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Finding Aid 336.1

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

MISSOURI DENTAL BOARD

Abstract: Records (1930-1972) including Licensee Registers

Extent: 5 reels of microfilm

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Location: Missouri State Archives

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

In 1865, the Missouri Dental Association was established in St. Louis. As dentistry became more professionalized, the need for an advocacy group and for regulation in the field became apparent. In June 1866, the Association established a committee to lobby for legislation to protect the public and fellow professionals from “quackery” and back-alley barbershops who claimed to be dental surgeons.

In 1867, shortly after the Missouri Dental Association was established, Senate Bill 227, “A bill to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Missouri” was put forth in the Missouri General Assembly, but did not make it out of committee. A similar bill in 1877, “An act to regulate the practice of dentistry and dental surgery in the State of Missouri” (Senate Bill 138) passed the Senate, but failed in the House of Representatives.

House Bill 42 in 1883, “An Act to Regulate the Practice of Dentistry in the State of Missouri,” was approved by the Missouri General Assembly on April 2. The new law required that dentists had to have a diploma from a reputable dental college and their diplomas had to be filed with the county clerk in the county they lived. However, it did not create an examining board nor did it require the testing of applicants to be accepted by the Board. The law also included a grandfather clause for current dentists who were “bona-fide” and could file an affidavit with their county clerk to be admitted a certificate.

After advocacy efforts by dental professionals, the Missouri State Board of Dental Examiners was created in 1897 via the Committee Bill Substitute for Senate Bills 22 and 29. The Board of Dental Examiners consisted of five members appointed by the governor who had at least five years’ experience in the profession and lived in the state for five years. New dentists required either three years of schooling or a three year apprenticeship. If an individual was an apprentice or an out of state dentist, the Board required them to take an exam to prove qualifications. Dentists also had to register with the Missouri Dental Board annually. Regulations continued with Senate Bill 271 passed in 1905 which required all applicants to take an exam to be admitted to the Missouri Dental Board and gave the Board authority to revoke and annul a license for fraud, deceit, or misinterpretation. The first dentist to have their license revoked was J. Homer Williams in 1910 for false advertising.

After efforts in the 1930s to regulate the growing field of dental hygienists, House Bill 105 in 1947 mandated guidelines. This bill limited the hygienist’s duties to “treatment of human teeth removing therefrom stains and calcareous deposits, by removing accumulated accretions from directly beneath the free margin of the gums, and by polishing the exposed surface of the teeth.” Missouri required a two year course of study, which at the time was one of the highest in the nation.

The Missouri Dental Board and other state boards became a part of the Department of Education’s Division of Registration and Examination in 1945. Since then, the Missouri Dental Board has been located within several different state agencies including Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation, and Licensing (1974), Department of Economic Development (1984), Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration (2006), and Department of Commerce and Insurance (2019). The Board currently consists of seven members including five dentists, one hygienist and one member of the public, all appointed by the governor and regulates licensing for dentists, dental hygienists and other dental specialists.

Timeline

1865	The Missouri Dental Association was established and held its first meeting on October 31, 1865.
1867	Senate Bill 227 “A bill to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Missouri” did not pass not of committee.
1877	Senate Bill 138 “An Act to regulate the practice of dentistry and dental surgery in the State of Missouri” passed the Missouri Senate on April 10, 1877, but not the Missouri House of Representatives.
1883	House Bill 42, An Act to Regulate the Practice of Dentistry in the State of Missouri was approved on April 2, 1883 and went into effect on July 1, 1883.
1897	Committee Bill Substitute for Senate Bills 22 and 29 created the Missouri State Board of Dental Examiners on March 19, 1897 and went in effect on June 20, 1897.
1905	Senate Bill 271 gave the Missouri Dental Board the authority to revoke and annul a license for fraud, deceit, or misinterpretation and required annual renewals of licenses. Approved on April 12, 1905, tt went into effect on June 16, 1905.
1945	Senate Bill 456 created the Division of Registration and Examination under the Department of Education and numerous state boards were assigned to the division. The bill was approved on May 17, 1946 and went into effect on March 12, 1947.
1947	House Bill 105 created regulations for the study and duties for dental hygienists. The bill was passed on July 24, 1947 and went into effect on October 12, 1947.
1974	The Omnibus Reorganization Act (Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1) created the Division of Professional Registration under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation and Licensing and assigned the Missouri Dental Board to this division. The Act was approved on February 13, 1974 and went into effect on July 1, 1974.
1984	Voters in the August primary election approved a name change effective September 7, 1984 from Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation and Licensing to the Department of Economic Development .
2006	The Department of Insurance was restructured via Executive Order 06-04 , signed on February 1, 2006, to be the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration to include Division of Professional Registration which went into effect on August 28, 2006.
2019	The Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration is renamed the Department of Commerce and Insurance via Executive Order 19-02 signed on January 17, 2019 and effective on August 28, 2019.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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Medical Directory of Physicians, Dentists, and Druggists of Missouri, 1889

Other Finding Aids

[RG000.104: Department of Economic Development State Documents Collection](#)

Related Material

[RG337.1 Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts](#)

RG338 Missouri State Board of Nursing

RG340 Missouri State Board of Pharmacy

The Missouri Dental Board's website is: <https://pr.mo.gov/dental.asp>.

Since licensees also had to register with their local county clerk, look for related series in the county clerk records including minute books. A full listing of the Missouri State Archives' county microfilm is available here:

<https://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/county/croll>

SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

Licensee Registers, 1930-1972

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Extent: 5 microfilm reels

Arrangement: By status category and/or by profession, then alphabetically.

Scope and Content

Licensee Registers document dentists, dental hygienists and other dental specialists' licenses, permits, and certificates issued by the Missouri Dental Board. Information includes licensees' names, Social Security numbers, addresses, and other relevant information (such as city, state, date of birth, school, certificate number). Records are also available on DVD in the reference room.

Note: Due to presence of Social Security Numbers, records are staff use only and any copies may be redacted.

Container List

Film No.	Series	Start	End	Start Date	End Date
S4456	Dentists: Retired or Revoked	Abbadessa	Purl	1930	1971
S4457	Dentists: Retired or Revoked	Putnam	Zorn	1930	1971
S4457	Dental Hygienists: Retired or Revoked	Ackeney	Wright	1950	1971
S4457	Dental Hygienists: Outstate	Abshier	Ziner	1971	1972
S4457	Dentists: Old Cards	Ackerson	Susaki	1930	1972
S4458	Dentists: Old Cards	Savage	Zotos	1930	1972
S4458	Missouri: Status Unpaid (incl. Walter Leland Cronkite, Sr.)	Aaron	Wiggins	1970	1971
S4458	Missouri: Status Unpaid (no plates)	DeMoss	Jacobson	1970	1971
S4458	Missouri: Status Unpaid (Dental Hygienists)	Penison	Sneed	1970	1971
S4458	Missouri: Status Unpaid (Other Specialties)	Beckwith	Ratcliff	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate: Status Unpaid	Barr	Wynne	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate: Status Unpaid (Prostodentistry)	Krajicek	Krajicek	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate: Status Unpaid (Pedodentistry)	Wells	Morris	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate: Status Unpaid (Orthodontics)	Jorgenson	Clark	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate: Status Unpaid (Oral Surgery)	Irwin	Irwin	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate: Status Unpaid (Dental	Crawford	Quan	1970	1971

	Hygienists)				
S4458	Instate Specialists (Endodontology)	Berry	Wiseheart	1970	1971
S4458	Instate Specialists (Oral Surgery)	Albright	Zabek	1970	1971
S4458	Instate Specialists (Orthodontics)	Bauer	Wright	1970	1971
S4458	Instate Specialists (Prostodontistry)	Beckley	Williams	1970	1971
S4458	Instate Specialists (Pedodontistry)	Anderson	Wolff	1970	1971
S4458	Instate Specialists (Periodontology)	Allen	Suitzer	1970	1971
S4458	Instate Specialists (Oral Pathology)	Dunlap	Robinson	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Specialists (Endodontology)	Ferrillo	Stiren	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Specialists (Oral Surgery)	Allen	Weil	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Specialists (Orthodontics)	Ahlers	Wolfe	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Specialists (Pedodontistry)	Bagby	Schaaad	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Specialists (Periodontology)	Glasscock	Waghatther	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Specialists (Prostodontistry)	Benson	Marcroft	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Specialists (Oral Pathology)	King	Rowe	1970	1971
S4458	Dental Hygienists	Abromovich	Youngdahl	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Dentists	Abbey	Fyler	1970	1971
S4458	Outstate Dentists	Gale	Higley	1970	1971
S4459	Outstate Dentists	Hikoyada	Kwapis	1970	1971
S4459	Outstate Dentists	Lackey	Rydberg	1970	1971
S4459	Outstate Dentists	Sabates	Zouhary	1970	1971
S4459	Missouri Dentists	Ackerson	Dimmitt	1970	1971
S4460	Missouri Dentists	Dimond	Fullerton	1970	1971
S4460	Missouri Dentists	Gaglardi	Kyle	1970	1971
S4460	Missouri Dentists	Langer	Rychnovsky	1970	1971
S4460	Missouri Dentists	Sale	Zotos	1970	1971