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## INTRODUCTION

The basic information for this roster was compiled by members of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers. Its publication was undertaken by the Public Health Service for practical as well as commemorative reasons.

First of all, the material provides a compact and chronological record, State by State, of the health officers under whom our modern system of public health administration on a State-wide basis was inaugurated and developed across the Nation. It was 110 years ago that the pattern was first delineated by Lemuel Shattuck in his "Report of A General Plan for the Promotion of Public and Personal Health," which he presented in 1850 as chairman of the Massachusetts Sanitary Commission. This remarkable document as well as the Commission itself was originated by Shattuck as one of his many civic endeavors.

Former schoolmaster, Boston bookseller, and good citizen, this man combined keen interest in public affairs with acumen and action. In Concord he served as a member of the school committee and reorganized the public school system there. From an interest in genealogy, he became attentive to the value of correct vital statistics. This led to his becoming one of the founders of the American Statistical Society in 1839, and then into active promotion of the passage of Massachusetts legislation in 1842 for the registration of vital statistics.

Three years later he had completed a "Census of Boston in 1845" that was published as an official document. Lemuel Shattuck was shocked by the high mortality rates disclosed by the Boston census and other observations he had made. He characteristically took forthright and successful action to secure the appointment of a commission to make a sanitary survey of the



State, and -- again characteristically -- to become its totally responsible and dedicated chairman. The subsequent report and its author have been long honored in public health. But Shattuck died in 1859 with no recognition, without the satisfaction of having his recommendations enacted into law.

This, in brief, is the story of the man who devised our enduring pattern of public health practice and organization. The whole story of the development of Shattuck and his concepts is as fascinating as any in our national annals. Much background material has been made available in a reprint entitled "Lemuel Shattuck--Still a Prophet," from the American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 39, No. 2, February, 1949. No less interesting and of recognized value to the young recruit in public health is the facsimile reproduction of the original report, produced by Harvard University Press under the sponsorship of the American Public Health Association, Massachusetts Public Health Association, Harvard Graduate School of Public Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Boston Health Department.

Although 1960 is the imprint date on this historical roster, arrangements for its publication were initiated in 1959--the centennial year of Citizen Shattuck's death. Thus, it seemed singularly appropriate within these pages to pay tribute to him and to the State and Territorial health officers who progressively developed his precepts.

Historical notations have been included when the information was readily available; that is, without extensive research into primary source materials. A few of the notations and listings go back beyond the period when Shattuck's recommendations began to be known and accepted, or before a board of health was actually or financially empowered for State-wide action. For Hawaii, the historical sketch and roster cover fifty years before it became a territory of the United States. However, because of its interest, such material was included whenever it came to light through routine editing.

Names of newly appointed health officers were added up to the time of going to press in the late spring of 1960.

An appendix provides some background information on the origin and organization of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers.



# ALABAMA State Department of Public Health, Montgomery

D. G. Gill, M.D.	State Health Officer	1947-
B. F. Austin, M.D.	" " "	1941-1947
J. N. Baker, M.D.	" " "	1930-1941
Stuart Graves, M.D.	Acting State Health Officer	1929-1930
D. L. Cannon, M.D.	" " " "	1928-1929
S. W. Welch, M.D.	State Health Officer	1917-1928
W. H. Sanders, M.D.	" " "	1896-1917
Jerome Cochran, M.D.	" " "	1879-1896

## Historical Note:

In 1875 the Medical Association of the State of Alabama became by legislative act the State Board of Health. In 1879 this Board appointed the first State health officer and made the first annual appropriation for his activities. The State Department of Public Health was formally entitled about 1934, but the State Board of Health (and its State Committee of Public Health) has continued with little change in functions and make-up over the years.

# ALASKA Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Health, Juneau

*Harry V. Gibson, M.D.	Director of Health	1959-1960
Harry V. Gibson, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1958-1959
C. R. Hayman, M.D.	" " "	1956-1958
C. E. Albrecht, M.D.	" " "	1945-1955
C. C. Carter, M.D.	" " "	1943-1945
W. W. Council, M.D.	" " "	1932-1943
H. C. DeVighne, M.D.	" " "	1922-1932
L. O. Sloan, M.D.	" " "	1919-1921
Gov. Thomas Riggs, Jr.	Commissioner of Health Ex Officio	1918
Gov. J. F. A. Strong	" " " Ex Officio	1913-1917

## Historical Note:

In 1913 the first Legislature of the newly created Territory of Alaska designated the Governor as commissioner of health ex officio. In 1919 the Office of Commissioner of Health was created and a physician was appointed to the position on a part-time basis. A Territorial Department of Health was established in 1936, but was not legally empowered as a full-time operation until 1945. Alaska became the forty-ninth State by Presidential proclamation in January 1959. In the same year, Alaska established its combined Department of Health and Welfare -- the third State to do so.

# ARIZONA State Department of Health, Phoenix

C. G. Salsbury, M.D.	Commissioner of Public Health	1952-
J. P. Ward, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1947-1952
G. F. Manning, M.D.	Superintendent of Public Health	1941-1947
F. P. Perkins, M.D.	" " " "	1940-1941

\*Resigned June 30, 1960. Successor not known at time of going to press.



# ARIZONA State Department of Health (continued)

C. I. Hughes, M.D.	Superintendent of Public Health	1937-1940
G. C. Truman, M.D.	" " " "	1933-1937
C. W. Sult, M.D.	" " " "	1931-1933
R. J. Stroud, M.D.	" " " "	1929-1930
F. T. Fahlen, M.D.	" " " "	1923-1929
A. M. Tuthill, M.D.	" " " "	1921-1923
G. E. Goodrich, M.D.	" " " "	1919-1921
O. H. Brown, M.D.	" " " "	1918-1919
W. O. Sweek, M.D.	" " " "	1918
J. B. Nelson, M.D.	" " " "	1917-1918
R. N. Looney, M.D.	" " " "	1912-1917
E. S. Godfrey, M.D.	" " " "	1908-1912
J. W. Coleman, M.D.	" " " "	1907-1908
William Duffield, M.D.	" " " "	1905-1907
R. M. Dodsworth, M.D.	" " " "	1903-1905

## Historical Note:

Arizona's Board of Health was first organized in 1903. Its Department of Health was established in 1941.

# ARKANSAS State Board of Health, Little Rock

J. T. Herron, M.D.	State Health Officer	1951-
T. T. Ross, M.D.	" " "	1943-1951
W. B. Grayson, M.D.	" " "	1933-1943
C. W. Garrison, M.D.	" " "	1914-1933
F. B. Young, M.D.	" " "	1914
Morgan Smith, M.D.	" " "	1913-1914

## Historical Note:

Records show that Arkansas set up a State Board of Health as far back as 1881, with Dr. J. A. Dibrell as secretary and executive officer. The year 1913, however, basically established the present organization for continuous and progressive operation.

# CALIFORNIA Department of Public Health, Berkeley

M. H. Merrill, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1954-
W. L. Halverson, M.D.	" " " "	1943-1954
B. P. Brown, M.D.	" " " "	1940-1943
W. M. Dickie, M.D.	" " " "	1935-1940
J. D. Dunshee, M.D.	" " " "	1934-1935
G. S. Porter, M.D.	" " " "	1931-1934
W. M. Dickie, M.D.	" " " "	1920-1931
I. S. Bancroft, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1920



# CALIFORNIA Department of Public Health (continued)

W. H. Kellogg, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1918-1920
W. A. Sawyer, M.D.	" " "	1915-1918
D. H. Currie, M.D.	" " "	1913-1915
W. F. Snow, M.D.	" " "	1909-1913
N. K. Foster, M.D.	" " "	1903-1909
W. P. Mathews, M.D.	" " "	1897-1903
J. R. Laine, M.D.	Secretary	1891-1897
G. G. Tyrrell, M.D.	"	1884-1891
F. W. Hatch, Sr., M.D.	"	1876-1884
T. M. Logan, M.D.	"	1870-1876

## Historical Note:

A State Board of Health was first organized in 1870. The Department of Public Health was established in 1927.

# COLORADO Department of Public Health, Denver

R. L. Cleere, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1934-
S. R. McKelvey, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1925-1934
T. R. Love, M.D.	" " "	1922-1924
R. L. Drinkwater, M.D.	" " "	1920-1921
C. G. Hickey, M.D.	" " "	1919
E. E. Kennedy, M.D.	" " "	1917-1918
S. R. McKelvey, M.D.	" " "	1915-1916
P. S. Hunter, M.D.	" " "	1911-1915
H. L. Taylor, M.D.	Secretary	1906-1911
C. E. Cooper, M.D.	"	1904-1905
G. E. Taylor, M.D.	"	1899-1904
Henry Sewall, M.D.	"	1893-1899
Charles Ambrook, M.D.	"	1879-1880
H. A. Lemen, M.D.	"	1876-1878

## Historical Note:

Colorado organized its first Board of Health in 1876, and a State Division of Public Health in 1893. The present Department of Public Health was established in 1947.

# CONNECTICUT State Department of Health, Hartford

F. M. Foote, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1959-
S. H. Osborn, M.D.	" " "	1922-1959
J. T. Black, M.D.	" " "	1916-1922
J. H. Townsend, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1906-1916
C. A. Lindsley, M.D.	Secretary	1884-1906
C. W. Chamberlin, M.D.	"	1878-1884



# CONNECTICUT State Department of Health (continued)

## Historical Note:

The State Board of Health was organized in 1878, and reorganized in 1917 into the State Department of Health, with a Public Health Council.

# DELAWARE State Board of Health, Dover

F. I. Hudson, M.D.	Executive Secretary	1949-
Edwin Cameron, M.D.	" "	1940-1949
E. F. Smith, M.D.	Acting Executive Secretary	1939-1940
A. C. Jost, M.D.	Executive Secretary	1929-1939
A. T. Davis, M.D.	Executive Health Officer	1923-1928
L. S. Conwell, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1919-1922
A. E. Franz, M.D.	" " "	1908-1918
Alex Lowber, M.D.	" " "	1896-1907
E. B. Frazer, M.D.	Secretary	1886-1896
William Marshall, M.D.	"	1879-1885

## Historical Note:

The State Board of Health was organized in 1879. It was reorganized into a combined State Health and Welfare Commission in 1923. A State Board of Health was re-established in 1925.

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Department of Public Health, Washington, D. C.

D. L. Finucane, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1957-
D. L. Seckinger, M.D.	" " " "	1949-1957
G. C. Ruhland, M.D.	Health Officer	1934-1949
E. J. Schwartz, M.D.	" "	1934
W. C. Fowler, M.D.	" "	1918-1934
W. C. Woodward, M.D.	" "	1894-1918
C. M. Hammett, M.D.	" "	1891-1894
Smith Townsend, M.D.	" "	1878-1891

## Historical Note:

Although the District had a board of health as early as 1822, the basic authority and purposes of a Health Department were not established until 1878, when an Act of Congress provided for a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia. The present title, Department of Public Health, was adopted in 1953 under a reorganization order.



# FLORIDA State Board of Health, Jacksonville

W. T. Sowder, M.D.	State Health Officer	1945-
Henry Hanson, M.D.	" " "	1942-1945
W. H. Pickett, M.D.	" " "	1941-1942
A. B. McCreary, M.D.	" " "	1940
W. A. McPhaul, M.D.	" " "	1935-1940
Henry Hanson, M.D.	" " "	1929-1935
B. L. Arms, M.D.	" " "	1925-1929
R. C. Turck, M.D.	" " "	1921-1925
R. N. Greene, M.D.	" " "	1919-1921
W. H. Cox, M.D.	" " "	1917-1919
J. Y. Porter, M.D.	" " "	1889-1917

## Historical Note:

This State Board of Health was established in 1889.

# GEORGIA Department of Public Health, Atlanta

John H. Venable, M.D.	Director	1960-
T. F. Sellers, M.D.	"	1948-1959
T. F. Abercrombie, M.D.	"	1917-1947
H. F. Harris, M.D.	Secretary	1903-1917

## Historical Note:

In 1875, Georgia's General Assembly created a State Board of Health, with Dr. V. H. Taliaferro as secretary. Lack of funds and general support ended the Board's existence in 1877. In 1903, the State Board of Health was re-established and operated continuously until 1931, when the Department of Public Health was organized. In 1933 the functions of the State Board were redefined and related to policy matters and the adoption of rules and regulations.

# GUAM, TERRITORY OF: Department of Medical Services, Agana

F. L. Conklin, M.D.	Director of Medical Services	1957-
J. E. Kennedy, M.D.	" " " "	1954-1956
Benedict Cooper, M.D.	Acting Director	1953-1954
K. K. Waering, M.D.	Director of Medical Services	1953
A. W. Matthis, M.D.	" " " "	1951-1952
J. Y. Battenfield, M.D.	" " " "	1950-1951

## Historical Note:

In 1950 Guam became an unincorporated Territory of the United States under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior. Federal grants for public health services were made available to Guam for the first time during fiscal year 1957.



# HAWAII Department of Health, Honolulu

R. K. C. Lee, M.D.	President, Board of Health	1953-
C. L. Wilbar, Jr., M.D.	" " " "	1943-1953
M. F. Haralson, M.D.	Commissioner of Public Health	1940-1943
F. E. Trotter, M.D.	" " " "	1919-1939
S. S. Paxson, M.D.	President, Board of Health	1918-1919
J. T. Wayson, M.D.	Executive Health Officer	1918
J. S. B. Pratt, M.D.	President, Board of Health	1911-1918
E. A. Mott-Smith	" " " "	1909-1911
L. E. Cofer, M.D.	" " " "	1908-1909
L. E. Pinkham	" " " "	1904-1908
C. B. Cooper, M.D.	" " " "	1903-1904
H. C. Sloggett	" " " "	1901-1903
C. B. Cooper, M.D.	" " " "	1901
J. H. Raymond, M.D.	" " " "	1900-1901
E. C. Wilson	" " " "	1900
C. B. Wood, M.D.	" " " "	1900
H. E. Cooper, M.D.	" " " "	1899-1900
W. O. Smith	" " " "	1895-1898
J. T. Waterhouse	" " " "	1895
W. O. Smith	" " " "	1894
David Dayton	" " " "	1890-1892
J. H. Kimball, M.D.	" " " "	1890
N. B. Emerson, M.D.	" " " "	1887-1889
G. Trousseau, M.D.	" " " "	1887
W. M. Gibson	" " " "	1883-1886
W. N. Armstrong	" " " "	1882
H. A. P. Carter	" " " "	1880-1882
S. G. Wilder	" " " "	1878-1880
J. Mott-Smith	" " " "	1878
S. G. Wilder	" " " "	1876-1877
H. A. Widemann	" " " "	1874
E. O. Hall	" " " "	1873
F. W. Hutchinson, M.D.	" " " "	1868-1872

## Historical Note:

While still a monarchy, Hawaii in 1850 formed a Board of Health and health regulations "for the good of the inhabitants of Honolulu." The first chairman was Dr. T. C. B. Rooke, who as port physician during the preceding decade had worked constructively for this and other progressive measures in public health. Actually, the activities of the 1850 Board were not limited to Honolulu, and its authority was gradually extended by legislation over the years. In 1872 the Board of Health was formally organized to extend jurisdiction for all Hawaii, and its Department of Health structure began to evolve about 1900. The Territory of Hawaii was formally established in 1900, and became our fiftieth State in 1959.

Note: From 1904 back through 1872, available records were not always clear about the duration of appointments. Undoubtedly, several of these officials served in a pro tempore capacity from time to time.



# IDAHO Department of Health, Boise

T. O. Carver, M.D.	Administrator of Health	1958-
F. O. Graeber, M.D.	Acting Director of Health	1957-1958
L. J. Peterson, M.S.P.H.	Director of Health	1955-1957
L. J. Peterson, M.S.P.H.	Administrative Director	1943-1955
E. L. Berry, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1940-1943
H. L. McMartin, M.D.	" " " "	1938-1940
J. W. Hawkins, M.D.	" " " "	1937-1938
J. D. Dunshee, M.D.	" " " "	1936-1937
Lewis Williams	Commissioner of Public Welfare	1930-1936
C. K. Macey	" " " "	1929-1930
David Burrell	" " " "	1921-1928
P. L. Neil	" " " "	1920-1921
J. K. White	" " " "	1919-1920
E. T. Biwer, M.D.	Secretary, Board of Health	1917-1918
R. J. Falk, M.D.	" " " "	1911-1916
J. L. Conant, Jr., M.D.	Secretary	1910-1911
W. F. Howard, M.D.	"	1908-1909
W. D. Springer, M.D.	"	1907-1908

## Historical Note:

The State Board of Health was first organized in 1907. Later re-organizations are indicated by the following titles under which State health activities were carried out: beginning in 1919, Department of Public Welfare, Division of Public Health; beginning in 1941, Idaho Department of Public Health; beginning in 1955, State Board of Health; beginning in 1958, the present departmental organization was established, with a policy-forming Board.

# ILLINOIS Department of Public Health, Springfield

L. L. Fatherree, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1960-
R. R. Cross, M.D.	" " " "	1940-1959
A. C. Baxter, M.D.	" " " "	1937-1940
F. J. Jirka, M.D.	" " " "	1933-1937
Andy Hall, M.D.	" " " "	1929-1932
I. D. Rawlings, M.D.	" " " "	1921-1928
C. St. C. Drake, M.D.	" " " "	1914-1921
Amos Sawyer, M.D.	Acting Secretary & Exec. Officer	1913-1914
J. A. Egan, M.D.	Secretary & Executive Officer	1897-1913
J. W. Scott, M.D.	Secretary	1893-1897
F. W. Reilly, M.D.	"	1891-1893
W. R. MacKenzie, M.D.	"	1891
J. H. Rauch, M.D.	"	1879-1891
A. L. Clark, M.D.	"	1878-1879
J. H. Rauch, M.D.	"	1877-1878
E. W. Gray, M.D.	"	1877

## Historical Note:

Illinois organized its first State Board of Health in 1877. The Department of Public Health and a Board of Public Health Advisors replaced the old State Board in 1917.



# INDIANA Department of Health, State Board of Health, Indianapolis

A. C. Offutt, M.D.	State Health Commissioner & Sec.	1954-
L. E. Burney, M.D.	" " " "	1945-1954
T. B. Rice, M.D.	Acting State Health Commissioner	1942-1945
J. W. Ferree, M.D.	Director	1940-1942
V. K. Harvey, M.D.	"	1933-1940
W. F. King, M.D.	State Health Commissioner & Sec.	1922-1933
J. N. Hurty, M.D.	" " " "	1896-1922
C. N. Metcalf, M.D.	Secretary	1884-1896
E. S. Elder, M.D.	"	1883-1884
E. R. Hawn, M.D.	"	1883
T. M. Stevens, M.D.	"	1881-1883

## Historical Note:

Indiana first formed a State Board of Health in 1881. Over the years a number of changes in organization and titles occurred, as indicated by the following: 1933, Department of Commerce and Industry, Division of Public Health; 1937, Department of Commerce and Industry, State Board of Health; 1940, State Board of Health; 1953, Indiana Department of Health, Division of Health and Preventive Medicine; 1954, the present title.

# IOWA State Department of Health, Des Moines

E. G. Zimmerer, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1953-
W. L. Bierring, M.D.	" " "	1933-1953
D. C. Steelsmith, M.D.	" " "	1930-1933
Henry Albert, M.D.	" " "	1926-1930
D. M. Griswold, M.D.	" " "	1925-1926
R. P. Fagen, M.D.	" " "	1922-1925
G. H. Sumner, M.D.	" " "	1910-1922
L. A. Thomas, M.D.	Secretary & Executive Officer	1907-1910
J. F. Kennedy, M.D.	Secretary	1885-1907
R. J. Farquharson, M.D.	"	1881-1884
L. F. Andrews	"	1880-1881

## Historical Note:

Iowa first established a Board of Health in 1880, and its Department of Health about 1925.

# KANSAS State Board of Health, Topeka

G. M. Martin, M.D.	Executive Secretary	1958-
T. R. Hood, M.D.	" "	1951-1958
F. C. Beelman, M.D.	Secretary & Executive Officer	1941-1951
F. P. Helm, M.D.	" " "	1937-1941



# KANSAS State Board of Health (continued)

E. G. Brown, M.D.	Secretary & Executive Officer	1925-1937
M. O. Nyberg, M.D.	" " "	1923-1925
S. J. Crumbine, M.D.	" " "	1904-1923
Charles Lowry, M.D.	Secretary	1902-1904
W. B. Swan, M.D.	"	1899-1902
H. Z. Hill, M.D.	"	1897-1899
Thomas Kirkpatrick, M.D.	"	1895-1897
H. A. Dykes, M.D.	"	1893-1895
M. O. Brien, M.D.	"	1891-1893
J. W. Redden, M.D.	"	1885-1891

## Historical Note:

Kansas instituted its Board of Health in 1885.

# KENTUCKY State Department of Health, Louisville

R. E. Teague, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1956-
Bruce Underwood, M.D.	" " "	1948-1956
P. E. Blackerby, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1943-1948
A. T. McCormack, M.D.	" " "	1919-1943
J. N. McCormack, M.D.	Secretary & State Health Officer	1917-1919
A. T. McCormack, M.D.	" " " "	1913-1917
J. N. McCormack, M.D.	" " " "	1878-1913

## Historical Note:

Kentucky created its State Board of Health in 1878, and formed the State Department of Health about 1934.

# LOUISIANA State Board of Health, New Orleans

W. J. Rein, M.D.	Pres. of Board-St. Health Officer	1956-
S. J. Phillips, M.D.	" " " " " "	1949-1956
W. V. Garnier, M.D.	" " " " " "	1948-1949
W. L. Treuting, M.D.	" " " " " "	1946-1948
D. E. Brown, M.D.	" " " " " "	1942-1946
C. L. Mengis, M.D.	" " " " " "	1942
J. H. Musser, M.D.	" " " " " "	1940-1942
J. A. O'Hara, M.D.	" " " " " "	1929-1940
Oscar Dowling, M.D.	" " " " " "	1910-1928
D. H. Dillon, M.D.	President	1908-1909
C. H. Irion, M.D.	"	1906-1907
Edmond Souchon, M.D.	"	1898-1905
S. R. Olliphant, M.D.	"	1890-1898
C. P. Wilkinson, M.D.	"	1888-1889
Joseph Holt, M.D.	"	1884-1887



# LOUISIANA State Board of Health (continued)

Joseph Jones, M.D.	President	1880-1883
Samuel Choppin, M.D.	"	1877-1879
F. B. Gaudet, M.D.	"	1876-1877
C. B. White, M.D.	"	1868-1876
S. A. Smith, M.D.	"	1866-1868
R. R. Alexander, M.D.	*Med. Director, Dept. of the Gulf	1862-1865
C. R. McCormack, M.D.	* " " " " "	1862
T. H. Bache, M.D.	* " " " " "	1862
G. A. Nott, M.D.	President	1861-1862
Charles Delery, M.D.	"	1860
A. F. Axson, M.D.	"	1856-1859
Samuel Choppin, M.D.	"	1855

\*Under martial law, Federal Army Subdivision.

## Historical Note:

In 1855, the Louisiana legislature passed an "Act to Establish Quarantine for the Protection of the State" and created a "Board of Health of the State of Louisiana" to carry out the quarantine authority and other general sanitary measures. The historical background is presented in interesting detail in the 1954-1955 Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health.

# MAINE Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, Augusta

D. H. Fisher, M.D.	Acting Director of Bureau & Commissioner of Department	1954-
D. H. Fisher, M.D.	Director, Bureau of Health	1947-1954
R. L. Mitchell, M.D.	" " " "	1939-1947
G. H. Coombs, M.D.	" " " "	1932-1939
C. F. Kendall, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1921-1932
L. D. Bristol, M.D.	" " "	1917-1921
A. G. Young, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1885-1917

## Historical Note:

Maine instituted a State Board of Health in 1885. Reorganization in 1917 established a Public Health Council, of which the State commissioner of health was chairman. In 1932, the Department of Health and Welfare, with its Bureau of Health, was organized.

# MARYLAND State Department of Health, Baltimore

P. F. Prather, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1956-
R. H. Riley, M.D.	" " " "	1928-1956
J. S. Fulton, M.D.	Director of Health	1913-1928



# MARYLAND State Department of Health (continued)

M. L. Price, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1907-1912
J. S. Fulton, M.D.	" " "	1896-1907
J. A. Steuart, M.D.	" " "	1893-1896
C. W. Chancellor, M.D.	" " "	1876-1893
E. L. Howard, M.D.	Secretary	1874-1876

## Historical Note:

Maryland created its State Board of Health in 1874, and has continued to have one throughout the years. The Department of Health was formally entitled about 1934.

# MASSACHUSETTS Department of Public Health, Boston

A. L. Frechette, M.D.	Commissioner of Public Health	1959-
R. F. Feemster, M.D.	" " " "	1958-1959
S. B. Kirkwood, M.D.	" " " "	1953-1958
V. A. Getting, M.D.	" " " "	1943-1953
P. J. Jakmauh, M.D.	" " " "	1938-1943
H. D. Chadwick, M.D.	" " " "	1933-1938
G. H. Bigelow, M.D.	" " " "	1925-1933
E. R. Kelley, M.D.	" " " "	1918-1925
A. J. McLaughlin, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1914-1918
M. W. Richardson, M.D.	Executive Health Officer	1909-1914
Charles Harrington, M.D.	" " "	1905-1908
S. W. Abbott, M.D.	" " "	1882-1904
H. P. Walcott, M.D.	Secretary	1880-1881
C. F. Folsom, M.D.	"	1875-1880
George Derby, M.D.	"	1869-1874

## Historical Note:

The first State Board of Health in Massachusetts was established in 1869, an outgrowth of Shattuck's remarkable Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts, 1850. In 1879, the powers of the first Board were transferred to the newly created Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity. But in 1886 the State Board of Health was re-established. In 1914, an advisory Public Health Council and a State Department of Health replaced the Board; and in 1919 the present title of Department of Public Health was adopted.

# MICHIGAN Department of Health, Lansing

A. E. Heustis, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1948-
G. D. Cummings, M.D.	Acting State Health Commissioner	1948
J. K. Altland, M.D.	" " " "	1947-1948
William DeKleine, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1944-1947
H. Allen Moyer, M.D.	" " "	1939-1944
D. W. Gudakunst, M.D.	" " "	1938-1939



# MICHIGAN Department of Health (continued)

C. C. Slemons, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1930-1938
G. L. Kiefer, M.D.	" " "	1927-1930
R. M. Olin, M.D.	" " "	1917-1927
J. L. Burkhart, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1914-1917
R. L. Dixon, M.D.	" " "	1911-1914
F. W. Shumway, M.D.	" " "	1905-1911
H. B. Baker, M.D.	Secretary	1873-1905

## Historical Note:

Michigan instituted a State Board of Health in 1873, which was replaced in 1919 with the Department of Health and an advisory State Council of Health.

# MINNESOTA Department of Health, Minneapolis

R. N. Barr, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1955-
A. J. Chesley, M.D.	" " "	1921-1955
C. E. Smith, Jr., M.D.	" " "	1919-1920
H. M. Bracken, M.D.	" " "	1897-1918
C. N. Hewitt, M.D.	Secretary	1872-1897

## Historical Note:

Minnesota has had its State Board of Health since 1872. The structure and title of the Department of Health were established about 1925.

# MISSISSIPPI State Board of Health, Jackson

A. L. Gray, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1958-
F. J. Underwood, M.D.	" " "	1924-1958
W. S. Leathers, M.D.	" " "	1917-1924
J. D. Gilleylen, M.D.	" " "	1916
E. H. Galloway, M.D.	Executive Officer	1913-1916
W. W. Smithson, M.D.	Secretary	1912-1913
S. H. McLean, M.D.	"	1908-1912
J. F. Hunter, M.D.	"	1896-1908
Wirt Johnson, M.D.	"	1877-1896

## Historical Note:

Mississippi has had its State Board of Health since 1877.



MISSOURI Department of Public Health and Welfare, Division of Health,  
Jefferson City

H. M. Hardwicke, M.D.	Acting Director of Health	1957-
J. R. Amos, M.D.	Director of Health	1952-1957
B. G. Hamilton, M.D.	" " "	1949-1952
C. F. Adams, M.D.	Acting Director of Health	1949
R. M. James, M.D.	Director of Health	1945-1949
James Stewart, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1941-1945
H. F. Parker, M.D.	" " "	1937-1941
H. S. Gove, M.D.	" " "	1936-1937
E. T. McGaugh, M.D.	" " "	1933-1936
James Stewart, M.D.	" " "	1925-1933
C. F. Enloe, M.D.	" " "	1921-1924
G. H. Jones, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1917-1920
J. A. B. Adcock, M.D.	" " "	1913-1916
F. B. Hiller, M.D.	" " "	1910-1912
J. A. B. Adcock, M.D.	" " "	1906-1909
W. F. Morrow, M.D.	Secretary-Health Commissioner	1901-1905
E. L. Standlee, M.D.	Secretary	1898-1900
Paul Paquin, M.D.	"	1897-1898
W. P. King, M.D.	"	1894-1896
R. C. Atkinson	"	1891-1893
George Homan, M.D.	"	1885-1890
J. C. Hearne, M.D.	"	1883-1885

Historical Note:

A State Board of Health was established in 1883, but was replaced in 1947 with the present organizational structure.

MONTANA State Board of Health, Helena

G. D. C. Thompson, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1950-
B. K. Kilbourne, M.D.	" " "	1946-1950
W. F. Cogswell, M.D.	" " "	1912-1946
T. D. Tuttle, M.D.	Secretary-State Health Officer	1903-1912
A. F. Longeway, M.D.	Secretary	1901-1903

Historical Note:

Montana's State Board of Health has been in existence since 1901.

NEBRASKA Department of Health, Lincoln

E. A. Rogers, M.D.	Director of Health	1951-
F. D. Ryder, M.D.	" " "	1949-1951
W. S. Petty, M.D.	" " "	1946-1949
C. A. Selby, M.D.	" " "	1942-1946



# NEBRASKA Department of Health (continued)

A. L. Miller, M.D.	Director of Health	1941-1942
P. H. Bartholomew, M.D.	" " "	1929-1940
W. H. Wilson, M.D.	Chief, Bureau of Health	1925-1928
J. D. Case, M.D.	Supt. of Health & Welfare	1923-1924
I. H. Dillon, M.D.	Chief, Bureau of Health	1919-1922
W. F. Wild, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1918-1919
E. S. Tenney, M.D.	State Health Inspector	1917-1918
J. D. Case, M.D.	" " "	1916-1917
W. H. Wilson, M.D.	" " "	1910-1915
E. J. C. Sward, M.D.	Secretary	1908-1909
S. K. Spalding, M.D.	"	1906-1907
S. R. Towne, M.D.	"	1904-1905
B. F. Crummer, M.D.	"	1898- ?
F. D. Haldeman, M.D.	"	1891-1897

## Historical Note:

Nebraska made provision in 1891 to create a State Board of Health, but it was not until 1899 that a specific effort toward executive action in public health was made. Then in 1903 the powers and duties of the State Board were enlarged and the office of health inspector was created. A legislative act of 1917 established a State Department of Health and abolished the State Board of Health law. In 1919 the functions of the Health Department were conferred upon the new Department of Public Welfare, with a Bureau of Health. The Department of Health was re-established in 1933 with a director as its head; and in 1953 a State Board of Health was once more provided to formulate policies and plans for the Department and to appoint its director of health, who also serves as Board secretary.

# NEVADA State Department of Health, Carson City

D. J. Hurley, M.D.	State Health Officer	1948-
Fred Loe, M.D.	" " "	1946-1947
E. E. Hamer, M.D.	" " "	1939-1945
J. E. Worden, M.D.	" " "	1936-1939
E. E. Hamer, M.D.	" " "	1927-1936
S. L. Lee, M.D.	Secretary	1901-1926
W. J. Guinan, M.D.	Acting Secretary	1899-1900
S. C. Gibson, M.D.	Secretary	1896-1899
J. A. Lewis, M.D.	"	1893-1895

## Historical Note:

Nevada has had a State Board of Health since 1893, and the executive officer of the State Department of Health serves as Board secretary.



# NEW HAMPSHIRE State Department of Health, Concord

Edward W. Colby, M.D.	State Health Officer	1959-
Mary Atchison, M.D.	" " "	1956-1959
J. S. Wheeler, M.D.	" " "	1945-1956
A. L. Frechette, M.D.	" " "	1943-1945
T. P. Burroughs, M.D.	Secretary	1936-1942
Charles Duncan, M.D.	"	1918-1936
I. M. Watson, M.D.	"	1881-1918

## Historical Note:

New Hampshire has had a State Board of Health since 1881, and the executive officer of the State Department of Health serves as Board secretary.

# NEW JERSEY State Department of Health, Trenton

R. P. Kandle, M.D.	State Commissioner of Health	1959-
Daniel Bergsma, M.D.	" " " "	1947-1959
J. L. Mahaffey, M.D.	Director of Health	1931-1947
D. C. Bowen, M.D.	" " "	1927-1931
H. B. Costill, M.D.	" " "	1924-1927
J. C. Price, M.D.	" " "	1913-1924
B. S. Keater, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1908-1912
Henry Mitchell, M.D.	Secretary	1894-1908
E. M. Hunt, M.D.	"	1877-1894

## Historical Note:

A State Board of Health was instituted in 1877, but this was replaced in 1915 by a Department of Health and a new governing Board. In 1947 a reorganized State Department of Health with a commissioner of health was established and the Board of Health was abolished. A Public Health Council was created in 1947.

# NEW MEXICO Department of Public Health, Santa Fe

S. J. Leland, M.D.	State Director of Public Health	1955-
G. R. Clark, M.D.	" " " " "	1953-1955
J. R. Scott, M.D.	" " " " "	1940-1953
E. B. Godfrey, M.D.	" " " " "	1937-1940
J. R. Earp, Dr. P.H.	" " " " "	1930-1937
G. S. Lockett, M.D.	" " " " "	1922-1930
C. E. Waller, M.D.	Temporary Direc. of Public Health	1919-1921
R. K. McClanahan, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Health Officer	1917-1918
W. E. Kaser, M.D.	" " " "	1914-1917
J. A. Massie, M.D.	Secretary	1911- ?



## NEW MEXICO Department of Public Health (continued)

### Historical Note:

New Mexico had a Territorial Board of Health and Medical Examiners before it became a State in 1912. But it was not until 1919 that the then State Board of Health received an appropriation for health activities. Then in 1921 a Board of Public Welfare was established, which included a Bureau of Public Health whose director was in control of health work and personnel. Reorganization in 1937 instituted the present Department of Public Health and a new State Board of Public Health.

## NEW YORK State Department of Health, Albany

H. E. Hilleboe, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1947-
J. E. Perkins	Acting Commissioner	1947
E. S. Godfrey, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1936-1947
Thomas Parran, M.D.	" " "	1930-1936
P. B. Brooks, M.D.	Acting Commissioner	1930
Matthias Nicoll, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1923-1930
H. M. Biggs, M.D.	" " "	1914-1922
E. H. Porter, M.D.	" " "	1905-1913
Daniel Lewis, M.D.	" " "	1901-1904
B. T. Smelzer, M.D.	Secretary	1896-1901
J. F. Barnes, M.D.	"	1895
Lewis Balch, M.D.	"	1887-1894
A. I. Carroll, M.D.	"	1885-1886
Elisha Harris, M.D.	"	1880-1884

### Historical Note:

New York first set up a State Board of Health in 1880. The Department of Health was established some twenty years later, and a Public Health Council replaced the old Board.

## NORTH CAROLINA State Board of Health, Raleigh

J. W. R. Norton, M.D.	Secretary-State Health Director	1948-
C. V. Reynolds, M.D.	Secretary-State Health Officer	1934-1948
J. M. Parrott, M.D.	" " " "	1931-1934
C. O'H. Laughinghouse, M.D.	" " " "	1926-1930
W. S. Rankin, M.D.	" " " "	1909-1925
R. H. Lewis, M.D.	State Health Officer	1892-1909
T. F. Wood, M.D.	" " "	1879-1892

Acting State health officers: Dr. G. M. Cooper, 1923-1924, 1925-1926, and 1934.  
Dr. H. A. Taylor, in 1930-1931.



# NORTH CAROLINA State Board of Health (continued)

## Historical Note:

In 1877 legislation provided that the State Medical Society act as a State Board of Health, and the Society established a Health Committee to discharge its public health responsibilities. In 1879 legislation established a State Board with six members appointed by the Governor and three by the State Medical Society. In 1893 this was changed to five appointed by the Governor, and four by the Society -- the present make-up. Dr. W. S. Rankin became the first full-time State health officer.

# NORTH DAKOTA State Department of Health, Bismarck

W. Van Heuvelen	*Executive Officer	1957-
J. H. Svore	*Director of Public Health	1953-1957
R. O. Saxvik, M.D.	State Health Officer	1947-1953
W. M. Smith, M.D.	Acting State Health Officer	1946-1947
G. F. Campana, M.D.	State Health Officer	1944-1946
F. J. Hill, M.D.	Acting State Health Officer	1942-1944
M. M. Williams, M.D.	State Health Officer	1933-1942
A. A. Whittemore, M.D.	" " "	1923-1933
H. E. French, M.D.	Secretary-Supt. of Health	1921-1923
C. J. McGurren, M.D.	" " " "	1913-1921
J. Grassick, M.D.	" " " "	1907-1913
H. H. Healy, M.D.	State Health Officer	1901-1907
Amos Flaten, M.D.	" " "	1897-1901
John Montgomery, M.D.	" " "	1895-1897
F. H. DeVaux, M.D.	" " "	1893-1895
H. D. Quarry, M.D.	" " "	1891-1893
J. G. Millspaugh, M.D.	" " "	1889-1891

\*State health officer position vacant.

## Historical Note:

North Dakota had a Territorial Board of Health in 1885, which became the State Board upon its admission to the Union in 1889. Reorganization in 1923 abolished the old Board, set up a State Health Council and a Department of Health.

# OHIO Department of Health, Columbus

R. E. Dwork, M.D.	Director of Health	1954-
J. D. Porterfield, M.D.	" " "	1947-1954
R. E. Heering, M.D.	" " "	1945-1947
R. H. Markwith, M.D.	" " "	1939-1944
W. H. Hartung, M.D.	" " "	1935-1939
H. G. Southard, M.D.	" " "	1931-1934
C. A. Neal, M.D.	" " "	1929-1930



# OHIO Department of Health (continued)

J. E. Monger, M.D.	Director of Health	1923-1928
H. H. Snively, M.D.	" " "	1921-1923
A. W. Freeman, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1917-1921
E. F. McCampbell, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1912-1916
C. O. Probst, M.D.	Secretary	1886-1911
G. B. Case, M.D.	"	1886
G. C. Ashmun, M.D.	"	1886

Acting director of health: J. E. Bauman, 1947, 1944-1945, 1916-1917, and 1911-1912

## Historical Note:

Ohio created a State Board of Health in 1886. Legislation in 1917 and 1921 replaced the Board with a Public Health Council and the Department of Health.

# OKLAHOMA State Department of Health, Oklahoma City

K. T. Mosley, M. D.	Commissioner of Health	1960 -
G. F. Mathews, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1939-1960
C. M. Pearce, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1935-1939
G. N. Bilby, M.D.	" " "	1930-1934
C. W. Beson, M.D.	" " "	1929
O. O. Hammonds, M.D.	" " "	1927-1928
Carl Puckett, M.D.	" " "	1924-1926
A. E. Davenport, M.D.	" " "	1923
A. R. Lewis, M.D.	" " "	1919-1922
J. W. Duke, M.D.	" " "	1915-1918
J. C. Mahr, M.D.	" " "	1907-1914

## Historical Note:

As a Territory, Oklahoma set up a Board of Health in 1890 but its members functioned chiefly as medical examiners. As a new State in 1907, a departmental structure for public health was initiated with a commissioner who had supervision of all public health matters. In 1945 the structure and title of the present State Department of Health was established with a State Board of Health.

# OREGON State Board of Health, Portland

R. H. Wilcox, M.D.	Secretary-State Health Officer	1960 -
H. M. Erickson, M.D.	" " " "	1945-1960
F. D. Stricker, M.D.	" " " "	1921-1945
D. N. Roberg, M.D.	" " " "	1919-1920
A. C. Seely, M.D.	Acting Health Officer	1918-1919
R. E. L. Holt, M.D.	Secretary-State Health Officer	1918



# OREGON State Board of Health (continued)

D. N. Roberg, M.D.	Secretary-State Health Officer	1915-1917
C. S. White	" " "	1910-1915
Robert Yenny, M.D.	" " "	1905-1910
Woods Hutchinson, M.D.	" " "	1903-1905

## Historical Note:

The Oregon State Board of Health was created in 1903.

# PENNSYLVANIA Department of Health, Harrisburg

C. L. Wilbar, Jr., M.D.	Secretary of Health	1957-
B. F. Mattison, M.D.	" " "	1955-1957
R. E. Teague, M.D.	" " "	1951-1955
N. W. Vaux, M.D.	" " "	1947-1951
H. W. Weest, M.D.	" " "	1945-1947
A. H. Stewart, M.D.	" " "	1941-1945
J. J. Shaw, M.D.	" " "	1939-1941
Edith MacBride-Dexter, M.D.	" " "	1935-1939
T. B. Appel, M.D.	" " "	1927-1935
C. H. Miner, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1923-1927
Edward Martin, M.D.	" " "	1919-1923
B. F. Royer, M.D.	Acting Commissioner of Health	1918-1919
S. G. Dixon, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1905-1918
Benjamin Lee, M.D.	Secretary, Board of Health	1885-1904

## Historical Note:

Pennsylvania created a State Board of Health in 1885. In 1905 legislation "merged the Board into a Department of Health with almost absolute powers," with a full-time commissioner and an advisory board. Public health responsibility and control remained centralized at the State level until legislative measures in 1951 opened the way to the formation of county and multi-county health units, and brought administrative and organizational improvements within the State Department of Health and the State Advisory Health Council.

# PUERTO RICO Department of Health, San Juan

Guillermo Arbona, M.D.	Secretary of Health	1957-
Juan A. Pons, M.D.	" " "	1946-1957
A. Fernos Isern, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1942-1946
E. Garrido Morales, M.D.	" " "	1933-1942
A. Fernos Isern, M.D.	" " "	1931-1933
Pedro N. Ortiz, M.D.	" " "	1923-1931
W. F. Lippitt, M.D.	" " "	1921-1923
A. Ruiz Soler, M.D.	" " "	1917-1921
W. F. Lippitt, M.D.	Director of Sanitation	1911-1917
J. A. Vias	Director of Health	1910



# PUERTO RICO Department of Health (continued)

F. B. Cordero, M.D.	Director of Health	1909
Tomas Vazquez, M.D.	" " "	1906-1909
R. M. Hernandez, M.D.	" " "	1901-1905
W. Fawcett Smith	Secretary	1900

## Historical Note:

In 1900, when the United States provided a civil government for Puerto Rico, the island's first civilian Board of Health was established. The Organic Act of 1917 granted United States citizenship to Puerto Ricans and led to improved organization of health services under an Insular Board of Health and a commissioner of health. In 1940, Puerto Rico began its remarkable era of self-government and self-development. A Department of Health was established as an executive agency, and its responsibilities were steadily expanded. In 1952 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was created with the adoption of its own constitution.

# RHODE ISLAND Department of Health, Providence

J. A. Dailey, M.D.	Director of Health	1959-
E. A. McLaughlin, M.D.	" " "	1941-1959
L. A. Round, Ph.D.	Director of Public Health	1939-1941
E. A. McLaughlin, M.D.	" " " "	1934-1939
L. A. Round, Ph.D.	" " " "	1929-1933
B. U. Richards, M.D.	Secretary	1917-1928
G. T. Swarts, M.D.	"	1893-1917
C. H. Fisher, M.D.	"	1878-1893

## Historical Note:

A State Board of Health was organized in 1878. In 1929, the Board was replaced with a State Public Health Commission which elected a director of public health (from outside the Commission) and delegated executive powers to him. For many years the director was also the State registrar. About 1935, the Department of Public Health was established, with the director and an advisory council appointed by the governor. A few years later, the present title for the Department and director was adopted.

# SOUTH CAROLINA State Board of Health, Columbia

G. S. T. Peeples, M.D.	State Health Officer	1954-
B. F. Wyman, M.D.	" " "	1944-1954
J. A. Hayne, M.D.	" " "	1911-1944
C. F. Williams, M.D.	" " "	1908-1911
Executive Committee, State Board of Health		1879-1908



## SOUTH CAROLINA State Board of Health (continued)

### Historical Note:

In 1879 the South Carolina Medical Association became the State Board of Health by General Assembly Act. Since that time the Board and its Executive Committee have continued with few changes in composition and jurisdiction.

## SOUTH DAKOTA State Department of Health, Pierre

G. J. Van Heuvelen, M.D.	State Health Officer	1948-
G. Cottam, M.D.	Superintendent	1943-1948
J. F. D. Cook, M.D.	"	1939-1943
P. B. Jenkins, M.D.	"	1927-1939
J. F. D. Cook, M.D.	"	1925-1927
P. B. Jenkins, M.D.	"	1913-1925
W. L. Vercoe, M.D.	"	1912-1913
O. N. Hoyt, M.D.	"	1910-1912
W. H. Lane, M.D.	"	1909-1910
W. E. Moore, M.D.	"	1908-1909
H. A. Peabody, M.D.	"	1907-1908
D. W. Robinson, M.D.	"	1903-1907
C. B. Alford, M.D.	"	1902-1903
W. Edwards, M.D.	"	1901-1902
A. E. Clough, M.D.	"	1900-1901
F. H. Files, M.D.	"	1899-1900
R. D. Jennings, M.D.	"	1898-1899
J. L. Harris, M.D.	"	1897-1898
D. W. Robinson, M.D.	"	1893-1897
W. C. Fowler, M.D.	"	1892-1893
C. B. Alford, M.D.	"	1891-1892

### Historical Note:

South Dakota had a board of health several years before admission to the Union in 1889. Thereafter, the State Board of Health was retained for more than half a century. The governor designated a Board member to be superintendent of health as well as executive officer and secretary of the Board. In 1950 the present departmental structure and Public Health Advisory Council were established.

## TENNESSEE Department of Public Health, Nashville

R. H. Hutcheson, M.D.	Commissioner of Public Health	1943-
W. C. Williams, M.D.	" " " "	1935-1943
E. L. Bishop, M.D.	" " " "	1924-1935
C. B. Crittenden, M.D.	" " " "	1923-1924
R. Q. Lillard, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1922
Olin West, M.D.	" " "	1918-1922
R. Q. Lillard, M.D.	" " "	1912-1918



# TENNESSEE Department of Public Health (continued)

J. A. Albright, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1897-1912
J. B. Lindsley, M.D.	" " "	1884-1897
C. C. Fite, M.D.	" " "	1883-1884
W. M. Clark, M.D.	" " "	1879-1883
J. B. Lindsley, M.D.	" " "	1877-1879

## Historical Note:

Tennessee organized a State Board of Health in 1877. About 1923, this was replaced by a Department of Public Health and a Public Health Advisory Council.

# TEXAS State Department of Health, Austin

J. E. Peavy, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1959-
H. A. Holle, M.D.	" " "	1954-1959
G. W. Cox, M.D.	State Health Officer	1937-1954
J. W. Brown, M.D.	" " "	1933-1937
J. C. Anderson, M.D.	" " "	1927-1933
H. O. Sappington, M.D.	" " "	1925-1927
Malone Duggan, M.D.	" " "	1924
W. H. Beasley, M.D.	" " "	1923
J. H. Florence, M.D.	" " "	1922
M. M. Carrick, M.D.	" " "	1921
Oscar Davis, M.D.	" " "	1920
C. W. Goddard, M.D.	" " "	1919
W. B. Collins, M.D.	" " "	1914-1919
Ralph Steiner, M.D.	" " "	1911-1914
W. M. Brumby, M.D.	" " "	1907-1911
G. R. Tabor, M.D.	" " "	1901-1907
W. F. Blunt, M.D.	" " "	1899-1901
R. M. Swearingen, M.D.	" " "	1889-1899
Robert Rutherford, M.D.	" " "	1885-1889
R. M. Swearingen, M.D.	" " "	1881-1885
Robert Rutherford, M.D.	" " "	1879-1881

## Historical Note:

In 1879 the Texas legislature amended an existing quarantine law and created the position of State health officer "pledged to . . . both quarantine and sanitation." In 1891 a Texas quarantine department was organized, which in 1903 was renamed the Department of Public Health and Vital Statistics. No appropriations were made for these functions, however. Finally, in 1909 the legislature abolished the department in favor of a State Board of Health, and enacted a new sanitary code three years later. Other reorganizations were effected over the next 15 years. By 1930 the basic structure and functions of the present State Department of Health and State Board were established.



# UTAH State Department of Health, Salt Lake City

G. W. Soffe, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1958-
J. P. Kesler, M.D.	Acting Director of Public Health	1955-1958
G. A. Spendlove, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1950-1955
J. W. Spies, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1949-1950
W. W. Bigelow, M.D.	Acting State Health Commissioner	1947-1949
W. M. McKay, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1938-1947
J. L. Jones, M.D.	" " "	1935-1938
T. B. Beatty, M.D.	" " "	1898-1935

## Historical Note:

In 1898 Utah established a State Board of Health, which has been continued through various reorganizations of the departmental structure and functions.

# VERMONT Department of Health, Burlington

R. B. Aiken, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1946-
C. F. Dalton, M.D.	Secretary-Executive Officer	1912-1946
H. D. Holton, M.D.	" " "	1900-1912
J. H. Hamilton, M.D.	" " "	1891-1899
A. S. Chesmore, M.D.	" " "	1890-1891
C. L. Allen, M.D.	" " "	1886-1890

## Historical Note:

Vermont's first State Board of Health was organized in 1886. A State Health Commission replaced the Board in 1949, when reorganization established the present Department of Health.

# VIRGINIA State Department of Health, Richmond

M. I. Shanholtz, M.D.	State Health Commissioner	1951-
L. J. Roper, M.D.	" " "	1946-1951
I. C. Riggin, M.D.	" " "	1934-1946
W. F. Draper, M.D.	" " "	1931-1934
E. G. Williams, M.D.	" " "	1908-1931
P. A. Irving, M.D.	Secretary	1893-1908
L. S. Jones, M.D.	"	1872-1878

## Historical Note:

Virginia has had a State Board of Health since 1872. The Department of Health was formally established in 1927 as an administrative agency of the State government.



VIRGIN ISLANDS Department of Health, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

M. H. Evans, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1959-
E. L. O'Neal, M.D.	" " "	1956-1959
R. A. Anduze, M.D.	" " "	1952-1956
J. S. Moorehead, M.D.	" " "	1947-1952
Knud Knud-Hansen, M.D.	" " "	1931-1947

Historical Note:

After purchase from Denmark in 1917, the Virgin Islands were under the jurisdiction of the United States Navy until administration was transferred to the Department of Interior in 1931. Shortly thereafter, local civil government and citizenship were established by Organic Act of Congress. Beginning in 1939, Federal grants-in-aid were extended to the Virgin Islands. In 1958, reorganization under the new Virgin Islands Code integrated medical care, hospital services, and public health services under the Department of Health.

WASHINGTON State Department of Health, Seattle

Bernard Bucove, M.D.	Director of Health	1955-
J. A. Kahl, M.D.	Acting Director of Health	1948-1955
A. L. Ringle, M.D.	Director of Health	1945-1948
L. E. Powers, M.D.	" " "	1943-1945
D. G. Evans, M.D.	" " "	1936-1943
E. R. Coffey, M.D.	" " "	1933-1936
A. E. Stuht, M.D.	" " "	1925-1932
P. A. Tanner, M.D.	" " "	1921-1924
J. B. Anderson, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1919-1920
T. D. Tuttle, M.D.	" " "	1915-1919
E. R. Kelley, M.D.	" " "	1912-1914
E. E. Heg, M.D.	" " "	1897-1911
G. S. Armstrong, M.D.	Secretary of Board	1891-1896

Historical Note:

Shortly after Statehood, Washington set up its State Board of Health in 1891, and has retained it throughout the years as a governing and supervisory body. The Department of Health was formed in 1921.

WEST VIRGINIA State Department of Health, Charleston

N. H. Dyer, M.D.	State Director of Health	1946-
J. E. Offner, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1943-1946
C. F. McClintic, M.D.	" " "	1941-1943
A. E. McClue, M.D.	" " "	1933-1941
W. T. Henshaw, M.D.	" " "	1921-1933
L. T. Vinson, M.D.	" " "	1921
R. T. Davis, M.D.	" " "	1920-1921



# WEST VIRGINIA State Department of Health (continued)

S. L. Jepson, M.D.	Commissioner of Health	1914-1920
H. A. Barbee, M.D.	Secretary-Exec. Health Officer	1889-1913
N. D. Baker, M.D.	Secretary of Board	1886-1897
J. E. Reeves, M.D.	" " "	1881-1895

## Historical Note:

West Virginia organized a State Board of Health in 1881. This was replaced by a Public Health Council around 1915; a departmental structure and a commissioner of health were established. In 1949 the State Department of Health was reorganized and a State Board of Health was re-created.

# WISCONSIN State Board of Health, Madison

C. N. Neupert, M.D.	Secretary-State Health Officer	1943-
C. A. Harper, M.D.	" " " "	1904-1943
U. O. B. Wingate, M.D.	" " " "	1894-1903
J. T. Reeve, M.D.	" " " "	1876-1894

## Historical Note:

First organized in 1876, the Wisconsin State Board of Health has continued to be the official public health agency since that time.

# WYOMING State Department of Public Health, Cheyenne

J. W. Sampson, M.D.	Director of Public Health	1959-
F. D. Yoder, M.D.	" " " "	1948-1959
G. M. Anderson, M.D.	State Health Officer	1944-1948
M. C. Keith, M.D.	" " "	1939-1944
G. M. Anderson, M.D.	" " "	1933-1939
W. H. Hassed, M.D.	" " "	1927-1933
G. M. Anderson, M.D.	" " "	1923-1927
A. B. Tonkin, M.D.	" " "	1921-1922
C. Y. Beard, M.D.	Secretary-Exec. Health Officer	1917-1921
W. A. Wyman, M.D.	" " " "	1911-1916
A. W. Barber, M.D.	" " " "	1904-1911

## Historical Note:

Wyoming's State Board of Health was created in 1901. The director of the Department of Public Health continues to serve as Board secretary.



## APPENDIX

### THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH OFFICERS

#### Its Background and Origin

The first move toward the formation of a national association of health officers seems to have occurred in 1879. The subject was broached at a meeting in Nashville of the Sanitary Council of the Mississippi Valley, a group originating from efforts to control the spread of cholera in that region following the Civil War. Nothing concrete developed then. Again in 1883, at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Detroit, officers of State boards of health in attendance met informally to consider forming their own national organization. They had been invited earlier by both the American Public Health Association and the American Medical Association to form a section in these organizations. However, the assembled State health officers felt that the enforcement of sanitary and other public health laws and regulations was a responsibility that merited and could best be served through an autonomous organization.

Accordingly, this group of health officers decided to call a meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., the following year. Each State board of health was to be invited to send a representative. Doctors C. W. Chamberlin (Connecticut), J. E. Reeves (West Virginia), and Stephen Smith (New York) were appointed to draw up an organizational plan for presentation at the forthcoming meeting.

Representatives from nineteen States attended the assembly held on May 7, 1884, out of which came the National Conference of State Boards of Health. Dr. Chamberlin was elected chairman and Dr. J. N. McCormack (Kentucky) secretary. Thereafter meetings were held regularly. In 1897 the constitution was amended to include membership for representatives



from Canada and Mexico, and, to indicate this expanded scope, the name was changed to the Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North America.

In 1903 there occurred an event that was to have far-reaching implications. On June 3 of that year, the first annual conference of the Surgeon General with State and Territorial health officers was held in Washington, D. C. Representatives from 23 States and Territories were present at that meeting. For several years before 1903, there had been sporadic meetings of groups of State health authorities with the then Marine Hospital Service (under the U. S. Treasury Department), usually to consider various aspects of a specific problem--for example, a meeting of the State health officers from those States contiguous to Canada with Marine Hospital Service officials to consider how best to deal with the danger posed by a sharp outbreak of smallpox in Canada. However, in 1902 Congress passed legislation--quaintly entitled "An act to increase the efficiency and change the name of the Marine Hospital Service" -- that, among other things, authorized the Surgeon General to call conferences with State health officers and made an annual conference mandatory.

For several years the annual conferences were more in the nature of scientific meetings. This was an era when yellow fever was still prevalent, and the medical and scientific aspects of the control of that and other diseases were the chief items of consideration. At the 1908 conference, however, the inter-State quarantine regulations were discussed in great detail. This was perhaps the first time that a matter of such importance was taken up and handled along the lines of a "working conference." Succeeding conferences became more and more the occasion for the Service and various State health officials to discuss administrative problems and relationships as well as advances in the prevention and control of disease. By 1920 some State health officers were bringing their chief sanitary engineers to the meeting, so that the technical aspects of the many sanitation problems on the agenda would be given due consideration. The practice of bringing staff members and occasionally board of health members to the conference is still followed by several State and Territorial health officers who feel that the contributions these individuals can make to committee



discussions justify their attendance.

In 1935, the conference became a joint affair between the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service and the Chief of the Children's Bureau on the one hand and the State and Territorial health officers on the other. In anticipation of the enactment of the Social Security Act, which was approved before the end of that calendar year, the entire time of the 1935 conference was given over to discussion of the proposed programs to be carried out under the provisions of that and related legislation. Recommendations were presented by the conference to the Surgeon General with respect to the proposed allocation of funds and the regulations governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

At its inception, the conference organized itself into a number of committees; namely, on scientific research and sanitation, prevention and spread of epidemic diseases, morbidity and mortality statistics, and State legislation. As time went on, committees were abandoned or reconstituted and new committees were established. The Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North America had also evolved a committee structure which, not surprisingly, closely paralleled that established to facilitate the work of the Surgeon General's conference. Beginning in 1937, the committee work of the Surgeon General's conference was accomplished by joint committees of that conference and of the State and Provincial Health Authorities Conference, with the two meeting concurrently.

This arrangement was not an entirely satisfactory one. Following the passage of the Social Security Act of 1935, various State health officials began expressing the need for an organization through which they could be responsibly represented on matters concerning Federal health grants. The Canadian members of the Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities naturally had no official interest in these matters.

The wisdom of such a move became increasingly apparent as State public health programs expanded under the stimulation of the 1935 and subsequent legislation. Consequently, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, with membership limited to executive officers of the departments of health of any State, Territory, or possession of the United States, was founded on March 23, 1942, a few days before the opening



of the Surgeon General's annual conference that year. The Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities continues to function actively. Its United States membership is identical with that of the Association. Its annual meetings are usually held in conjunction with those of the American or Canadian Public Health Association.

The ASTHO annual meetings "shall be held as conveniently as may be possible to the Conference of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service with the State and Territorial health officers." In addition, special meetings may be called "on the petition of twenty members, or of five members with the approval of the Executive Committee."

#### Officers of the ASTHO

The officers of the Association are a president, elected for a one-year term; a vice president, one year; and a secretary-treasurer, three years. In addition, there is an Executive Committee comprised of the officers of the Association, the immediate past president, and three elected members who serve for three years.

Since 1942 the following have served as officers:

#### President:

William B. Grayson, M.D. (Arkansas)	1942-43
I. C. Riggin, M.D. (Virginia)	1943-46
F. C. Beelman, M.D. (Kansas)	1946-47
Vlado A. Getting, M.D. (Massachusetts)	1947-48
R. H. Hutcheson, M.D. (Tennessee)	1948-49
Wilton L. Halverson, M.D. (California)	1949-50
Roy L. Cleere, M.D. (Colorado)	1950-51
Leroy E. Burney, M.D. (Indiana)	1951-52
Carl N. Neupert, M.D. (Wisconsin)	1952-53
Harold M. Erickson, M.D. (Oregon)	1953-54
J. W. R. Norton, M.D. (North Carolina)	1954-55
Daniel Bergsma, M.D. (New Jersey)	1955-56
Franklin D. Yoder, M.D. (Wyoming)	1956-57
Herman E. Hilleboe, M.D. (New York)	1957-58
D. G. Gill, M.D. (Alabama)	1958-59
Wilson T. Sowder, M.D. (Florida)	1959-60



# Vice President:

I. C. Riggin, M.D. (Virginia)	1942-43
Roy L. Cleere, M.D. (Colorado)	1943-45
F. C. Beelman, M.D. (Kansas)	1945-46
R. L. Mitchell, M.D. (Maine)	1946-47
Roy L. Cleere, M.D. (Colorado)	1947-48
Wilton L. Halverson, M.D. (California)	1948-49
Roy L. Cleere, M.D. (Colorado)	1949-50
Leroy E. Burney, M.D. (Indiana)	1950-51
Carl N. Neupert, M.D. (Wisconsin)	1951-52
Harold M. Erickson, M.D. (Oregon)	1952-53
John D. Porterfield, M.D. (Ohio)	1953-54
Daniel Bergsma, M.D. (New Jersey)	1954-55
Grady F. Mathews, M.D. (Oklahoma)	1955-56
Herman E. Hilleboe, M.D. (New York)	1956-57
D. G. Gill, M.D. (Alabama)	1957-58
Wilson T. Sowder, M.D. (Florida)	1958-59
Mack I. Shanholtz, M.D. (Virginia)	1959-60

# Secretary-Treasurer:

John W. Ferree, M.D. (Indiana)*	1942-43
W. C. Williams, M.D. (Tennessee)**	1943-44
George C. Ruhland, M.D. (D. C.)***	1944-45
Vlado A. Getting, M.D. (Massachusetts)	1945-47
Leroy E. Burney, M.D. (Indiana)	1947-50
John D. Porterfield, M.D. (Ohio)	1950-53
Franklin D. Yoder, M.D. (Wyoming)	1953-56
Mack I. Shanholtz, M.D. (Virginia)	1956-59
Andrew C. Offutt, M.D. (Indiana)	1959-62

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\* Did not serve entire term. Dr. Riggin completed unexpired term.

\*\* Did not serve entire term. Dr. Ruhland completed unexpired term.

\*\*\* Did not serve entire term. Dr. Getting completed unexpired term.



### The McCormack Award

This award was established by the Association and conferred for the first time in 1950. It bears the name of the late Dr. Arthur T. McCormack, who served Kentucky as State health officer from 1912 to 1947. The criteria for receiving the award are that the recipient (1) must have been in public health for 25 or more years, at least 10 of which shall have been as a State health officer; and (2) must have one or more major accomplishments to his credit in administration or research related to public health.

From 1950 through 1959, recipients of the McCormack Award have been:

Dr. Thomas F. Abercrombie (Georgia), 1951  
Dr. Walter L. Bierring (Iowa), 1950  
Dr. Earle G. Brown (Nassau County, N. Y.), 1952  
Dr. Albert J. Chesley (Minnesota), 1950  
Dr. Edward S. Godfrey, Jr. (New York), 1951  
Dr. Wilton L. Halverson (California), 1956  
Dr. Cornelius A. Harper (Wisconsin), 1951  
Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe (New York), 1959  
Dr. Robert H. Hutcheson (Tennessee), 1956  
Dr. Grady F. Mathews (Oklahoma), 1954  
Dr. Stanley H. Osborn (Connecticut), 1950  
Dr. Robert H. Riley (Maryland), 1953  
Dr. Felix J. Underwood (Mississippi), 1950



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