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# John R. Ostfield Papers

**Ostfield, John R., 1904-1951**
John R. Ostfield Papers, 1928-1951
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Biography Scope and Content Box and Folder List

## OVERVIEW

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## BIOGRAPHY

John R. Ostfield was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1904. He graduated from the University of Manitoba and interned at Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. Ostfield worked at the State Hospital at Jamestown, North Dakota, and then Tuttle, North Dakota, before coming to Fargo in 1932. In Fargo, Dr. Ostfield had a private practice on Broadway until shortly before his death. Mr. Ostfield died at Winnipeg on December 18, 1951, and is buried in the Jewish Cemetery at Fargo, North Dakota.

Dr. Ostfield was a member of the American Medical Association, North Dakota State Medical Association, Cass County Medical Society, and the American Psychiatric Association. He was a First Lieutenant in the Army Medical Reserve and a medical examiner for the Provident Life Insurance Company. Mr. Ostfield also served as a trustee of the Association of Patriotic Societies of North Dakota,

was a past president of the John Hay Lodge of B'nai Brith, and also served on the Board of Directors of Temple Beth El in Fargo.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The John R. Ostfield papers consists of some correspondence, various reports, daily records, and subject files. The papers have been divided into medically related and non-medically related Subject Files and Correspondence.

The **Subject Files Series** has been divided into two areas: **medically** and **non-medically** related. The medically related subject files contain Dr. Ostfield's records on treating patients with venereal disease and some of his daily records, ledgers, etc. The remainder of the files pertains to various aspects of medicine, all of which have been broken down quite specifically. The non-medically related subject files include his Army extension course material, life insurance information and other miscellaneous papers.

The **Correspondence Series**, dating from 1928-1949, and arranged chronologically, consists of incoming letters dealing mostly with his appointments to various positions or his Army extension course.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

| Box/Folder | Contents |
|---|---|
| 1/1 | Biographical material, and inventory |
| | **Subject Files Series - Medically Related** |
| 1/2 | Venereal disease reports and manuals |
| 1/3 | North Dakota Department of Health reporting forms for venereal disease, 1941-1942 (Restricted) |
| 1/4 | North Dakota Department of Health reporting forms for venereal disease, 1943-1945 (Restricted) |
| 1/5 | Weekly activity reports for venereal disease treatment, 1941-1950 |
| 1/6 | Serological tests, legislative bill and forms required for marriage |
| 1/7 | Daily record book, ledgers and notebook |
| 1/8 | Medical reports, disease prevention, regulations and list of North Dakota surgical costs |
| 2/1 | Feeding schedules for babies |
| 2/2 | American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology publications |
| 2/3 | St. John's Hospital, Fargo, constitution |
| 2/4 | Directory of North Dakota doctors, bulletin of new medical books and prescription books |
| 2/5 | United States Treasury drug order forms |
| 2/6 | North Dakota Workmen's Compensation forms and rulebook |
| 2/7 | Miscellaneous medical forms |
| | **Subject Files Series - Non-medically Related** |
| 2/8 | Army Extension course |
| 2/9 | Life insurance papers and a collection credit service list of debtors |
| 2/10 | Miscellaneous material |

**Correspondence Series**

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