



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Vital Statistics Division

An Inventory of Its Birth and Death Classification Ledgers

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:	Minnesota. Division of Vital Statistics.
Series Title:	Birth and death classification ledgers.
Dates:	1887-1901, 1947, 1956.
Quantity:	26.25 cu. ft. (15 double oversize boxes and 4 half-height oversize boxes).
Location:	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The death classified by location ledgers (1887-1899, 1901) contain worksheets, usually in pencil, arranged by county and subdivisions of a county, which provide statistical data about the deaths in each jurisdiction including sex, race, social status (married, single, etc.), age grouping, nativity, nativity of parents, and cause of death. There is often a separate volume for deaths occurring in select cities. The deaths classified by cause ledgers contain the same information as the above plus the month of the death and county and civil subdivision where the death occurred. The causes of death include specific diseases. Both of these series are incomplete and neither contains names of individual decedents. The mortality summary by county of residence (1947, 1956) includes data similar to the death classification ledgers.

The births classified by location ledgers (1887-1898) also contain worksheets, each noting sex, race, condition (legitimate/illegitimate), number at birth (single, twin, triplet, etc.), parents' nativity, and age grouping of parents. This series is also incomplete and does not contain the names of individual newborns.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

Divided into four subseries: deaths classified by location ledgers, deaths classified by cause ledgers, mortality summary by county of residence, and births classified by location ledgers.

INDEX TERMS

These records are 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:

Death--Causes--Classification.
Death--Causes--Statistics.
Mortality--Minnesota--Statistics.
Registers of birth, etc.--Minnesota.
Vital statistics--Minnesota

Organizations:

Minnesota. Dept. of Health.

Types of Documents:

Birth records--Minnesota.
Death records--Minnesota.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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

Location	Box	
126.H.1.5	1	1887. Deaths Classified by Location. 3 volumes. This series does not contain names of individual decedents. Aitkin-Mower. Murray-Yellow Medicine. Cities, with additional listings for Anoka-LeSueur counties.

Location	Box	
126.H.1.5	1	1887. Deaths Classified by Cause. 1 volume. This series does not contain names of individual decedents.
126.H.1.6	2	1888. Deaths Classified by Location. 3 volumes. Aitkin-Otter Tail: Sverdrup Township. Otter Tail: Tremliem [Trondhjem?] Township-Yellow Medicine. Cities. 1888. Deaths Classified by Cause. 1 volume.
126.H.1.7	3	1889. Deaths Classified by Location. 3 volumes. Aitkin-Otter Tail: Elizabeth Township. Otter Tail: Elmo Township-Yellow Medicine. Cities. 1889. Deaths Classified by Cause. 1 volume.
126.H.1.8	4	1890. Deaths Classified by Location. 2 volumes. Olmsted-Yellow Medicine. Cities. 1890. Deaths Classified by Cause. 1 volume. 1891. Deaths Classified by Location. 1 volume. Norman-Yellow Medicine.
126.H.2.1	5	1892. Deaths Classified by Location. 1 volume. Norman-Yellow Medicine. 1893. Deaths Classified by Location. 1 volume. Aitkin-Mower. 1894. Deaths Classified by Location. 2 volumes. Aitkin-Morrison.
126.H.2.2	6	Cities. 1894. Deaths Classified by Cause. 1 volume.
126.H.2.3	7	1895. Deaths Classified by Location. 3 volumes. Aitkin-Norman. Olmsted-Yellow Medicine. Cities.
126.H.2.4	8	1895. Deaths Classified by Cause. 1 volume. 1896. Deaths Classified by Location. 2 volumes. Aitkin-Olmsted.
126.H.2.5	9	Cities. 1896. Deaths Classified by Cause. 1 volume.
126.H.2.6	10	1897. Deaths Classified by Location. 2 volumes. Otter Tail-Yellow Medicine. Cities.

Location	Box	
126.H.2.7	11	1897. Deaths Classified by Cause. 1 volume.
126.H.2.8	12	1898. Deaths Classified by Location. 3 volumes. Aitkin-Olmsted. Otter Tail-Yellow Medicine.
126.H.3.1	13	Cities. 1898. Deaths Classified by Cause. 2 volumes. Volume 1.
126.H.3.2	14	Volume 2. 1899. Deaths Classified by Location. 2 volumes. Volume 1.
126.H.3.3	15	Volume 2. 1901. Deaths Classified by Location. 1 folder. Pages removed from volume. 1947. Mortality Summary by County of Residence. 2 volumes. Aitkin-Martin. Meeker-Yellow Medicine. 1956. Mortality Summary by County of Residence. 2 volumes. Aitkin-Martin. Meeker-Yellow Medicine.
108.D.9.4F-1	16	Births Classified by Location, 1887-1898. 13 volumes. This series does not contain names of individual newborns. 1887. Aitkin-Lac qui Parle, Washington. 1887. Lac qui Parle-Polk. 1888. Aitkin-Nicollet. 1888. Nobles-Yellow Medicine.
108.D.9.4F-2	17	1890. Nobles-Yellow Medicine. 1891. Nicollet-Yellow Medicine. 1892. Aitkin-Murray. 1892. Nicollet-Yellow Medicine.
108.D.9.5B-1	18	1893. Murray-Yellow Medicine. 1894. Aitkin-Murray. 1896. Aitkin-Nicollet.
108.D.9.5B-2	19	1897. Aitkin-Nobles. 1898. Nicollet-Yellow Medicine.