MN Chiropractic History Resources

Below are many resources about Minnesota chiropractic history that can be found in Minnesota’s libraries and archives. This is not an exhaustive list, but rather reflects those locations and resources currently known to us. If you know of any resources or locations to add to the list, please contact NWHSU archivist Monica Howell at mhowell@nwhealth.edu.

***Be sure to contact locations listed below BEFORE attempting an in-person visit.***

Northwestern Health Sciences University, Greenawalt Library

*Library website:* https://www.nwhealth.edu/library

*Digital archives website:* https://islandora.nwhealth.edu

*Location:* 2501 W. 84th St., Bloomington, MN 55431

*Library phone:* 952-885-5419 | *Archivist phone:* 952-204-5325

*Library email:* library@nwhealth.edu | *Archivist email:* mhowell@nwhealth.edu

## Significant resources related to chiropractic

* On our website, you can search for books and journals in our library catalog, read digitized copies of our yearbooks, and find out more about the historical materials available in our archives
* We have print copies of many state and national chiropractic journals, including *Chiropractic History,* various Minnesota Chiropractic Association publications, *Gopher State Chiropractic Journal,* and many NWCC/NWHSU alumni, student, and employee publications
	+ A recent issue of *Chiropractic History* (vol. 40, #2) features the article, “’This is Your Opportunity’: Women Chiropractors in Minnesota, 1899-1919,” by our archivist, Monica Howell
* Most of our archival materials have not been digitized, so an appointment is required in order to use materials in person. Please email Monica at mhowell@nwhealth.edu or call 952-204-5325 with any questions or to make an appointment.

# MN Historical Society

*Website (features links to many MNHS research sources, including Gale Family Library, the library and archives catalog, digital collections, & much more):* https://www.mnhs.org/research

*Location:* 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102

*Phone:* 651-259-3300 or 1-800-657-3773

*Email form:* https://www.mnhs.org/library/about/contact

## Significant resources related to chiropractic

* Minnesota State Board of Chiropractic Examiners materials
	+ Agency history record
	+ Records, 1919-1958, 1968
	+ MBCE newsletter, 1997-2006 – RZ205.U52 M6
* List of Persons Lawfully Authorized to Practice Medicine in the State of MN (1928-1934) / State of MN Licensed Physicians and Surgeons, Osteopaths, Chiropractors, Midwives, and Masseurs (1935-1985 [not all years available]) – Gale Family Library R712.A2 M61
	+ Other copies of these found in Health Department archival collection
* Directory of Licensed Chiropractors, State of MN (1963, 1969-70) – Gale Family Library RZ233.M6
* County registers, incl. licensed chiropractors and basic science certificates – search MNHS Library & Archives catalog for subject “Chiropractors -- Minnesota -- Registers”
* Minnesota Medical Education and Research Cost Advisory Committee records – incl. monies allocated for chiropractic education
* Pamphlet collection RZ201-RZ275 includes a 1918 roster of members of the Association of Minnesota Chiropractors
* Digitized newspapers are particularly useful for finding chiropractors practicing prior to enactment of state licensure – see <http://www.mnhs.org/newspapers>
* American International Institute of Chiropractic Health Sciences (St. Paul, MN), 1974 – RZ232.32.M6 A655 1974
* Article by Susan Smith-Cunnien, “’Without drugs or knives’: the early years of chiropractic,” *Minnesota History 59*(5), 2005 – available at <http://collections.mnhs.org/mnhistorymagazine/articles/59/v59i05p200-212.pdf>

# University of Minnesota Health Sciences Library

*Website:* https://hsl.lib.umn.edu/

*Location:* Phillips-Wangensteen Building, East Bank, 516 Delaware St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455

*Phone:* 612-626-4045

*Email:* hsl@umn.edu

## Significant resources related to chiropractic

* Licensed physician directories (including chiropractors), most years 1928-1973

# Hennepin County Libraries, Minneapolis Central Library

*Website:* https://www.hclib.org/about/locations/minneapolis-central

*Location:* 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

*Phone:* 612-543-8000

*Other contact methods:* https://www.hclib.org/contact

## Significant resources related to chiropractic

* Minneapolis city directories – some in print, some microform – early directories are particularly useful for finding chiropractors practicing prior to enactment of state licensure
	+ Digitized copies of Minneapolis directories, 1859-1944, and St. Louis Park directories, 1933-1977, available at <https://box2.nmtvault.com/Hennepin2/>

# St. Paul Public Libraries, George Latimer Library

*Website:* https://sppl.org/locations/C/

*Location:* 90 W. 4th St., St. Paul, MN 55102

*Phone:* 651-266-7000

*Email:* centrallibrary@ci.stpaul.mn.us

## Significant resources related to chiropractic

* St. Paul city directories – some in print, some microform – early directories are particularly useful for finding chiropractors practicing prior to enactment of state licensure
	+ Digitized copies of St. Paul directories, 1856-1922 & 1981, available at <https://box2.nmtvault.com/StPaul/jsp/browse.jsp>

# Minnesota Digital Library

Primary Source Set: History of Chiropractic in Minnesota – available at <https://mndigital.org/projects/primary-source-sets/history-chiropractic-minnesota>

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