

# The Eugenics Movement in Indiana

## Indiana State Board of Health



The Papers of Dr. John N. Hurty

Indiana State Archives

## DR. JOHN N. HURTY PAPERS, ca. 1895-1979

In addition to the Board of State Charities and state institutions anyone studying Eugenics or Mental Hygiene of any sort should also look at the Papers of Dr. John N. Hurty. This collection can be found in the Board of Health record group. [29-K-8 042183 Boxes 3-3c of 4 Accession 1987051]

Hurty's papers include numerous copies of speeches and papers presented at various conferences in Indiana and elsewhere in the United States. The majority of the papers concentrate on eugenics, sterilization, prevention of procreation, race building, etc. There are several papers on general hygiene.

The papers are organized into eleven series: Eugenics and Human Race Materials; Indianapolis Literary Club Papers; Public Health, Hygiene, and Sanitation Materials; Other Writings; Correspondence; Anniversaries and Celebratory Events; Newspaper Clippings; Photographs; Miscellaneous Materials; Personal Notebooks; Letter Press Books.

**Series 1: Eugenics and Human Race Materials, 1911-21; n.d.** (other Eugenics-related materials are also found under the following series: Indianapolis Literary Club Papers; Public Health, Hygiene and Sanitation; Newspaper Clippings; Personal Notebooks.)

- Box 3, Folder 1: "*Practical Eugenics*" or "*The Making of a Strong People*" by J.N. Hurty. Two different titles given to several versions of a popular presentation given by Dr. Hurty, circa 1912. The paper varies a bit from copy to copy but the essence remains the same. Also includes the pamphlet "Practical Eugenics in Indiana" (excerpted from The Sixth Maryland Conference), Feb. 1912.
- Box 3, Folder 2: "*Concerning the Physical Deterioration of the Race.*" Excerpted from *The Lancet-Clinic*, v. CVII, No. 5, 3-24 February 1912.
- Box 3, Folder 3: "*Conservation of the Human Race*" by J.N. Hurty. A general discussion of physical and mental hygiene and methods of increasing life expectancy, etc. (several copies). Read before the National Conservation Congress at Indianapolis, Indiana, October 1912 and/or 1914.
- Box 3, Folder 4: "*Heredity and Problems in Eugenics*" by Effa Funk Muhse, Ph.D., Washington D.C. Reprint from *The Women's Medical Journal*, November 1912.
- Box 3, Folder 5: "*The Role of Medicine in Civilization,*" (two copies) dated April/June 1914.
- Box 3, Folder 6: "*Impending Problems of Eugenics,*" by Professor Irving Fisher, Yale University. Reprinted from *The Scientific Monthly*, September 1921.
- Box 3, Folder 7: "*Will the Present Civilization Prevail?*" Discusses the deterioration of mankind. Specifically mentions the Caucasian Race, but primarily concentrates on the human race. References to the Caucasian race. Tends to discuss deterioration rather than supremacy over other races. No date.
- Box 3, Folder 8: "*Our Defectives,*" (penciled manuscript on very fragile paper, needs conservation.) No date.
- Box 3, Folder 9: "*Making a Better Race,*" by J.N. Hurty. Discusses Eugenics, sterilization, marriage laws. There are two versions of this paper, though they follow the same basic theme. There is also an abstract discussing the paper. No date.

- Box 3, Folder 10: *Other Eugenics Writings, 1911-1919; n.d.* This folder includes the following papers and letters:
  - Letter to the "Editor of *The Star*," regarding average mental age of Americans and multiplication of the "unfit." 12 January 1911.
  - "German Efficiency," discusses German child-rearing. 28 September 1914.
  - Letter to the "Editor of *The Star*," regarding stopping procreation of the insane. 21 February 1916.
  - "Constitutional Diseases," by J.N. Hurty, Discusses preventing degenerative diseases through procreation of the "fit." Read at Washington, 15 May 1916.
  - "Notes for Lecture at Bloomington," discusses the increase in crime, insanity, cancer, chronic diseases and defects, decreasing worldwide birth rates, and race degeneracy. 2 July 1917.
  - "Morons," by J.N. Hurty. Defines the four types of "morons" and the necessity for preventing them to advance civilization. 15 July 1918.
  - "The Prevention of Crime," by J.N. Hurty. States criminals are born with weak morals and it is necessary to segregate and sterilize them (two copies). 7 August 1918.
  - "Education and Crime," letter to the editor of *The News* claims criminals cannot be educated and society must quit breeding them. 20 March 1919.
  - "Idiocy," discusses causes and types of mental impairment. No date.
  - "Who Knows?" asks why society breeds the "unfit." No date.
  - "Unto the Third Generation," by J. N. Hurty. Discusses the feeble-minded and the necessity of preventing them from marrying and procreating. No date.
  - "Recent Studies," "Heritage," "The Woman's Companion," "An Army Surgeon," "The Ill Born," "Julia Jones," "The Ways of Some Landlords," all short paragraphs discussing heredity and the necessity of preventing procreation of the "unfit." No dates.
  - "To the Men of America," poem. No date.
  - "Some Health Facts," regarding dangers of conserving the "unfit." No date.
  - "What Shall We Do With Them?" discusses prevention of the "ill born" rather than spending money for their care. No date.
  - "Diseased children," discusses hereditary "plagues." No date.

**Series 2: Indianapolis Literary Club Papers, 1895-1922; n.d.** (includes papers written for and/or read at the Literary Club)

- Box 3, Folder 11: "*Race Regeneration, 1914*" by J.N. Hurty (two copies). Discusses the depletion of the gene pool through war, the priesthood, and convents. Hurty believed that we send our best to war, convents, and seminaries thus eliminating procreation of the healthiest genes, while the unhealthy genes continue to multiply. Presented at the Literary Club on 23 November 1914. [Eugenics material]
- Box 3, Folder 12: "*The Passing of the Great Race, 1922*" (two copies). A discussion of Madison Grant's book by the same name. Again the concentration is on the downfall of the Caucasian race, but does make references to the Supreme Race. Read before the Indianapolis Literary Club, 7 February 1922. [Eugenics material]

- Box 3, Folder 13: *"The Work of M. Elie Metchnikoff, 1909,"* discusses the career of Metchnikoff and his book *The Nature of Man*. Read at the Indianapolis Literary Club on 24 May 1909.
- Box 3, Folder 14: *Other Literary Club Papers, 1895-1901; n.d.* This folder contains the following papers:
  - "Boswells and Johnsons," [perhaps Hurty?] discusses Boswell's *Life of Johnson*. Read 21 January 1895.
  - "The Role of Chemistry in Civilization," discusses scientific advancements and research. Read 24 January 1895.
  - "About Fads," [by Hurty?] talks about fads in history and the importance of morality. Read 20 May 1901.
  - "Science," discusses science, the understanding of natural law, and morality. No date.

**Series 3: Public Health, Hygiene, and Sanitation Materials, 1907-39; n.d.** (includes writings on various diseases; medical beliefs; public health measures, disease prevention, and legislation; health of children, soldiers, and rural inhabitants; and the overall general "weakness" of the race.)

- Box 3a, Folder 1: *Air, Ventilation, and Breathing writings, ca. 1911-1922.* Papers on the mechanics of breathing and the dangers of "bad air." Folder includes the following papers:
  - "Adulterated Air," by J.N. Hurty, ca. 1911.
  - "Breathing," by J.N. Hurty. Dated 21 April 1913.
  - "Air and Food Starvation," by J.N. Hurty. Dated 11 December 1917.
  - "The Atmosphere," by J.N. Hurty, July 1922.
- Box 3a, Folder 2: *American Public Health Association materials, 1907-33.* Folder includes the following:
  - "The Mexican National Hospital," (two versions) and "Mexico," relate details of the journey to Mexico for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Mexico City. Read before the Wayne County Medical Society on 6 November 1907.
  - "Our Association, Hygiene, Business, and Government," by J.N. Hurty. Discusses the goals of the society and the importance of prevention and hygiene. President's address to the American Public Health Association delivered in Washington, D.C. 19 September 1912. [Eugenics related material]
  - "The All-Day School Dispensary in the Suppression of Disease," by J.N. Hurty. Read 5 June 1917 before the Section on Public Health and Preventative Medicine of the A.P.H.A. [Eugenics related material]
  - "Memorial Session and Banquet . . . Major Walter Reed," program from the Sixty-Second Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. 11 October 1933.
- Box 3a, Folder 3: *Children and Schoolchildren Materials, 1911-1922.* Folder includes the following papers and articles relating to children's health:
  - "Manual of Instructions for School Authorities and School Physicians," by J.N. Hurty. Dated 1911.
  - "The War and our Children," by J.N. Hurty mentions war briefly, but focuses mainly on decreasing the premature death of infants. Dated February 1918.
  - "Child Health," by J.N. Hurty discusses the malnutrition of children. Dated 7 August 1918.

- "The School Milk Lunch," sent to the editor of the *Indianapolis News* talks about the School Lunch Association. Dated 16 December 1920.
- "The Indiana Mothers' Baby Book," ca. 1920.
- "We are Living Longer," by J.N. Hurty discusses infant death rates and the *Indiana Mothers Baby Book*. Dated 27 July 1922.
- "The James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children," dated 29 July 1922.
- "Extract from an Ancient Buried Record," article from *Winnipeg Health Bulletin* on midwives, mothers, and feeding of infants. No date.
- "Shall We Be Wasteful with Our Children?" by J.N. Hurty. Talks about compulsory medical inspection at schools. No date.
- "When a School Becomes a Hospital." No date.
- "The Health Drill," by the State Board of Health. No date.
- "Needless Killing," discusses death by preventable diseases, mainly focusing on children. No date.
- "At Sagetown, Sage Co. Indiana," by J.N. Hurty, talks about schoolhouse conditions in the town (three copies). No date.
- "The Incubator Babies and the Cholera Infantum Babies," by J.N. Hurty. No date.
- "Are Children Worth Saving?" on schoolhouse conditions. No date.
- "Indiana State Board of Health to the Citizens of Indiana," on cooperation between home and school. No date.
- "Indiana Child Creed." No date.
- "Clams or Children—Which?" No date.
- "Her Baby Dies," by J.N. Hurty. Regarding improper nutrition. No date.
- "Catnip Tea and Sugar." No date.
- "I Am The Baby." No date.
- "Children, They are Helpless," paragraph dealing with registered births and support of infant welfare work. No date.
- "Prevention and Cure," by J.N. Hurty
- "Effective Nutrition and School Lunches in Indiana," by J.N. Hurty (also "School Lunches and Feeding School Children," by the State Board of Health.) No dates.
- "The American Mother and the Delicate Child." No date.
- "Bill for an Act concerning the vaccination of children . . . against smallpox." (Three copies). No date.
- Box 3a, Folder 4: *Food and Nutrition Materials, 1917–1921; n.d.* Articles on healthy eating, nutrition, and improving the milk supply. The following papers are in this folder:
  - "Feeding Ourselves," by J.N. Hurty on rational eating. Dated 26 July 1917.
  - "Keep Well," by J.N. Hurty. Mainly discusses the importance of thorough chewing, linking it to patriotism. September 1917.
  - "How We May Reduce the Cost of Living with Common Sense," by J.N. Hurty (three copies). Discusses Hurty's investigation of a garbage can and nutritious foods people threw away. 19 November 1917.
  - "Clean and Pasteurized Milk," by J.N. Hurty (4 copies). Also mentions the war. 19 November 1917.
  - "Potato Waste in Indiana," on not peeling potatoes. 22 November 1917.
  - "Graded Milk," (three copies). 28 November 1917.

- "The Price of Milk," by J.N. Hurty. 1 December 1917.
- "How One May Make Himself Sick, Induce Disease, and Shorten Life," talks about immoderate eating, improper foods, and foul air. 22 June 1918.
- "How We May Cut Down the Cost of Food One-Half," by J.N. Hurty discusses eating plainly and lightly. June 1920.
- "What is Milk?" by J.N. Hurty. December 1921.
- Untitled, long paper on nutrition, the importance of plain foods, and principles of plain cooking. No date.
- "The Stomach As She Is." No date.
- "Vitamines," [sic] and proper eating habits. No date.
- "Calves Get Good Milk," on improving the milk supply. No date.
- "Methylene—the Blue Reduction Test . . . for Milk." No date.
- "Tea and Coffee . . . Milk," on nutrition, nourishment, and rational eating. No date.
- "Organized Water as Food," paper on the nutritional benefits of water. No date.
- Box 3a, Folder 5: *General Public Health Materials, 1912–1922*. Mostly writings by J.N. Hurty or the State Board of Health on the causes of diseases and how to prevent them via hygiene. Folder includes the following papers:
  - "The Normal Life," 15 July 1912.
  - "Buying Health," by J.N. Hurty focuses on hygiene. Dated 1 April 1913.
  - "Introduction," by J.N. Hurty to a book called *Practical Hygiene*. The author's name is not legible. This is a draft of the introduction Hurty wrote for this book. Dated December 1913.
  - *Indiana Disease Prevention Day* program, by the Indiana State Board of Health. 2 October 1914.
  - "The Public Health and Alcohol," by J.N. Hurty from the *Scientific Temperance Journal*, ca. 1915?
  - "Housing and Health—The Government and Housing," by J.N. Hurty. Paper read before the National Housing Association on 9 October 1916.
  - "Big Economy, How to Lower Taxes," about the science of hygiene. Dated 14 December 1916.
  - "Unpleasant Facts We Must Face," on pneumonia. Dated December 1916.
  - "What Causes Boils and What to Do for Them," by J.N. Hurty (two copies). Dated November 1917.
  - "Why More Old Women than Old Men?" by J.N. Hurty (two copies). About the longer life span of women. Dated November 1917.
  - "Pneumonia," by J.N. Hurty. Dated 11 December 1917.
  - "Correct Posture Aids Health," 20 January 1918.
  - "Trolley Car Sanitation," by J.N. Hurty. Dated 28 January 1918.
  - "Some Community Measurements," by the State Board of Health discusses diseases and communities. Dated 31 January 1918.
  - "Three Important Facts," discusses a State Board of Health Bulletin. Dated February 1918.
  - "Recent Bulletin," discusses hygiene and public money spent due to sickness. February 1918.

- "Where the Money Goes," by J.N. Hurty regarding scientific health supervision and public money spent due to sickness. Dated February 1918.
- "A Sick Farmer," by J.N. Hurty. Dated February 1918.
- "Spit Diseases," and how to prevent. February 1918.
- "Do You Know How to Clean Your Teeth," by the State Board of Health. February 1918.
- "Sneezes are Dangerous," by the State Board of Health. February 1918.
- "Is Sneezing Dangerous?" by J.N. Hurty. February 1918.
- "Down on Town Hog Pens," dated 1 March 1918.
- "Restaurants and Dirty Dishes," by J.N. Hurty. 4 March 1918.
- "The Mouth and Disease," by J.N. Hurty. 6 April 1918.
- "Keep Well," by J.N. Hurty. 24 May 1918 (or July 1918).
- "Animals in Cities," by J.N. Hurty. 23 June 1918.
- "Brain and Muscles," by J.N. Hurty. July 1918.
- "Some Health Facts," by J.N. Hurty, discusses diphtheria, ill-nourished school children, and dirty backyards. Dated 15 July 1918.
- "Don't Sneeze, Cough, or Spit," by J.N. Hurty. 30 July 1918.
- "Shakespeare and Health," by J.N. Hurty. 25 September 1918.
- "Colds," by J.N. Hurty. 19 October 1918.
- "The Last Word," by J.N. Hurty on happiness and morality. April 1919.
- "Havoc Wrought by the Epidemic of Influenza," ca. 1919.
- "Sore Eyes," by J.N. Hurty (two copies). June 1920.
- "National Health and Wealth," by J.N. Hurty. July 1920.
- "Odors in Our Public Water Supply," by J.N. Hurty. 6 December 1920.
- "Indiana's Wastefulness," by J.N. Hurty discusses preventable diseases and the need for legislation. 10 December 1920.
- "When Did Disease Begin?" by J.N. Hurty. 10 December 1920.
- "Concerning Public and Personal Health," by J.N. Hurty discusses posture, eye strain, weak feet, oral hygiene, nutrition, and old age diseases. Also called "From the Health Watch Tower." 7 January 1921.
- "Smokers Sore Throat," dated 23 July 1921.
- "Bad Government Proceeds Largely from Disease," letter to the editor of *The News*. Dated 28 December 1921.
- "Notes on Public and Personal Health," by J.N. Hurty discusses registered births, pneumonia, health of schoolchildren, hygiene and sanitary science. Dated 20 January 1922.
- "Some Health Points," by J.N. Hurty discusses clean hands, skin care, "half-men," blood pressure, and nutrition. Dated 10 April 1922. [Eugenics related material]
- "Health Notes," by J.N. Hurty on overweight children, diphtheria, meningitis, and the importance of convalescence. Dated 6 June 1922.
- Box 3a, Folder 6: *General Public Health Materials*, n.d. Undated writings mostly by J.N. Hurty or the State Board of Health on the causes of diseases and how to prevent them via hygiene. Folder includes the following materials:
  - *Field Water Inspection for Sanitary Purposes* booklet by J.N. Hurty. No date.

- "Nationally Prominent Visitors in Indianapolis," from the *Indianapolis Medical Journal*. Discusses the convention of the Indiana Sanitary and Water Supply Association of which J.N. Hurty was president. No date.
- "Your Health," by J. N. Hurty discusses nutrition, disease, World War I, the downfall of civilization, and the necessity of preserving the "fit." No date. [Eugenics related material]
- "If Medicine Could Cure," on the ineffectiveness of patent medicine. No date.
- "Summer Colds," by J.N. Hurty. No date.
- "Dirty People Make Dirty Towns." No date.
- "Practices of Medicine and the Public Health," summarizes the public health activities of the Indiana State Medical Society. No date.
- "Statistical Evidence Relating to the Influence of Alcohol on Longevity," compiled from life insurance statistics. No date.
- "A Diphtheria Home," by J.N. Hurty. No date.
- "He Spits on the Floor." No date.
- "The Mighty Microbe: A Toast." No date.
- "Orthobiosis," notes. No date.
- "Money Lost Annually by Wage Earners in Indiana on Account of Preventable Sickness." No date.
- "If Disease Can Be Prevented, Why Not Prevent?" discusses transmissible diseases, sanitation, and foul air. No date.
- "Progress in Preventative Medicine," discusses occupational disease, infant mortality, poliomyelitis, blindness, schoolhouses and schoolchildren. No date.
- "Reducing Taxes," by preventing disease through hygiene. No date. [Eugenics related material]
- "Health Maxims," includes quotations about public health. No date.
- "Indiana State Board of Health to the People of Indiana," on increasing life expectancy. No date.
- "Indiana State Board of Health to the People of Indiana: Do You Know That," on public health measures. No date.
- "Ten Commandments of Public Health." No date.
- "Health First," series of penciled notes. No date.
- Box 3a, Folder 7: *Health Officer Writings, 1916-1921; n.d.*
  - "Fundamental Distinctions Between State and Local; County and City Health Officers," by J.N. Hurty. Read at annual meeting of Conference of State and Provincial Boards of Health at Washington, DC on 16 May 1916.
  - "The Need of Trained Health Officers," by J.N. Hurty. 28 April 1921.
  - "City Health Officer Fined," with attached article "Some Fundamental Facts," by J.N. Hurty. No date.
  - "Health Officer's Pay." No date.
- Box 3a, Folder 8: *Legislation and Public Health Laws Material, 1910-23; n.d.*
  - "The Present Pure Food Situation," by J.N. Hurty. Paper on the enforcement of the pure food law. 28 May 1910.
  - "The Pure Food Law and the Public Health," by J.N. Hurty. From the *Indiana Bulletin*, December 1910.



- "Experts and Non-Experts," by J.N. Hurty (two copies). On democracy and the non-experts who make laws (including one on tuberculosis). 19 March 1919.
- An Act "creating a State Board of Health and a State Director of Health," 31 January 1923. Penciled on the back "Full-time H[earth] O[fficer] bill as Hurty himself presented to Legislature in 1923(?)."
  - "A Bill for an Act creating the offices of county and city health commissioner." No date.
  - "A Great Economic Proposition: The Necessity for a New Health Law," by J.N. Hurty (five copies). No date.
  - "An Ordinance to Protect the Public Health Against Disease and Poisons Carried by Flies." No date.
  - "King Hoosierosus the First, and His Law Makers," on the lack of funding and laws for infant care. No date.
- Box 3a, Folder 9: *Poetry, 1915-39; n.d.*
  - "The Microbes Mobilize," poem about Hurty's fight against disease, accompanied by a "doctored" photo of the State House depicting bugs (microbes) crawling all over the dome (two copies). 27 February 1915.
  - "A Conversation," by J.N. Hurty in *Tile and Till*, a druggist trade magazine. Poem about the preference for pharmaceutical companies to mix drugs, rather than druggists. Also includes a photograph of the "new Lilly cafeteria." May 1924.
  - "Fence or Ambulance," by J.N. Hurty in *The Bulletin* of the Texas State Department of Health, April 1939. (Also two other copies).
  - "The Dead Broke Druggist," by J.N. Hurty. No date.
  - "A Boy's Remarks to His Stomach." No date.
  - "An Indiana View: La Belle Ohio," by J.N. Hurty. No date.
  - "Cafeteria de Cockroachia in Alabama Street." No date.
- Box 3a, Folder 10: *Rural Health Writings, 1912-1917; n.d.*
  - "Rural Hygiene," by J.N. Hurty (two copies). Discusses the necessity of improving the race through preventing procreation of the "unfit." Main focus on hygiene of farmers and rural schoolchildren. Read before the XV International Congress on Hygiene and Demography at Washington, D.C. September 1912. [Eugenics related material.]
  - "Rural Hygiene," letter to the editor by J.N. Hurty [incomplete?]. Dated 7 October 1912.
  - "Conditions of Health in Rural Homes and Schools," by J.N. Hurty. Discusses the conditions of farmhouses and rural schools and diseases such as typhoid and tuberculosis. Read at the Indiana State Conference of Charities and Corrections, 1 November 1915.
  - "Medical Examination of School Children in the Rural Districts," by J.N. Hurty. Talks about the poor physical condition of schoolchildren, schoolhouses, and diseases. Read before the National Tuberculosis Association at Cincinnati, 9-11 May 1917. [Eugenics related material].
  - "A Certain Farmer," an account of an unsanitary farmhouse. No date.
  - Untitled handwritten letter by J.N. Hurty responding to letters accusing him of wrong motives in his rural health inspections and writings. No date.

- Box 3a, Folder 11: *Tuberculosis Writings, 1917-22; n.d.*
  - "A True Story," by the State Board of Health. Story of a couple who married even though one of them had tuberculosis (consumption). November 1917.
  - "Two Children," by J.N. Hurty. Story of a family affected by tuberculosis, mentions Sunnyside Sanitarium. August 1918.
  - "Address," Hurty's speech on tuberculosis delivered at the dedication of the Hurty Building at the Irene Byron Tuberculosis Hospital (in Fort Wayne?) in 1922.
  - "The Prevention of Tuberculosis," focuses on the causes and prevention of the disease, as well as its impact on Indiana. No date.
  - "Three Brothers," story of a mother sick with tuberculosis. No date.
  - "The Young Mother and the Fat Hog," by J.N. Hurty. Story about a mother with tuberculosis and Indiana's lack of facilities to care for her. No date.
  - "Tuberculosis as a Disease of the Masses and How to Combat it." No date.
  - Untitled paper on consumption [first page missing.] No date.
  - Untitled page on consumption, written in pencil. No date.
- Box 3a, Folder 12: *Venereal Disease Writings, 1913-16; n.d.* These writings emphasize sex education for children, moral behavior, pre-marriage examinations, and the reduction of prostitution.
  - "Prevention of Venereal Disease, "or "Conference of State and Provincial Boards of Health of North America: Report on Venereal Disease," by J.N. Hurty. June 1913.
  - "The Work of the Public Departments of Health in Regard to Venereal Diseases," by J.N. Hurty. Read at St. Louis, 20 November 1916.
  - "Damages for Transmitting Disease." Case of a woman awarded damages because her husband infected her with a venereal disease. No date.
  - "What the People Must Know," about venereal disease by the Indiana State Board of Health. Writing on top indicates "Eugenics H.B. 106-- Hurty." No date.
  - "Moral Factors in the Reduction of Venereal Disease," by J.N. Hurty. No date. [Eugenics related material?]
- Box 3a, Folder 13: *Vital Statistics Writings, 1910-1921*
  - "The Bookkeeping of Humanity," by J.N. Hurty on the importance of recording vital statistics (two copies). Read at the St. Louis meeting of the American Medical Association, 7-10 June 1910.
  - "Our Life, Longitude and Latitude," on the importance of vital statistics in Alabama. 14 January 1921.
  - "Our Life, Latitude and Longitude . . . Third Article," on the importance of vital statistics, physicians' responsibilities, and public health. 24 January 1921.
  - Page two of an article on vital statistics [does not appear to belong with the "Latitude and Longitude" article]. No date.
- Box 3a, Folder 14: *World War I Writings, 1917-19; n.d.* These papers focus on the number of soldiers declared unfit for duty during World War I.
  - "The Worth of a Child," by J.N. Hurty (three copies). Discusses men rejected from the service due to poor physical health. 17 November 1917.

- "Where the War Came From," by J.N. Hurty on the relationship between social ills, war, and disease. 17 November 1917.
- "Planning Life Conservation," about sanitation in schools during the war (two copies). 28 November 1917.
- "More Health Needed," by J.N. Hurty discusses the difference between the fitness of German soldiers and those of the United States. 1 December 1917.
- "One War Benefit," by J.N. Hurty states that medical examinations of soldiers have discovered who is fit and who is "unfit." February 1918. [Eugenics related material?]
- "Human Junk," by J.N. Hurty on the lack of fitness of soldiers and civilians. 4 March 1918. [Eugenics related material]
- "Rejected," on race degeneration and the improper care of schoolchildren leading to the poor health of soldiers. 6 April 1918. [Eugenics related material?]
- "If the Huns Win," by J.N. Hurty states the strength of the nation relies on well-born and disease-free children (four copies). 13 August 1918. [Eugenics related material]
- "The Awful Consumption," by J.N. Hurty on Indiana soldiers determined unfit due to tuberculosis. 13 September 1918.
- "Additional Lessons to be Learned from the Recent Examination of our Young Men," by J.N. Hurty. Discusses the poor condition of soldiers' feet and teeth, as well as diseases such as tuberculosis, venereal disease, and others. Given before the Water Supply and Hygiene Association on 9 April 1919.
- "The New Draft Score," by J.N. Hurty, on the need for care of children (three copies). No date.
- "How War affects Crime, Marriage, and Insanity," on the effects of war on the birth rate, mental stability, crime, and marriage (two copies). No date.
- "There is No Hope," on war and human nature. No date.
- "Country Boys Not as Healthy and Strong as City Boys," on Selective Draft Examination results of young men from rural areas. No date.

**Series 4: Other Writings, 1915-21; n.d.**

- Box 3b, Folder 1: *Writings on General Topics, 1918; n.d.* includes papers that are not specifically health or medical related (although some mention science). Included in this folder are the following:
  - "About Poets and Poetry," by J.N. Hurty about science and poetry. 24 May 1918.
  - "Golf, An Awful Extravagance," on the "evils" of golf (three copies). No date.
  - "A Dying County," on a county in the state of Maine. No date.
  - "Entertainment," value of the study of man and culture. [Pages missing] No date.
  - "Luck and Logic," paper written in pencil. No date.
  - "The Druggist and His Store," on the importance of the druggist to his community. No date.
  - "The Very Sad Story of Epsom," a fictional story of a noble fellow befriended by a Hoosier druggist (two copies). No date.
  - "Science and Culture," on physical science and literature in education. No date.

- "The Noise of Folly and the Quietness of Wisdom," on industrial noise. No date.
- Box 3b, Folder 2: *Writings on General Medical Topics and Scientists, 1915; n.d.*
  - "Men Who Think," on the intellect of scientists and physicians and their discoveries (two copies). 14 December 1915.
  - "The Laboratory," by J.N. Hurty. Paper written in pencil on the influence of the laboratory on civilization. No date.
  - "Baron Von Liebig, A Sketch," summary of his career. No date.
  - "Aesculapius." This paper includes biographies of significant medical figures, including Walter Reed. No date.
  - "The Opsonins," paper on scientific discoveries. No date.
  - "The Medical Life of Oliver Wendell Holmes," paper discusses the career of Holmes. No date.
  - "Dr. Frank Wynn," eulogy on Wynn's career by J.N. Hurty. No date.
  - Untitled paper on expert medical testimony [first page missing]. No date.
- Box 3b, Folder 3: *Writings by S. Adolphus Knopf, 1920-21*
  - "Major General William C. Gorgas . . . In Memoriam," by S. Adolphus Knopf. Reprinted from *The American Review of Tuberculosis*, 1920. [Signed by Knopf to John N. Hurty]
  - "William T.G. Morton, the Discoverer and Revealer of Surgical Anesthesia, At Last in the Hall of Fame," by S. Adolphus Knopf. Reprinted from *The Medical Record*, 21 January 1921.
  - "A Tribute to Morton. Ether Day at the Meeting of the American Medical Association in Boston, Mass.," by S. Adolphus Knopf. In *American Medicine*, June 1921.

#### **Series 5: Correspondence, 1904-24**

- Box 3b, Folder 4: *Dr. John Hurty Correspondence, 1904-24*, contains letters written to Hurty by friends and acquaintances including United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge, and letters to Hurty by the Marion County Republican Central Committee and the Indiana League of Women Voters. Includes Hurty's response to the League giving his opinion on different types of legislation. Also included are two letters written by the general public requesting advice (one deals with a wife's suspicion that her husband has venereal disease).
- Box 3b, Folder 5: *Correspondence Debating an Honorary Degree for Dr. Hurty, June 1913*. Letters between Dr. William Bryan of Indiana University and Dr. William Wishard about awarding an honorary degree to Hurty.

#### **Series 6: Anniversaries and Celebratory Events, ca. 1908-15; n.d.**

- Box 3b, Folder 6: *Correspondence Regarding 13 March 1915 Anniversary Dinner for Hurty*. Various correspondence of replies and regrets from other doctors, mayors, health officers, and friends in response to invitations to attend Hurty's anniversary dinner.
- Box 3b, Folder 7: *Guest book for 13 March 1915 Hurty Anniversary Dinner*
- Box 3b, Folder 8: *Programs/articles about 13 March 1915 Hurty Anniversary Dinner, March - April 1915*.
- Box 3b, Folder 9: *"Toasts at Complimentary Banquet Given To J. N. Hurty, 1915."* Transcript of numerous toasts given to Hurty. Presenters included Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, Governor Samuel Ralston, Dr. W.E. Stone, President of Purdue University.

- Box 3b, Folder 10: *Other celebratory events involving Dr. Hurty, 1908; n.d.*
  - Membership certificates awarded to Hurty from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dated February–December 1908.
  - Program from a banquet for Guests of the Trustees of Indiana University and Indiana University School of Medicine Alumni Association. Dated 15 June [no year]. Hurty served as toastmaster at the event.

**Series 7: Newspaper Clippings, ca. 1915**

- Box 3b, Folder 11: *Newspaper Articles, ca. 1915 (photocopies)*
- Box 3b, Folder 12: *Newspaper Articles, ca. 1915 (originals) (1 of 2)*
- Box 3b, Folder 13: *Newspaper Articles, ca. 1915 (originals) (2 of 2)*

**Series 8: Photographs, ca. 1922; n.d.**

- Box 3b, Folder 14: *Photographs, ca. 1922; n.d.* [includes photograph of Dr. Stephen Smith of the American Public Health Association, and “squalor” postcard possibly from Indiana Mental Defectives Collection.]

**Series 9: Miscellaneous Materials, ca. 1947–79**

- Box 3b, Folder 15: *Miscellaneous Materials, ca. 1947–79* [includes short article entitled “John Newell Hurty, Professor, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Physician,” dated April 1979.]

**Series 10: John N. Hurty Personal Notebooks, ca. 1906–25**

- Box 3c, Folder 1: *Eugenics/“Mottos” Notebook, 1910–12*
- Box 3c, Folder 2: *Eugenics/“Mottos” Notebook, ca. 1913–17?*
- Box 3c, Folder 3: *Eugenics/“Mottos” Notebook, ca. 1915–16*
- Box 3c, Folder 4: *Eugenics/“Mottos” Notebook, ca. 1917–21*
- Box 3c, Folder 5: *Eugenics/“Mottos” Notebook, ca. 1921*
- Box 3c, Folder 6: *Expenses Notebook, ca. 1906*
- Box 3c, Folder 7: *Expenses/“Mottos” Notebook, ca. 1915*
- Box 3c, Folder 8: *Expenses/“Mottos” Notebook, ca. 1919–20*
- Box 3c, Folder 9: *Expenses/“Mottos” Notebook, ca. 1920–21*
- Box 3c, Folder 10: *Disease and Race Notebook, n.d.*
- Box 3c, Folder 11: *Organic Chemistry Lecture Notebook (Seniors), ca. 1907–23*
- Box 3c, Folder 12: *Chemistry Lecture Notebook (Freshman), ca. 1906–20*
- Box 3c, Folder 13: *Chemistry Lecture Notebook (Freshman), Indiana Dental College, ca. 1920–22*
- Box 3c, Folder 14: *Chemistry Lecture Notebook (Juniors/Sophomores), Indiana Dental College, ca. 1920–22*
- Box 3c, Folder 15: *Hygiene Notebook, ca. 1920–25*
- Box 3c, Folder 16: *Course in Hygiene Notebook, Indiana Dental College, 1924–25*
- Box 3c, Folder 17: *Minerology/Metallurgy Lecture Notebook (Juniors), ca. 1907–21*

**Series 11: Letter Press Books, 1907-09**

- 21 December 1907—30 January 1908
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  - 5 October 1908—12 November 1908
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  - 19 December 1908—21 January 1909
  - 21 January 1909—26 February 1909
  - 6 May 1909—21 June 1909
  - 21 June 1909—26 July 1909
  - 26 July 1909—25 September 1909
  - 25 September 1909—2 October 1909
  - 15 November 1907—7 September 1909
- Letters Referring to Births and Deaths

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