

Title: Milwaukee Hearing Society Collection

Reference Code: Mss-1264

Inclusive Dates: 1888

Quantity: 0.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: The Milwaukee Hearing Society's roots reach back to 1926 with informal group meetings of deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The following year, Herman Beyer and Father Stephen Klopfer, a teacher at St. John's School for the Deaf, officially formed the Milwaukee League for the Hard of Hearing. Its mission was to provide a "center for the deafened where social intercourse and opportunity for mutual inspiration and helpfulness may be encouraged and provided, and to be an active instrument of helpfulness to the deafened in every way." The group incorporated in 1944 and changed its name shortly thereafter to Milwaukee Hearing Society, offering a hearing aid loan program, classes for school children, and parent education classes. The group went through several name changes, becoming HEAR Wisconsin in 2014.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of the April 1952 *Hear Ye!* Newsletter and April 1952 issue of *Hearing News* magazine from the American Hearing Society.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English