

# Early Medical Practices in North Dakota

This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting medical practices.

## Archival Collections

### 10003 Linda (Warfel) and Benjamin Franklin Slaughter Family Papers

Papers of Linda (Warfel) Slaughter, her husband Benjamin Franklin Slaughter, daughters Linnie Lee (Mrs. Albin) Hedstrom, and Jessamine (Mrs. Arthur) Burgum, sister Aidee, granddaughter Hazel (Hedstrom) Eastman, grandson Ted Hedstrom, grandson Vern Hedstrom, and great-granddaughter Virginia (Eastman) Dullum. The collection also includes family history and genealogy information, newspaper clippings about the Slaughters, papers of Albin Hedstrom (Burleigh County Sheriff), Allan Eastman (Bismarck Tribune writer), Vern Hedstrom's Army records, and football and basketball coaching materials, and Allan's parents Phillip K. and Maude Eastman (store owners in Wilton, N.D.).

### 10117 James Grassick Papers

Correspondence, speeches, literary manuscripts, notes, newspaper clippings, a record of registered physicians in the Dakota Territory (1885), a partial transcript of minutes and broadsides, a record of registered physicians in North Dakota (1890-1920), poetry, genealogy, a biographical sketch, and copies of articles on medicine and North Dakota history published by Grassick. The correspondence relates to Dr. Grassick's purchase of the mastodon skeleton in 1899 and its eventual transfer to the State Historical Society and handbills for the exhibition of the skeleton.

### 10350 North Dakota Medical Association Records

Records consist of House of Delegates proceedings, general files, district and committee files, North Dakota Regional Medical Program files, programs, ledger, photographs, audio-tapes, memoranda, notes, studies, and Treasurer's reports. Files relate to administration, legislation, state conventions, medical and nursing education, aging and rehabilitation issues, public relations, the North Dakota Medical Research Foundation, and local medical associations.

## Useful Search Guidance

### Subjects

- Medicine—North Dakota
- Hospitals—North Dakota
- North Dakota Tuberculosis Association
- State Hospital—North Dakota

### People

- Dr. Benjamin Franklin Slaughter
- Dr. Henry R. Porter
- Dr. W. A. Bently
- Sister Boniface Timmons
- Dr. Eric P. Quain
- Dr. Niles O. Ramstad
- Dr. Fannie Dunn Quain

### Locations

- North Dakota
- Dakota Territory

## Journal Articles

*The Development of Health Care Systems in Bismarck, 1872-1937*

Kevin A Hessinger – *North Dakota History*  
Vol. 53 Issue 1

*In Pursuit of Gesundheit: Changing Health Practices Among North Dakota's German-Russians, 1890-1930*

Jonathan F. Wagner – *North Dakota History*  
Vol. 58 Issue 3

*Kickapoo Oil, Blood Purifiers, and Laxatives: Patent Medicines in One North Dakota Community*

Gordon L. Iseminger – *North Dakota History*  
Vol. 80 Issue 3

**11092 Dr. Hamilton Worth Emanuel Papers**

Dr. Emanuel's medical license, business cards, recipes/formulas, forms, financial material, legal documents, advertisements, notices, post card and medical publications.

**20657 Mrs. B. O. Richter Papers**

Letter by Richter describes the medical career of Dr. O. L. Richter, the first physician in Fargo.

**21173 Dr. Raymond and Estelle (O'Harrow) Furman Papers**

Ledger from Dr. Furman's medical practice in Richardton (N.D.), portraits of Estelle Mae O'Harrow (Furman) and Raymond Walter Furman before their 1910 marriage, a post card of their home in Richardton, a reminiscence by Estelle Furman "The Early Days of Dr. Furman's Practice of Medicine in North Dakota," a copy of newspaper clippings about Dr. Furman and their wedding, and a copy of the couples marriage certificate. The ledger details patients, services rendered and pricing for the year 1910.

**80132 William P. Cleveland Collection**

Two pages of steamer tickets with cardboard cover (encapsulated), Board of Health license authorizing William P. Cleveland to practice medicine in the Territory of Dakota, issued at Fargo, Dakota Territory June 5, 1885 (first license (No. 1) granted to a physician to practice medicine in Dakota Territory).

**30012 Dakota Territory Records**

Consists of 86 rolls of microfilm of the records of Dakota Territory. After statehood, the Dakota Territory records were divided and North and South Dakota each received half of the records. All of the records were microfilmed so both states would have them. The records are from the Supreme Court, Legislature, Governor, the Secretary (now Secretary of State), Agriculture, Public Examiner, Public Instruction, Public Health, Schools and Colleges, Hospital for the Insane, Penitentiary, Counties, Military, Federal Relations, Exhibitions and Fairs, Insurance, and Murder Trials.

**32375 Federal Records. Medical History - Fort Buford**

Consists of the Medical Officer's monthly reports describing health, mortality, and sanitary conditions at the post; activities of medical personnel; and the post hospital and equipment. Includes physical descriptions of the post and information concerning the local area, history, climate, and other activities associated with the post.

## Books

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*Sacred Fireplace (Oceti Wakan): Life and Teachings of a Lakota Medicine Man*

1999 - Pete S. Catches, Sr.; edited by Peter V. Catches

Call Number: 299.7852 C3578o

*Walking in the Sacred Manner: Healers, Dreamers, and Pipe Carriers--Medicine*

*Women of the Plains Indians*

1995 – Mark St. Pierre and Tilda Long Soldier

Call Number: 299.798082 S149w

*Metis and the Medicine Line: Creating a Border and Dividing a People*

2015 – Michel Hogue

Call Number: 305.897 H7168m 2015

*Report on Hygiene of the United States Army: With Descriptions of Military Posts;*

*Report to the Surgeon General on the Transport of Sick and Wounded by Pack Animals*

1974 — John S. Billings and George A. Otis

Reprinted in 1974 in a one-volume limited edition of 500 copies by Sol Lewis

Call Number: 355.7 B496 v.8

*A Complete Handbook for the Hospital Corps of the U.S. Army and Navy and State  
Military Forces*

1906 – Charles Field Mason

Call Number: 355.72 M398h 1906

*Lotions, Potions, Pills, and Magic: Health Care in Early America*

2012 – Elaine Breslaw

Call Number: 362.10973 B842ℓ 2012

*Uses of Plants by the Indians of the Missouri River Region*

1919 — Melvin R. Gilmore ; foreword by Hugh Cutler

Call Number: 572.973 G424

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## Online Resources

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### Home Duties

Advertisement for Lydia E. Pinkham's  
Vegetable Compound in the Bismarck Daily  
Tribune from January 22, 1904

### SHSND Photobook

State Historical Society of North Dakota's  
Online Search Portal for all digitized  
photographs

### Digital Horizons

Online consortium of historic photographs  
from the collections of the State Historical  
Society of North Dakota

### WorldCat

State Historical Society of North Dakota's  
publication search portal

## External Resources

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### [Ethnobotany in Native American Cultures](#)

Oregon State University website

### [The Cure to All of Your Troubles: Patent Medicines at the Turn of the Century](#)

Article written by Lauren Ciriac Wenger on  
The Hershey Story: The Museum on  
Chocolate Avenue website

## State Archives

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For more information related to the  
collections and resources available at the  
North Dakota State Archives, please email  
[archives@nd.gov](mailto:archives@nd.gov) or call (701) 328-2668.



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