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Manuscript Collections

ALFRED OWRE:
An Inventory of His Papers

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

- Creator:** Owre, Alfred, 1870-1935.
- Title:** Alfred Owre papers.
- Date:** 1884-1936.
- Abstract:** Correspondence, print materials, biographical data, and miscellany of and about Owre, who was dean of the College of Dentistry, University of Minnesota (1905-1927), and thereafter dean of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery at Columbia University.
- Quantity:** 5.5 cu. ft. (14 boxes) and 2 microfilm reels.
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for shelf locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The original manuscripts include materials on dental education, Owre's plan to make dentistry a specialty of medicine, his activities in medical and dental societies, his acceptance of the doctrine of state medicine, his ideas on diet, and his interest in collecting art, especially cloisonné. There are also circulars received by Owre as a member of the U.S. Army Officers' Reserve Corps; information on his attitude toward World War I; and accounts of his walking tours in Europe and the United States. Among his correspondents were Nicholas Murray Butler, Charles H. Mayo, Cyrus Northrop, Henrik Shipstead, Charles R. Turner, and George E. Vincent.

The microfilm reproduces expressions of condolence, tributes, memorials, and other items occasioned by Owre's death; newspaper clippings; photographs of World War I, assorted foreign scenes, and artwork, including cloisonné; letters, diplomas, certificates, and licenses; a bibliography of Owre's writings; and correspondence between Owre and Turner.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The papers are organized into the following sections: Correspondence and related papers, subject files, newspaper clippings, and print materials.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Cloisonné -- Collectors and collecting.
Dentistry -- Societies, etc.
Dentistry -- Study and teaching.
Diet.
Medical laws and legislation -- United States.
Medicine -- Societies, etc.
Walking -- Europe.
Walking -- United States.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Pictorial works.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Public opinion.

Persons:

Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947.
Mayo, Charles Horace, 1865-1939.
Northrop, Cyrus, 1834-1922.
Shipstead, Henrik, 1881-1960.
Turner, Charles R.
Vincent, George E. (George Edgar), 1864-1941.

Organizations:

Columbia University. School of Dental and Oral Surgery.
United States. Army. Officers' Reserve Corps.
University of Minnesota. School of Dentistry.

Types of Documentation:

Microforms.

Occupations:

Dentists -- United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation:

[Indicate the cited item and/or series here]. Alfred Owre Papers. Minnesota Historical Society.

See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.

Accession Information:

Accession numbers: 4120; 4120A; 4175; 14,649

Custodial history: See *Minnesota History*, 17: 100 (March 1936).

Microfilm Producer and Availability:

Produced by: Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul, Minn., 1938.

Available for sale or interlibrary loan from the Minnesota Historical Society.

Processing Information:

Processed by: Unknown, ca. 1938; Mark Bennett, July 1987; Deborah Kahn, May 2007.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box or reel numbers shown below.

Correspondence and Related Papers

Location	Box	
P2655	1	1884 – December 1923. Includes letters to and from Owre while at University of Minnesota Dental School and Columbia.
P2655	2	January 1924 – February 1927. Includes College of Dentistry letters from University of Minnesota and Columbia School of Dentistry; letters from the Carnegie Foundation; and miscellaneous.
P2655	3	March 1927 – December 1928. Dental letters: Minnesota, Columbia, assorted.
P2655	4	1929.
P2655	5	1930.
P2655	6	January-July 1931.
P2655	7	August 1931 – February 1932.
P2655	8	March – December, 1932.
P2655	9	January 1933 – August 1935.
Location	Reel	
M655	1	Expressions of condolence, tributes, memorials, and other items occasioned by Owre's death; newspaper clippings; photographs of World War I, assorted foreign scenes, and artwork, including cloisonné; letters, diplomas, certificates, and licenses; and a bibliography of Owre's writings, 1884-1935.
M655	2	Correspondence between Owre and Charles R. Turner, 1927-1933.
Location	Box	
P2655	9	Letters from Russian trip, March-May 1933.
P2655	14	Certificates, citations, print materials, and clippings.

Subject Files

Location	Box	
P2655	9	Replies to a questionnaire sent out by the Minnesota Historical Society, 1935-1936. Bulletins, etc., regarding the U.S. Army: 1918 – May 1931. Miscellaneous.
P2655	10	Diary notes, 1912-1916, and notes on European trip, 1933. Biographical data, clippings, etc., about Owre, 1915-1935, 1987, 1991. Articles by and about Owre, 1924-1932. Articles by Owre, 1927-1933. Owre's article on a report of the Committee on Dental Education, 1933, and questionnaire nos. 1-448. Translations by Owre of materials relating to dentistry in foreign countries, 1930-1933.
P2655	11	Articles by and about various persons, 1929-1930. Articles by William J. Gies, 1923-1932. Programs and resolutions of medical and dental societies, undated and 1927-1931. Materials regarding the Winternitz dinner, November 1929. Data on curriculum and staff of dental colleges, 1925-1931; bylaws of the New York Academy of Medicine. Blanks, questionnaires, etc. sent out by the Dental Educational Council. American Stomological Association bulletins and pamphlets, 1929-1931. Materials on the First District Dental Society, 1929-1930. Miscellaneous.

Newspaper Clippings

Location	Box	
P2655	12	Cost of medical care, February 10, 1929 – April 14, 1933. Dentistry, November 10, 1907 – August 5, 1933. Education, January 11, 1919 – March 19, 1933. General medicine, April 17, 1922 – Dec. 22, 1932. Miscellaneous, September 10, 1915 – November 15, 1934.

Print Materials

Location	Box	
P2655	12	Extracts regarding dentistry and medicine. For a course on theory and practice, May 12, 1928 – February 7, 1933.
P2655	13	Diet. Miscellaneous.