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HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Vital Statistics Division

An Inventory of Its Birth and Death Records

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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Division of Vital Statistics.
Series Title: Birth and death records.
Dates: 1832, 1873-1903, 1936-1939.
Abstract: Various birth and death records collected by the division.
Quantity: 13.8 cu. ft. (8 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Birth and death registers (1900-1903), supplemental birth listing (1900-1903), late birth returns (1887-1902), returns of delayed deaths (1887-1900), birth record cards (1832, 1873-1899), and birth and death indexes (1936-1939).

An electronic index to the front sides of the birth record cards is available at:
<http://people.mnhs.org/bci/search.cfm>

RELATED MATERIALS

Birth registers for counties and cities (1899) which were originally part of this series are available on microfilm (cataloged separately).

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:

Vital statistics—Minnesota.

Organizations:

Minnesota. Dept. of Health.

Types of Documents:

Birth records—Minnesota.

Death records—Minnesota.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:

Access to birth records is restricted pursuant to Minn. Stat. 144.225. Researchers may apply to use the restricted materials in accordance with the State Archives access statement.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.

Location

- 106.C.17.3 Register of births, 1900-1903.
These volumes are typed lists of births occurring in Minnesota between 1900 and 1903. They appear to be alphabetical by father's surname and father's first name. Each entry may include the father's surname; first names of father and mother; name of child (or sex if not named); county and subdivision (township, village, city) of birth and date of birth. Their relationship to the official birth cards for this period (whether available online) has not been established.
A-K. 3 volumes.
- 106.C.17.4 L-Warika. 4 volumes.
- 106.C.17.5 No. 8, Warim-Z. 1 volume.
Supplemental birth listing, A-R only, 1900-1903. 1 folder.
Typed list (50 numbered pages) of births apparently recorded after the previously listed official birth registers were compiled. The records are grouped according to the first letter of the father's surname and randomly thereunder. Information includes the father's and mother's names, given name of the child, county and subdivision (township, village, city) of birth, and date of birth.
- 106.C.17.5 Late birth returns, 1887-1902. 3 sheets in 1 folder.
Covers only a few births in various counties, apparently those that were recorded by the state very late [delayed?]. Information includes the date of birth; name, color, and sex of child; names, occupations, and ages of parents; and the birth order number of the child born to this mother.
Returns of delayed deaths, 1887-1900. 1 folder.
Covers only a few deaths; includes date and cause of death and full name, sex, color, marital status, age, and birth place of the deceased.
Miscellaneous counties, 1887-1899. 6 pages.
St. Paul, June 1899 - May 1900. 2 pages.
Stearns County, June 1899 - May 1900. 3 pages.

Location

- 106.C.17.5 Birth record cards, 1832, 1873-1899. 1 card file box.
Incomplete set of cards (only 1,320 births are recorded); arranged alphabetically by county name, although all counties are not included. Within each county, the cards are organized by PR number (PRior to 1900). The PR numbers were stamped on the cards to facilitate the scanning and indexing of the cards by Minnesota Historical Society staff.
Information may include: first, name, and middle name; sex; race; date and place of birth; father's name, age, occupation, and place of birth; mother's maiden name, age, occupation, and place of birth; number of previous children born to this mother; name and address of the attending physician or midwife; and name and address of the person providing information about the birth. Both sides of the cards may also include handwritten notes.
Attachments, such as an affidavit to amend a birth certificate, correspondence, birth return, birth certificate, and other documents regarding a birth. Some of these documents may date from after the date span of the birth cards.

Records in the following boxes have not been inspected, described, or correlated with existing microfilm of death certificates.

- 106.C.17.6 Index to births, 1936. 1 package. **RESTRICTED.**
Index to deaths, 1936. 2 packages. OPEN.
- 106.C.17.7 Index (register) of births, 1937. **RESTRICTED.**
Index (register) of deaths, 1937. OPEN.
- 106.C.17.8 Index of births, 1938. **RESTRICTED.**
Index of deaths, 1938. OPEN.
- 106.C.18.1 Death index, by age. 1938. 2 packages. OPEN.
- 106.C.18.2 Index of births, 1939. **RESTRICTED.**
Index of deaths, 1939. OPEN.