Hearing Society of Minnesota Records

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection number: B541, Accession # 2020.006.0001-0016
Collection repository: Hennepin History Museum
                        2303 Third Ave
                        Minneapolis, MN 55404
Collection title: Hearing Society of Minnesota
Dates: 1922-1999
Extent: 13 linear feet, 16 boxes, 3 are oversized boxes
Creator: Hearing Society of Minnesota
Language of the Material: English
Processed by: Michele Pollard

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Minneapolis Society for the Hard of Hearing was founded in 1922 by Horace Newhart. Newhart served as the organization’s president from 1925-1929, while presiding over several other otolaryngology associations, including the American Academy of Otolaryngology, American Society for the Hard of Hearing, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. Newhart died in 1945.

The organization was renamed the Minneapolis Hearing Society in 1967 and changed its name again in 1987 to the Hearing Society of Minnesota, the name it retained until dissolving in June 1999. The Hearing Society of Minnesota (HSOM) provided education and services for the hearing impaired as well as their families and the community. HSOM served the hearing-impaired community by providing outreach activities and advocating for accessibility in Minnesota. HSOM was also affiliated with the Minnesota Quota Club, whose larger benevolent organization aided deaf women and children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection includes documents on donations and financial support, financial records, student and member lists, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photos, slides, records of financial support, programming and services, general correspondence, and fundraising plans. There is correspondence from executive directors and the organization’s presidents. Documentation on the organization’s charitable gambling efforts is also present.

The strategy employed in arrangement was to present the records as they were, culling out the structure of the original order, therefore, there are instances where a series in this record group may be found in more than one physical location. This is displayed in the inventory.
The collection is arranged in eight series. The series include:

- Series 1: Administrative Files
- Series 2: Audio/Visual
- Series 3: Education
- Series 4: Financial Documents
- Series 5: Financial Support
- Series 6: Printed Material
- Series 7: Photographic Material
- Series 8: Scrapbooks

ACCESS
The collection is open for researchers and has no restrictions. The archive does not have a cassette or VHS player, so the audio interview and VHS cassette cannot be played.

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RELATED MATERIAL
Additional items on the Hearing Society of Minnesota can be found in these other collections.

- Minnesota Historical Society has 10 boxes - Accession # 16,291. The bulk of the collection is from 1922-1991
- Hennepin County Library Digital Collection - Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection has 9 photos. 1937-1946

COLLECTION INVENTORY
Series 1: Administrative Files

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3  9  1985-1986  Education - Program Files - Service Statistics
3  11  1985  Education - Program Files - Youth Billing
11  14  1985, 1986  Education - Programs - Audiology
11  15  1986, 1989  Education - Programs - Adult
11  16  1988, 1990  Education - Programs - ASL
11  17  1986, 1990  Education - Programs - Notes
11  20  1988, 1989  Education - Programs - Lipreading / Speechreading
11  21  1990, 1991  Education - Programs - Lipreading / Speechreading

Outreach
3  10  1984-1990  Education - Outreach - Associations
11  1  1974  Education - Outreach - Summer Employment
11  2  1974  Education - Outreach - Summer Employment - Correspondence
11  3  1972  Education - Outreach - Summer Employment - Correspondence
11  4  1974  Education - Outreach - Summer Employment - Correspondence
11  5  1968, 1969  Education - Outreach - Summer Employment - Reports
11  7  1972  Education - Outreach - Summer Employment - Reports
11  8  1974  Education - Outreach - Summer Employment - Reports
11  23  1979, 1980  Education - Outreach - Community Education
11  24  1982-1986  Education - Outreach - Community Education
11  25  1987-1990  Education - Outreach - Community Education

Devices
11  18  1983  Education - Devices - Assistive Learning

Series 4: Financial Documents
Box  Folder No.  Description
6     11    1989-1990  Financial Documents - Records
10    2     1984  Financial Documents - Records - Deposits
10    3     1985  Financial Documents - Records - Deposits
10    4     1986  Financial Documents - Records - Deposits
10    5     1987  Financial Documents - Records - Deposits
10    6     1981-1987  Financial Documents - Investments Documents
14    18    1988  Financial Documents (blue ledger)

Series 5: Financial Support
Box  Folder No.  Description
6     7     1985-1990  Financial Support
6 8 1985-1986  Financial Support
6 9 1983-1990  Financial Support
6 10 1906-1950  Financial Support

**Bequests and Wills**
1 1 1991  Financial Support - Bequests - Hudson Farm
1 2 1990-1995  Financial Support - Bequests - Hudson Farm, Contract for Deed
1 6 1987-1988  Financial Support - Bequests - 2100 Stevens Ave S. Coan Family Correspondence
1 20 1981-1987  Financial Support - Bequests
5 16 1942-1965  Financial Support - Bequests
5 17 1976-1977  Financial Support - Bequests
5 18 1993  Financial Support - Bequests - 2100 Stevens Ave S.

**Fundraising**
1 8 1994  Financial Support - Fundraising - Estate Sale
14 ca. 1990  Commemorative plaque

**Fundraising-Proposals**
1 23 1979, 1982, 1983  Financial Support - Fundraising - Proposals
1 24 1980, 1987  Financial Support - Fundraising - Proposals
1 26 1985-1988  Financial Support - Fundraising - Proposals

**Donations**
1 14 1987-1990  Financial Support - Donations -
1 15 1983-1987 Financial Support - Donations -
1 16 1985-1988 Financial Support - Donations -
1 17 1982-1989 Financial Support - Donations -
1 18 1986-1987 Financial Support - Donations - Contributions/Memorials
1 21 1985-1990 Financial Support - Donations - Contributions

Membership
1 29 1983-1986 Financial Support - Membership
1 30 1984-1989 Financial Support - Membership - Correspondence

Charitable Gambling - Records
2 8 1988-1990 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Records - BINGO
2 10 1990-1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Records - Ordinances
2 14 1990 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Records - Activity Summary
2 15 1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Records - Activity Summary
2 16 1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Records - Activity Summary
2 18 1989 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Records - Taxes Monthly Reports
2 24 1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Records - BINGO

Reports
5 2 1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Reports
5 3 1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Reports
5 4 1988-1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Reports
5 5 1988-1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Reports
5 8 1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Tax Documents
5 9 1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Monthly Reports
5 11 1990-1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Records
5 13 1990-1991 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling - Personnel
5 14 1990 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling
5 15 1988 Financial Support - Charitable Gambling

**Funding Organizations**

5 19 1930 Financial Support - Funding Organizations - Quota Club - Bylaws
5 20 1935-1983 Financial Support - Funding Organizations - Quota Club - Newsletters
5 21 ca. 1980 Financial Support - Funding Organizations - Quota Club
5 22 1930 Financial Support - Funding Organizations - Quota Club - Correspondence
5 23 1943-1963 Financial Support - Funding Organizations - Quota Club
5 24 1965-1980 Financial Support - Funding Organizations - Quota Club - membership

6 1 1984-1986 Financial Support - Funding Organizations - Quota Club
6 2 1987-1990 Financial Support - Funding Organizations
6 3 1984-1990 Financial Support - Funding Organizations
6 4 1984-1990 Financial Support - Funding Organizations
6 5 1986, 1988 Financial Support - Funding Organizations
6 6 1985-1989 Financial Support - Funding Organizations
13 1928-1938 Financial Support - Funding Organizations - Quota Club

**Series 6: Printed Material**

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Series 7: Photographic Material
Box   Folder No.
4     1              1955-1956, ca. 1976-1980 Photographic material - Photos
4     9              ca. 1980 Photographic Material - Lantern Slides
4     16             ca. 1900 Photographic Material - Slides
15    2              1980s Photographic Material - Slides
16    9              ca. 1980 Photographic Material - Slides

Series 8: Scrapbooks
Box   Folder No.
7     1956-1958 Quota Club of Minneapolis scrapbook of photos and news clipping
8     1970s 2 Quota Club of Minneapolis scrapbook of news clippings
9     1948-1955 Quota Club of Minneapolis publicity scrapbook
11    9              1971-1985 Evening Club

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