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Name and Location of Repository:

Northwestern Health Sciences University, Greenawalt Library. 2501 West 84th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431. 952-885-5419. library@nwhealth.edu

Title: John B. Wolfe, Sr., Collection

Dates: 1973-1984, undated

Extent: 1 large document case

Name of Creator(s): John B. Wolfe, Sr.

Biographical History (written by former library technician Corinne Florin)

John Burton Wolfe was born July 27, 1914, in Grand Forks, North Dakota. After graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in civil engineering in 1936, his interests turned to a different area, and he entered Palmer College of Chiropractic in Iowa. He returned to Minnesota after graduation, only to find Minnesota required basic science, so Dr. Wolfe entered the Minnesota Chiropractic College and earned his second D.C. in 1940.

In June of 1941, Dr. Wolfe founded Northwestern College of Chiropractic, housed on the sixth floor of a downtown Minneapolis department store. He wanted to make sure future chiropractors attended an institution that encompassed Minnesota's basic science law, and he believed that more students would be helpful in any possible necessary political influence. The school flourished after WWII, and by 1949, enrollment had grown to 280 students, and NWCC adopted a nonprofit status. As the school grew, it changed locations several times until its current location in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Dr. Wolfe was the college's first president and remained so until his retirement in 1984, after serving 43 years in that office. He died on November 24, 1998.

Some information is taken from *Dynamic Chiropractic* [electronic version], vol. 29, no. 7, and from *Northwestern Today*.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of paper-based materials from Dr. Wolfe's files, including personal and teaching materials and financial documentation for NWCC. No records have been kept on original order. Most materials are originals. Materials have been preservation processed.

Conditions Governing Access: Some materials are restricted; contact the archivist to learn more or to request access to this collection.

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Languages and Scripts of Material: English

Other Finding Aids: An older version of this finding aid is available upon request from the archivist. No other inventories or finding aids exist.

Custodial History: Unknown

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Unknown

Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information: Collection was surveyed October 2017; no materials were de-accessioned at that time. Collection will be reappraised in the 2021-2022 academic year.

Accruals: None expected

Existence and Location of Copies: Unknown

Related Archival Materials: Collection 2 – NWHSU Collection of Photographs & Clippings, Collection 3 – NWHSU Collection of Awards & Memorabilia, Collection 12 – NWHSU 50th Anniversary Collection, Collection 14 – NWHSU Collection on University History, Collection 16 – NWHSU Collection on Chiropractic History, Collection 19 – NWHSU Commencement Programs

Publication Note: None known

Notes

Former library technician Corinne Florin processed, arranged, and described the collection in February 2014. Current archivist Monica Howell surveyed and reappraised the collection, and updated its arrangement and description in 2017-2018.

System of Arrangement: Materials in Series 1 and 3 are arranged alphabetically by topic/subseries. Materials in Series 2 are arranged chronologically. Series and subseries were determined by Corinne Florin at time of processing and have been retained here.

Box 1

Series 1: Personal Papers, 1975-1984, undated

This series consists of papers produced by and regarding John Wolfe, Sr., including articles, certificates, correspondence, a poem, and speeches.

- Articles
 - Education
 - Physics and Preprofessional (sic) Education

- Certificate: Memento of visit to New York Chiropractic College, May 15, 1981
- Correspondence
 - From H. Michael Sheehan, undated
 - From Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board, December 10, 1980
- Poem: “John Wolfe is a Very Special Man” by Charles Schein, ca. 1983
- Speeches
 - “Trends in Education and Demography,” 1981
 - Homecoming Report, 1975
 - Homecoming, 1984
 - Pay Tribute, undated
 - Homecoming, 1981
 - Alumni Activities, undated
 - College Report, 1978

Series 2: NWCC Financial Papers, 1973-1981, undated

This series consists of NWCC financial documents.

- Northwestern College of Chiropractic financial summaries 1973-1979
- Northwestern College of Chiropractic balance sheet as of 10.31.1980
- Northwestern College of Chiropractic balance sheet as of 11.30.1980
- Northwestern College of Chiropractic balance sheet as of 12.31.1980
- Report on audit, 8.31.1981
- Northwestern College of Chiropractic balance sheet as of 9.30.1981
- Yearly financial summaries with current budget: 10.1.1981
- Loose financial pages

Series 3: Education-Related Papers, undated

This series consists of teaching materials produced by John Wolfe, Sr., as well as information on NWCC courses taught by other faculty members.

- Education notes
- Session IV – basic examination procedure, insurance reporting
- Session V – soft tissue injuries
- Student information
- Syllabus

Finding Aid Description Information

Sources used: Previous edition of finding aid, collection materials

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