

# Guide to the Delta Omega, Epsilon Chapter (Yale University) records

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Medical Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library  
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**CREATOR:** Delta Omega. Epsilon chapter (Yale University)

**TITLE:** Delta Omega, Epsilon Chapter (Yale University) records

**DATES:** 1928-1942

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** In English

**SUMMARY:** Records of the Epsilon Chapter (Yale University) of Delta Omega, an honorary public health society founded in 1924. Yale's chapter, established in 1925, was organized through the Department of Public Health.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0044>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

From the former Epidemiology and Public Health Library, 2013.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Preferred Citation

Delta Omega, Epsilon chapter (Yale University) records, Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT

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## Biographical / Historical

Delta Omega is an honorary society in public health founded in 1924 at Johns Hopkins. Chapters are organized by university. A chapter at Yale was formed in 1925 and became the Epsilon chapter. The National Council of Delta Omega met at meetings of the American Public Health Association. Both C.-E. A. Winslow and Ira V. Hiscock of the Yale Department of Public Health served as early national presidents. Delta Omega's membership was originally open to elected faculty, graduate students, and alumni of public health schools, but began to broaden in the 1930s to accommodate other types of academic institutions that provided graduate degrees related to public health.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection contains incoming and outgoing correspondence of the chapter secretary and others, membership lists, information on local lectures and annual chapter banquets, minutes of the National Council, and discussions at the local and national levels on qualifications for forming chapters and for individual memberships. Debates centered on how broadly to define graduate education in public health. Much of the correspondence was that of John H. Watkins, a Yale Ph.D. and faculty member who served as Secretary of the Epsilon (Yale) chapter to 1939. He was succeeded by Martin Allen Pond. Also included is the published pamphlet: Delta Omega, *Organization, Constitution, By-laws, List of Members*, 4th ed. (1937).

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Delta Omega, Organization, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members, 4th edition Published pamphlet annotated by the member of the Epsilon (Yale) chapter with the names and addresses of additional members.	1937
b. 1, f. 2	Delta Omega, Epsilon Chapter records	1928-1933
b. 1, f. 3	Delta Omega, Epsilon Chapter records Includes reprinting of Henry Sewall, "Experiments on the Preventive Inoculation of Rattlesnake Venom" [1887] (Ann Arbor: Delta Omega, 1934). Delta Omega arranged for reprints of public health classics that were distributed to members.	1934-1936
b. 1, f. 4	Delta Omega, Epsilon Chapter records	1937-1938
b. 1, f. 5	Delta Omega, Epsilon Chapter records Includes mimeographed Bulletin, October 10, 1939, Constitution, and By-laws.	1939-1940
b. 1, f. 6	Delta Omega, Epsilon Chapter records	1941-1942

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Public health -- Societies, etc.  
Schools of public health -- United States

### **Names**

Hiscock, Ira V. (Ira Vaughan), 1892-  
Pond, M. Allen, 1912-1995  
Watkins, John Hamilton, 1900-  
Winslow, C.-E. A. (Charles-Edward Amory),  
1877-1957

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