| | Box | Folder |
| Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis Society: Jan. 1914 – Dec. 1916 | 1 | 9 |
| Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis Society regular monthly meeting: Feb. 8, 1924 | 1 | 10 |
| Minutes related to the 52nd Annual Meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association in May of 1956, and the Kent County Tuberculosis Society regular meeting in March 1959 | 2 | 3 |
| Primarily the Kent County Tuberculosis Society, though occasionally a state or national meeting, Feb. 12, 1960 – Apr. 11, 1969 | 2 | 4 |
| Primarily the Tuberculosis, Health and Emphysema Society of West Michigan, though occasionally a state or national meeting, May 14, 1970 | 3 | 1 |

Financial Records

| | | |
|--|------------|---------------|
| – Sep. 27, 1974, n.d. (first item is a packet given out at the board meeting that includes the constitution and articles about programs) | | |
| Tuberculosis, Health & Emphysema Society of West Michigan, Mar. 1982 – Jan. 1986 | 3 | 2 |
| Lists of names, primarily of board members, 1969 – 1973, n.d. | 3 | 3 |
| Subseries C Financial Records | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Statement of Receipts & Disbursements, (local) Christmas Seal Sale: 1920 | 3 | 4 |
| Statement of Receipts & Disbursements, (local) Christmas Seal Sale: 1921 | 3 | 5 |
| Other financial records: 1947 – 1977 | 3 | 6 |
| Appraisal of 822 Cherry Street SE, Feb. 14, 1968 | 3 | 7 |
| Tuberculosis, Health and Emphysema Society of West Michigan year end financial statements: 1974 – 1977 | 3 | 8 |
| American Federation of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Associations year end financial statements: 1975 – 1977 | 3 | 9 |
| Tuberculosis, Health & Emphysema Society of West Michigan financial reports: 1982 – 1986 | 3 | 10 |

Legal Records

| Subseries D Legal Records | | |
|--|------------|---------------|
| | Box | Folder |
| Proclamation by Michigan Governor, Woodbridge Ferris, declaring December 7th to be Tuberculosis Day, Nov. 19, 1913 | 2 | 5 |
| Agreement between the Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis Society and Dr. H.B. Crawford, May20, 1918 | 2 | 6 |
| Certificate of Incorporation, Aug. 4, 1944 | 2 | 7 |
| Articles of Association and By-laws, 1947 – 1981, n.d. | 2 | 7 |
| Abstracts and other material related to the Rumsey Farm Addition on Grandville Ave, 1945 - 1950 | 2 | 8 |
| Tax records, 1972 and 1973 | 2 | 9 |
| Washtenaw Tuberculosis and Health Association v. Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, June 2, 1975 | 2 | 10 |
| Tuberculosis Health and Emphysema Society of West Michigan et al v. American Lung Association documents, 1975 – 1978, n.d. | 2 | 11 |
| American Lung Association v. Juniata Valley Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, 1974 | 2 | 12 |
| Other legal papers, 1975 – 1977, n.d. | 2 | 13 |

Annual Reports (for the year:)

| | | |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Incomplete Legal Papers (documents missing their title and first pages) | 2 | 14 |
| Subseries E Annual Reports (for the year:) | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Reports of the Grand Rapids Anti-Tuberculosis Society 1911-1916 (bound) | 4 | 1 |
| 1911 (2) | 4 | 2 |
| 1912 (3) | 4 | 3 |
| 1913 (2) | 4 | 4 |
| 1914 (2) | 4 | 5 |
| 1914 – 1915 (bound) | 4 | 6 |
| 1916 (2) | 4 | 7 |
| 1917 | 4 | 8 |
| 1919 with a brief summary of 1918 | 4 | 9 |
| 1923 (2) | 4 | 10 |
| 1924 (2) | 4 | 11 |

Annual Reports (for the year:)

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| 1925 (3) | 4 | 12 |
| 1926 (2) | 4 | 13 |
| 1927 | 4 | 14 |
| 1930 (4) | 5 | 1 |
| 1931 | 5 | 2 |
| 1933 (3) | 5 | 3 |
| 1934 (3) | 5 | 4 |
| 1935 (2) | 5 | 5 |
| 1936 (3) | 5 | 6 |
| 1937 (3) | 5 | 7 |
| Report of the Sunshine Sanatorium, Tuberculosis Clinic, City Hospitals and the Western Division – the Michigan Department of Health Laboratory, 1937 | 2 | 15 |
| 1938 (3) | 5 | 8 |
| 1939 (3) | 5 | 9 |

Annual Reports (for the year:)

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| 1940 (2) | 5 | 10 |
| 1941 (3) | 5 | 11 |
| 1942 (3) | 5 | 12 |
| 1943 (3) | 5 | 13 |
| 1944 (3) | 5 | 14 |
| 1945 (3) | 5 | 15 |
| 1946 (3) Becomes the Kent County Tuberculosis Society | 5 | 16 |
| 1947 (3) | 5 | 17 |
| 1948 | 5 | 18 |
| 1950 (2) | 5 | 19 |
| 1951 (4) | 5 | 20 |
| 1952 | 5 | 21 |
| 1953 (2) | 5 | 22 |
| National Tuberculosis Association annual report for 1953 | 5 | 23 |

Annual Reports (for the year:)

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|--|---|----|
| 1954 (3) | 5 | 24 |
| 1955 (3) | 5 | 25 |
| 1956 (2) | 5 | 26 |
| 1957 (2) | 6 | 1 |
| 1958 | 6 | 2 |
| Michigan Tuberculosis Association annual report for 1958 | 6 | 3 |
| 1960 | 6 | 4 |
| 1961 | 6 | 5 |
| National Tuberculosis Association annual report for 1962 (2) | 6 | 6 |
| 1963 (4) | 6 | 7 |
| National Tuberculosis Association annual report for 1963 | 6 | 8 |
| 1964 (2) | 6 | 9 |
| 1965 (3) | 6 | 10 |
| 1967 (2) | 6 | 11 |

Statistical/ Service Reports

| | | |
|---|------------|---------------|
| 1969 | 6 | 12 |
| 1970/1971 (4) | 6 | 13 |
| 1971/1972 (3) | 6 | 14 |
| National Tuberculosis Association annual report for 1971 | 6 | 15 |
| 1972/1973 | 6 | 16 |
| 1973/1974 | 6 | 17 |
| 1977 (9) | 6 | 18 |
| Subseries F Statistical/ Service Reports | | |
| Scope and Contents note | | |
| Reports of the Clinic and Visiting Nurses, the executive secretary, the dispensary department and others: Monthly, chronicle statistics on services rendered (# of hours spent; # of cases with various diagnoses and treatments; ages, occupations and nationalities of some patients, etc.). Later statistical reports take the form of analyses of trends compiled by professional statisticians | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| 1911 | 6 | 19 |
| 1913 | 6 | 20 |

Publications

| | | |
|---|----|----|
| 1914 | 6 | 21 |
| 1916 (one, March) | 6 | 22 |
| 1917 | 6 | 23 |
| 1919 | 6 | 24 |
| Two nurse's reports without a year identified, undated quarterly report (probably from around this time period) | 6 | 25 |
| 1920 - 1929 | 6 | 26 |
| 1921/1922 Oversized Reports: Annual Report of North Division Open Air School, Report of Modern Health Crusade | 18 | 1 |
| 1930 – 1932 | 6 | 27 |
| 1947 Christmas Seal Study Club results | 18 | 2 |
| 1952 – 1957, n.d. | 6 | 28 |
| 1960 – 1969 | 7 | 1 |
| 1970 – 1972 | 7 | 2 |
| Subseries G Publications | | |

Publications

| | Box | Folder |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Michigan Out of Doors (becomes Health) published by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, July 1922, Vol. 9/#4 – Nov. 1933, Vol. 20/#3 | 7 | 3 |
| Health (formerly Michigan Out-of-Doors) published by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, Nov./Dec. 1940, Vol. 27/#5 – Jan. 1977, Vol. 63/#1 selected issues | 7 | 4-8 |
| Journal of the Outdoor Life published by the National Tuberculosis Association Oct. 1924, Vol. 21/#10 | 8 | 1 |
| The Check-Up published by the Kent County Tuberculosis Society 1959 – 1962 | 8 | 2 |
| Executive's Report published by the Kent County Tuberculosis Society 1966 – 1971, most undated | 8 | 3 |
| Patiently Speaking published by the Kent County Tuberculosis Society, three issues, n.d. | 8 | 4 |
| Grassroots Gazette published by the Kent County Tuberculosis Society, n.d. | 8 | 5 |
| Single issue serial publications, 1950 – 1979 | 8 | 6 |
| True's Farming World and Household Magazine, Nov. 1887 (pages missing) | 18 | 4 |

Promotional Materials

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| Consumption: Its Diagnosis, Treatment and Cure (Kalamazoo: Yonkerman Consumption Remedy Co., n.d.) (ca. 1907) [book] | 18 | 4 |
| A Historical Chronology of Tuberculosis by Richard M. Burke, M.D. (Springfield: Charles C. Thomas, 1938) [book] | 18 | 4 |
| Fund Raising for the Small Organization by Philip G. Sheridan (New York: M. Evans and Co., 1968) [book] | 18 | 4 |
| Managing Health Promotion in the Workplace by Rebecca S. Parkinson et. al. (Palo Alto: Mayfield Publishing Co., 1982) [book] | 18 | 4 |
| Magazine and newspaper clippings: 1909 – 1977, n.d. | 9 | 1 |
| Directories: Historical Directory of Local, State and National Tuberculosis Associations in the United States (New York: Committee on Archives National Tuberculosis Association, 1945) and directory of associations missing its title page and publication information | 9 | 2 |
| Manuals: The Tuberculosis Association; Its Organization and Administration (New York: National Tuberculosis Association, 1954) (2) | 9 | 4 |
| Press releases: 1971 – 1977 | 9 | 4 |

Subseries H Promotional Materials**Scope and Contents note**

There is an emphasis on Christmas seal sales in this sub-series, though other materials promote more general support of the organization. Some of the materials promote the organizations by focusing on

Health Education Material about tuberculosis, its prevention, health educa...

their work and so cross over somewhat into the purview of health education. Interested patrons should also see annual reports as they were used as promotional tools in some ways very similar to those here.)

| | Box | Folder |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Small brochures, 1945 – 1951, n.d. | 9 | 5 |
| Catalogs and partial catalogs (of promotional materials and Christmas seal merchandise), 1948 – 1976 | 9 | 6 |
| Bookmarks, 1949 – 1975 | 9 | 7 |
| Brochures and leaflets, 1959 – 1966, n.d. | 9 | 8 |
| Promotional letters, 1960 – 1973, n.d. | 9 | 9 |
| Placemats, 1965 - 1984 | 18 | 3 |
| Pledge slips, ca. 1973 and n.d. | 9 | 10 |
| No Smoking and Breathmobile Signs, n.d. | 9 | 11 |
| Subseries I Health Education Material about tuberculosis, its prevention, health education, testing, services, etc. | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Early blank application form for society workers | 10 | 1 |
| Articles (published and not) and texts of presentations, 1911 – 1971, n.d. | 10 | 2 |

Christmas Seals

| | | |
|--|----|----|
| "Fresh Air and Right Food versus Patent Medicines and Quack Doctors as Tuberculosis Cures", Grand Rapids Anti-Tuberculosis Society, 1917 | 10 | 3 |
| Vintage literature regarding cures | 10 | 4 |
| Policy statements, studies, reports and other material about fighting tuberculosis, Early: 1920 – 1937, n.d. | 10 | 5 |
| Policy statements, studies, reports and other material about fighting tuberculosis, 1950 – 1958 | 10 | 6 |
| File marked "Health Fair, 1960 – 1963, n.d. | 10 | 7 |
| 1961 – 1975 | 10 | 8 |
| Patterns: For Performance and Promise (single long range plan for 1966-1970) | 10 | 9 |
| Kent County Physician's mailing, Oct. 3, 1973 | 10 | 10 |
| File marked "Resp. Disease Research" (correspondence from 1975) | 10 | 11 |
| n.d. | 10 | 12 |
| Brochures and leaflets, ca. 1970s to the present | 10 | 13 |
| Subseries J Christmas Seals | | |

Art

| Art | | |
|--|------------|---------------|
| | Box | Folder |
| Christmas Seals, 1909 and 1964 – 1985, n.d. | 11 | 1 |
| Posters, 1913 – 1960, n.d. | FF | VIII E |
| Artwork for Christmas Seals, 1924 | 11 | 2 |
| File marked "Information on Christmas Seal Artists" 1942 – 1970, n.d. | 11 | 3 |
| Artwork for Christmas Seals, 1972 – 1977 and n.d. | 11 | 4 |
| History | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Articles and booklets about the history of Christmas Seals: 1942 – 1956, n.d. | 11 | 5 |
| "Miracle of the Brandywine", a play about the origins of the Christmas Seal, script and programs, 1967, n.d. | 11 | 6 |
| General | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| The Christmas Seal Sale Steps to Success 1946 (Christmas seal sale manual produced by the National Tuberculosis Association) | 11 | 7 |

Reorganization documents

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|---|----|----|
| Other documents, 1946 – 1968, n.d. | 11 | 8 |
| Existing file marked "Christmas Seals", 1959 – 1977, n.d. | 11 | 9 |
| Christmas seal bonds and certificates, n.d. | 11 | 10 |

Subseries K Reorganization documents

| | Box | Folder |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 1960 – 1968 | 11 | 11 |
| 1969 – 1974 | 11 | 12 |
| undated, but most likely 60s and 70s | 12 | 1 |

Established files

| | Box | Folder |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| "MTRDA – Reorganization" 1969 – 1971 | 12 | 2 |
| "AFTRDA – Ohio", 1971 – 1972 | 12 | 3 |
| "AFTRDA – Michigan", 1971 – 1972 | 12 | 3 |
| "X-Ray Screening", 1971 - 1972 | 12 | 3 |

Printed and bound reports:

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|---|------------|---------------|
| "(ALA) NTRDA" (two 1974 memos regarding legal action against Juniata Valley Association and Ralph Childs) | 12 | 3 |
| Printed and bound reports: | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Report of the Committee to Evaluate the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, Jan. 1969 (2 copies) | 12 | 4 |
| Report of the Committee to Evaluate the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, Feb. 1970 (3 copies) | 12 | 5 |
| Subseries L Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area Study Material | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| 1956 Annual Progress Report, Grand Rapids City Planning Commission | 12 | 6 |
| Final Report of Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area Study, 1956 | 12 | 7 |
| Metropolitan Area Study, Grand Rapids, 1956 | 12 | 8 |
| Our Metropolitan County, Grand Rapids League of Women Voters, 1957 | 12 | 9 |
| Requests for publications to the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area Study, 1957 - 1961 | 12 | 10 |
| File on the Legal Procedures Committee of the GRMAS, 1958 | 13 | 1 |

Miscellaneous organizational records

| | | |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Streets and Lighting in the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area, GRMAS, 1958 | 13 | 2 |
| When One-third of a City Moves to the Suburbs: A Report on the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area, by Charles Press, 1959 | 13 | 3 |
| Major Findings of the Grand Rapids Area Survey, by Charles Press, 1959 | 13 | 4 |
| A Data Profile: Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area, by Kent County Planning Commission, 1967 | 13 | 5 |
| Planning commission publication, Grand Rapids, n.d. (3 copies) | 13 | 6 |
| Subseries M Miscellaneous organizational records | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Programs, 1917 – 1967 | 13 | 7 |
| Membership cards and applications, 1922 – 1923, n.d. | 13 | 8 |
| Certificates, 1952 – 1976, n.d. | 13 | 9 |
| Surveys, 1961, n.d. | 13 | 10 |
| Admission tickets, 1967 | 13 | 11 |
| History of the Organization | 13 | 12 |

Scrapbooks and Images

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|---|----|----|
| Poems and music, 1954 – 1969, n.d. | 13 | 13 |
| Blanche deKoning biographical (former Executive Secretary of the Kent County Tuberculosis Society), 1958 and n.d. | 13 | 14 |
| Auxiliary (brief history and annual booklets), 1963 – 1967 | 14 | 1 |
| Loose pages, n.d. | 14 | 2 |

Series II Scrapbooks and Images

Scope and Contents note

Scrapbooks with titles are listed by their title in quotation marks and those that had no titles are simply called "Scrapbook" with a date range. They are organized chronologically by starting date.

Subseries A Images

Prints

| | Box | Folder |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Older photos(2): Exterior of a building with note on the back "First home of the Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis Society in old Charity Aid Society Bldg. 1905...", and group of women posing on a bed outdoors with the note "At the T.B. Sanitarium" | 14 | 3 |
| 1920s era photos, probably used in a display since most have a separate typed caption | 14 | 3 |

Slides

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|--|------------|---------------|
| Allen Freeland giving certificates to group of health teachers, ca. 1923 | 14 | 4 |
| Society members (identified) posing with an award cup, marked both 1925 and 1930 | 14 | 5 |
| 1929, students in line for tuberculin tests at South High School | 14 | 6 |
| Women preparing a mailing (with a more recent photo to show a contrast) | 14 | 7 |
| Nellie Laubscher receiving a prize from two patrolmen | 14 | 8 |
| Blanche deKoning receives an award, 1960 | 14 | 9 |
| Photo of a drawing of a building (probably a conceptual architectural drawing) with the words "The Miracle of Life" on the front, labeled "Norman Matheis '63" (3 small) | 14 | 10 |
| Meredith Willson, 1966 Christmas Seal Campaign Chairman, woman modeling 1969 Christmas scarf | 14 | 11 |
| Steve Porter and various women in tiaras and full length gloves, 1966-1969 | 14 | 12 |
| Near and inside X-ray bus, Robinson Studio photos, Nov. 10, 1970 | 14 | 13 |
| Slides | | |
| | Box | Folder |

Negatives

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| 20 slides, ca. 1950s – 1970s. Variety of subjects, Events (a tea, a mailing), X-rays, a bus, etc. | 14 | 14 |
| Negatives | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Set of 4x5 negs (24) taken from pages of early publication (probably Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce illustrated, see 1890-1 "Grand Rapids As it Is", 46-13-96.5) showing primarily line drawings of a variety of Grand Rapids buildings | 14 | 15 |
| 8 strips labeled "Miracle of Brandywine, 10/67 MVC, Grand Rapids, Mich", "MVC Closing Session Oct 67" and "MVC Exhibits Oct 67" | 14 | 16 |
| Drawings | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Monroe Avenue with horse drawn carriages | 14 | 17 |
| The "new" Grand Rapids Sanatorium | 10 | 14 |
| Subseries B Scrapbooks | | |
| Scrapbook 1905 – 1959, n.d. (contains mostly original photos and captions, found reorganized and left as found) 1986.150 | | |
| | Box | |
| Mixed materials | 17 | |

Scrapbooks

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| Mixed materials | Box 15 |
| Mixed materials | Box 16 |
| | Box |
| Scrapbook 1914 – 1952 (contains many original documents including photos, meeting minutes, nurse's reports and much more) | 19 |
| "Newspaper clippings A.T.S. Jan. 1922 – Oct. 1924" | 20 |
| "Newspaper clippings A.T.S. Oct. 1924 – Mar. 1927" | 21 |
| "Publicity from: May 1, 1927 – Jan. 1, 1934" | 22 |
| Scrapbook Jan. 1942 – Jul. 1946 | 23 |
| "Publicity Jul. 1946 – Oct. 1951" | 23 |
| Scrapbook May 1955 – Jul 1957 | 24 |
| Scrapbook Jul. 1956 – Sep. 1959 (plus a poem from 1940 and some copies of the Final Report of the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area Study ca. | 24 |
| Scrapbook n.d. | 24 |
| "Milk Bottle caps 1931 to date" (primarily promotional bottle caps) | 25 |

Scrapbooks

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|---|----|
| "1931 to 1938 Seal Sale Scrap Book" (clippings, correspondence, promotional material, etc.) | 25 |
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| "Publicity 1-1-34 to 4-30-34 ATS" (primarily newspaper clippings) | 25 |
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| "Seal Sale 1939" (promotional material, correspondence, etc.) | 25 |
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| 1948 - 1958 | 26 |
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| 1955 – 1964 | 26 |
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| 1957 - 1962 | 27 |
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| 1966 – 1970 | 27 |
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Scrapbook(s) I-III 1960 – 1985

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|-----------------|------------|
| | Box |
| Mixed materials | 29 |
| | Box |
| Mixed materials | 30 |
| | Box |
| Mixed materials | 28 |
| | Box |
| Mixed materials | 31 |

Scope and Contents note

Media

(Scrapbooks containing primarily Christmas seals and promotional material mounted on pages of encapsulated black paper. Found reorganized into a set of four boxes containing what was probably several distinct scrapbooks now separated into folders with roughly ten pages each. Three scrapbooks designated in the first box but subsequent folders and boxes were not designated.)

Series III Media**Scope and Contents note**

There is a small collection of audio and videotape, probably all dating from the 1970s, mostly promotional ads with two audio cassettes of board meetings.

Subseries A Standard 8 millimeter films**Box**

"Xmas Seals, 1973"

32

"TBA – Dove Spot"

32

"TB Association – Xmas Seals"

32

"Christmas Seals #1 – 30 sec"

32

Subseries B Quarter inch reel to reel audio film**Box**

30 Second Spot, Local Christmas Seals #1

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Cassette tapes

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| "Take a deep breath and be thankful..." (2) | 32 |
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| 30 Second Spot, Local Christmas Seals #2, "Children Singing" (2) | 32 |
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| 30 Second Spot, Local Christmas Seals #3, "Christmas is..." (2) | 32 |
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| (2) with no labeling | 32 |
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Subseries C Cassette tapes**Box**

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| "June Board Meeting – 6/19/70 – noon" | 32 |
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| "Tuberculosis, Health & Emphysema Society of Kent County – Special Board of Directors Meeting – July 9, 1971" | 32 |
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