

# Essex Sound and Video Archive

## Sources on Health



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This guide to the collection has been produced to assist searchers who are looking for sound and video recordings on the subject of health. Before ordering any of the items listed below, consult the tape summaries on the Essex Record Office catalogue database SEAX to make sure that this is the right tape for your needs. Video recordings are indicated by italics.

The sources for health fall into two main groups: oral history and contemporary accounts. The latter group come mostly from BBC Essex.

The main categories are as follows:

### 1) Childhood Illnesses and Health Problems

	<b>Reference</b>
Appendix removed in 1929	SA 8/1436/1
Champion Children Award 1992	SA 1/1035/1
Chemist	SA 8/1370/1
Child Health Week, 1988	SA 1/291/1
Childhood diseases	SA 8/472/1
Childhood health	SA 24/1617/1
Childhood illnesses and home cures; 'old wives' tales about babies	SA 24/755/1
Childhood illnesses and remedies	SA 17/785/1
Health and medical care – scarlet fever	SA 8/957/1
Health as a child in Waltham Forest in the 1930s	SA 9/429/1
Health care as a child; school clinic at Lloyds Park, Walthamstow; names of local doctors	SA 9/435/1
Health care at Lloyds Park Clinic, Walthamstow	SA 9/506/1
Health, illnesses and home remedies - story of malformed babies left to die	SA 24/611/1
Health of sons	SA 8/1000/1
Health services in Waltham Forest circa 1914; scarlet fever and diphtheria; Chingford Fever Hospital; precautions against infections; payments to doctors	SA 9/430/1
Hearing impaired by scarlet fever	SA 20/1677/1
Ill-health as a child	SA 24/1604/1
Moved house for the sake of children's health	SA 8/1080/1
Moved to Earls Colne near the gasworks - believed to be good for asthma	SA 17/795/1
Remedies for childhood illnesses	SA 24/727/1
Scarlet fever	SA 24/1598/1
Scarlet fever and diphtheria - Mile End Fever Hospital	SA 8/471/1
Stuart Masters Trust appeal 1992 [liver and bowel transplant]	SA 1/1033/1
Tonsillectomy by local doctors on dining room table	SA 9/431/1
Visits from doctor	SA 8/1450/1
Younger brother's ill-health	SA 24/1599/1

## 2) Remedies and Treatments

	Reference
ALD – “Lorenzo’s Oil”; the Myelin Project, 1994	SA 1/1214/1
Batten’s Disease – bone marrow transplant, 1994	SA 1/1213/1
Childhood illnesses and home cures; 'old wives' tales about babies	SA 24/755/1
Childhood illnesses and remedies	SA 17/785/1
Earache home remedy	SA 39/1/1
Folk remedies	SA 17/788/1
Illness – home treatments	SA 17/791/1
Local remedies for illness, from 1914	SA 12/579/1
Medicine	SA 8/994/1
Moved to Earls Colne near the gasworks - believed to be good for asthma	SA 17/795/1
Multiple Sclerosis – therapy at the Peto Institute, 1992	SA 1/934/1
Nervous breakdown - treatment	SA 8/1453/1
Remedies for childhood illnesses	SA 24/727/1
Sickness 1916-1921	SA 12/575/1

## 3) Injuries and Accidents

	Reference
Accident during training at clothing factory	SA 8/975/1
Accident while working on barge - compensation	SA 8/1387/1
Accidental death of youngest son	SA 24/1617/1
Accidents and health care at clothing factory	SA 8/976/1
Accidents at work in clothing factory	SA 8/984/1
Accidents at work in clothing factory	SA 8/965/1
Accidents at work in clothing factory	SA 8/987/1
Casualties and injuries during World War I	SA 20/1682/1
Child involved in a road accident	SA 25/2/5/1
Cycle accident in France, 1993	SA 1/1095/1
Death and injuries during World War I	SA 24/1011/1
Description of accident as a child	SA 8/1381/1
Dressing station for war wounded in Southend during World War I	SA 7/363/1
Injuries sustained while on duty as police officer	SA 25/2/6/1
Injuries to legs caused by mine explosion during World War II; detailed description of incident and rescue; inadequate treatment	SA 24/1004/1
Operation on broken arm at hospital; experiences in hospital	SA 44/1/1/1
Pressure damage to ears (Paper in British Medical Journal),	SA 13/1321/1
Provision for sickness and accidents at clothing factory	SA 8/992/1
Road accident	SA 25/4/1/1
Serious accident at clothing factory	SA 8/991/1

## 4) Childbirth

	Reference
Arrangements for birth of second child	SA 24/1459/1

Arrangements for childbirth	SA 8/1074/1
Birth of sons	SA 8/1000/1
Childbirth – mother helped when neighbours were having children; memories of own son's birth	SA 24/1609/1
Childbirth	SA 8/1453/1
Childbirth	SA 8/1658/1
Experiences as porter in maternity home, part 1	SA 8/996/1
Experiences as porter in maternity home, part 2	SA 8/997/1
Home confinements	SA 9/430/1
Hypnosis in childbirth, 1987	SA 1/59/1
Malformed babies left to die	SA 24/611/1
Midwifery	SA 13/1321/1
Midwifery	SA 17/786/1
Midwifery	SA 20/1556/1
NCT: interview with member of the National Childbirth Trust about her experiences of childbirth and the formation of the NCT (formerly the Natural Childbirth Trust).	SA 12/1/7/1
Nurse/Midwife – description of some home births	SA 18/908/1
Pregnancy - abortions	SA 8/992/1
Pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage	SA 8/1381/1
Still-born babies	SA 8/1068/1
Village G.P. – delivering babies; facilities during home births	SA 18/921/1
Village G.P. – home confinements; midwives	SA 18/916/1

## 5) Payments and Health Schemes

	Reference
Doctor's Club	SA 17/791/1
Doctor's Club at clothing factory	SA 8/965/1
Doctor's Club at foundry	SA 8/958/1
Doctor's visits	SA 8/1441/1
Health care at clothing factory	SA 8/975/1
Health insurance clubs before NHS	SA 17/788/1
Payments to doctors	SA 9/430/1
Payments to doctors	SA 24/1617/1
Sick Pay scheme at clothing factory	SA 8/988/1
Sickness and Hospital Fund at engineering company	SA 12/575/1

## 6) National Health Service

	Reference
Dental practice in Harlow	SA 1/63/1
Doctor's fears about government policy for NHS, 1983	SA 20/1159/1
Health provision in Harlow before establishment of Nuffield House Health Centre	SA 1/71/1
Memories of psychiatric doctor	SA 8/545/1
Psychiatric provision in Harlow	SA 1/64/1
South Ockendon Hospital – complaints, 1994	SA 13/1322/1
Threatened closure of Orsett Hospital, 1994	SA 1/1188/1
Work at Severalls, Colchester	SA 8/996/1

## 7) Doctors and Nurses

	Reference
Ambulance Service, c.1999	SA 1/1945/1
Anaesthesia: interview with retired anaesthetist	SA 12/1/5/1
The Black Boy Inn, Wrabness, used part-time as a doctor's surgery and dispensing chemist, 1995	SA 1/1477/1
District Nurse/Midwife in Great Chesterford	SA 18/908/1
General Practitioner	SA 13/1419/1
General Practitioner in Great Chesterford	SA 18/916/1
General Practitioner in Great Chesterford	SA 18/921/1
<i>General Practitioner in Harlow, 1957</i>	<i>VA 1/27/1</i>
General Practitioner in Leigh	SA 20/1143/1
General Practitioner in Wivenhoe since 1934	SA 8/393/1
Medical Ophthalmologist	SA 20/1543/1
Memories of working as a District Nurse before marriage	SA 18/915/1
Nurse: interview with former nurse about her career as a nurse in children's hospitals.	SA 12/1/2/1
Nurse: interview with retired nurse about experiences as a nurse and as a patient on numerous occasions.	SA 12/1/6/1
Nurse: interview with retired staff nurse about her life, training and career as a nurse.	SA 12/1/4/1
Pathology: interview with retired pathologist	SA 12/1/1/1
Psychiatry: interview with retired psychiatrist	SA 12/1/3/1
Reminiscences of a Southend Doctor before 1930	SA 4/249/1
Ship's Doctor and Southend General Practitioner	SA 20/1159/1
Work at Chesterford Park Hospital for Jewish Incurables from 1943; description of explosions, May 1944; evacuation of patients; eventual rehousing of hospital in Luton	SA 18/919/1
World War I – unloading ambulance convoys of wounded and experiences at Chelmsford Hospital; Hylands Convalescence Centre	SA 7/489/1
World War II – RAF Medical Officer	SA 13/1321/1
World War II – wartime nursing	SA 8/1753/1
World War II – Red Cross nursing	SA 24/1454/1
World War II – experiences in the Royal Army Medical Corps before, during and after World War II	SA 20/1/9/1

## 8) Mental Health

	Reference
Psychiatric provision in Harlow	SA 1/64/1
Runwell Hospital - building	SA 3/522/1
Runwell Mental Hospital, 50th anniversary 1987	SA 1/119/1
Severalls, Colchester – closure 1997	SA 1/1733/1
Severalls, Colchester – work at	SA 8/996/1
Sickness and hospital fund	SA 12/575/1

## 9) Physical Disability

	Reference
Access and safety for the disabled and visually impaired	SA 2/1/6/1

Fear of Hitler because he would 'do away with cripples'	SA 8/1381/1
Fishing for the disabled	SA 1/39/1
Interviews relating to the Bader House Occupational Centre for the Physically Handicapped, Basildon, 1967	SA 20/2/27/1
Memories of a handicapped childhood in Walthamstow	SA 9/447/1
Special boot for twisted foot	SA 8/1660/1
Treatment for paralysed arm	SA 8/1379/1
"Wheelchair" Man	SA 1/1040/1

## 10) Blindness

	Reference
Access and safety for the disabled and visually impaired	SA 2/1/6/1
Batten's Disease	SA 1/1213/1
Blindness; isolation caused by blindness	SA 8/1578/1
Difficulties of only having one eye	SA 8/1577/1
Jill Allen-King MBE - campaigner	SA 1/900/1
Loss of sight; importance of talking books.	SA 8/1441/1
Susie Cornell, Health Achiever of the Year 1989	SA 1/934/1

## 11) Ill-health

	Reference
Death of two husbands and only son; description of father's death and mother's illness and death	SA 8/1067/1
Flu epidemic	SA 8/1447/1
Forced to leave barges through illness	SA 8/1383/1
Health problems from working in foundries	SA 8/958/1
Heart attack and memory loss	SA 24/1597/1
Husband's illness; memories of nursing parents and details of their illnesses	SA 8/1577/1
Husband's ill-health	SA 8/1578/1
Ill-health	SA 24/1002/1
Ill-health (on a number of occasions)	SA 39
Ill-health at age 17	SA 8/1659/1
Illness	SA 6/288/1
Illness in Great Leighs resulting from poor food during World War I	SA 1/159/1
Illness when a prisoner of war during World War II	SA 20/1/17/1
Mother's ill-health: children did housework, father nursed her	SA 8/951/1
Poor health: history of fainting	SA 8/1074/1
Scarlet fever; isolation hospital in Braintree	SA 44/1/56/1
Tuberculosis: husband's illness	SA 44/1/62/1
Women recently recovered from breast cancer, 1994	SA 1/1186/1

## 12) Contemporary Reports

	Reference
Abduction of baby from Basildon Hospital, 1997 – part 1	SA 1/1791/1
Abduction of baby from Basildon Hospital, 1997 – part 2	SA 1/1792/1
Abduction of baby from Basildon Hospital, 1997 – part 3	SA 1/1793/1
Abduction of baby from Basildon Hospital, 1997 – part 4	SA 1/1794/1

Access and safety for the disabled and visually impaired, 1993	SA 2/1/6/1
Acupuncture in Chelmsford, 1988	SA 1/198/1
AIDS scare at Southend Hospital, 1997	SA 1/1819/1
ALD: "Lorenzo's Oil", 1994	SA 1/1214/1
Art exhibition by women recovered from breast cancer, 1994	SA 1/1186/1
Basildon: first babies born in Basildon Hospital, 1973	SA 20/2/4/1
Basildon: first patients in Basildon Hospital, 1973	SA 20/2/3/1
Batten's Disease: bone marrow transplant	SA 1/1213/1
The Black Boy Inn, Wrabness, used part-time as a doctor's surgery and dispensing chemist	SA 1/1477/1
Blood Transfusion Centre, Brentwood, 1994	SA 1/1820/1
Champion Children Award, 1992	SA 1/1035/1
Child Health Week, 1988	SA 1/291/1
Cycle accident in France, 1993	SA 1/1095/1
Donating blood, 1987	SA 1/180/1
Essex Police Marine Section: checks on animals on board vessels to prevent the spread of rabies, 1987	SA 1/120/1
Fishing for the disabled	SA 1/39/1
Gulf War Syndrome, 1995	SA 1/1818/1
Health - BSE/CJD; Harwich Disease; Flies, 1996	SA 1/1825/1
Hypnosis in Childbirth, 1987	SA 1/59/1
Jill Allen-King, campaigner on behalf of the blind	SA 1/900/1
Old Age: services available to help older people, c.1999.	SA 1/1953/1
Orsett Hospital: threatened closure, 1994	SA 1/1188/1
Runwell Mental Hospital 50th anniversary	SA 1/119/1
St. Francis Hospice, Brentwood: Day Centre opening, 1993	SA 2/1/9/1
Severalls, Colchester: closure, 1997	SA 1/1733/1
South Ockendon Hospital, 1994	SA 13/1322/1
Southend Drugs Advisory Service, 1986	SA 1/327/1
Stuart Masters Trust appeal: liver and bowel transplant, 1992	SA 1/1033/1
The Terence Higgins Trust, 1987	SA 1/58/1
Tony Newton: Under Secretary of State at DHSS and recently Minister of Health, 1987	SA 1/164/1
A visit to a private health club, 1987	SA 1/51/1
Wellesley Hospital, Southend: opening, 1983	SA 20/1538/1
"Wheelchair" Man, 1992	SA 1/1040/1

**AIDS** is the subject of SA 1/58/1 and SA 1/1819/1. **Dentistry** can be found in SA 1/63/1 and SA 7/363/1. **Blood transfusion** is the subject of SA 1/180/1 and SA 1/1820/1. **Ambulances** are discussed in SA 18/921/1. **Local Government** is the subject of SA 9/440/1 and SA 1/1188/1. **Health charities** are in SA 1/58/1, SA 2/1/9/1 and SA 20/1672. **Abortion** is referred to in SA 8/992/1. **EastWard Hospital Television** programmes can be found in the collection [VA 2](#).

**Other miscellaneous health topics** are covered in the following recordings:

	Reference
Accidents	SA 20/1570/1
Chesterford Park Hospital for Jewish Incurables	SA 18/919/1

Essex malaria called Marsh Ague - role of mosquitoes in carrying malaria	SA 1/1516/1
Health	SA 8/1656/1
Health; diet; Typhoid outbreak, 1906	SA 20/1557/1
Osea Island: sanatorium for alcoholics	SA 1/138/1
Reminiscences of a chemist	SA 8/1370/1
Southend Hospital 50th Anniversary Dinner, 1982	SA 20/1/16/1
Unfit for military service in World War II	SA 8/959/1
World War I: death and injury; gas attacks; fear of injury	SA 24/1011/1
World War I: hospital in Saffron Walden	SA 24/1610/1

The Essex Sound and Video Archive is being added to all the time and there may be recordings on this subject that have been recently added to the collection. Please consult the Essex Record Office catalogue database SEAX for further references.

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