

**Department of Public Welfare,
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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Minneapolis (Minn.) . Division of Public Relief.
Title	Department of Public Welfare, Food Stamp Division Collection
Date	1939-1945
Extent	1.0 Linear feet
Language	English

History

The food stamp program was to officially begin in Minneapolis on November 29, 1939. This scrapbook documents the years of 1939-1945. It includes an excellent collection of photographs of the Minneapolis Food Stamp Division's offices and staff, and the men and women who came to receive the stamps. It has a floor plan diagram of the offices, photo of a sign stating what foods were available, and later photos of the Millionth Dollar Food Stamp issued (April 20, 1940). Other materials include press releases, articles about the food stamps (which were blue stamps) and cotton stamps (brown and green stamps), articles from various periodicals, reports, regulations and conditions governing the issuance of a food order stamp, reports from the food industry, radio programs from WCCO, as well as articles concerning various other cities food stamp programs. The cities included Rochester, N.Y., Dayton, Ohio, Des Moines, Iowa, Seattle, Washington, and Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.

Description of Collection

The material covers primarily the years 1939-1945 and appears to be from the office of O.A. Pearson, Supt., Division of Public Relief, Minneapolis.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Food relief.
- Food stamps.
- Public welfare.

Collection Inventory

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