

## HARRY C. SOLOMON (1889-1982) PAPERS ARCHIVES FINDING AID

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### BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Harry C. Solomon was born in Hastings, Nebraska in 1889. He graduated from the University of California and Harvard Medical School. In 1943, he became superintendent of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital and in 1958 was named commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, until retirement in 1967.

As early as the 1930's, Dr. Solomon held that mental illness should not bring disgrace and he worked against prejudicial attitudes towards patients with such problems. He favored small psychiatric wards in general hospitals, outpatient clinics, halfway houses, home care by doctors, and rehabilitation services--radical departure from the use of large mental hospitals. Dr. Solomon also advocated the elimination of patient seclusion and continuous restraints and the inclusion of mental illness in medical insurance coverage.

Dr. Solomon was president of both the American Psychiatric Association and the American Neurological Association

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The papers of Harry C. Solomon came to the Archives of the American Psychiatric Association from Dr. Solomon at an unknown date. The collection totals .75 linear feet and is comprised of one series: Professional Correspondence, 1915-1958. This correspondence covers all facets of Dr. Solomon's interests, his practice, and his teaching/ administration at Boston Psychopathic Hospital. The miscellaneous folder contains membership information, some of his articles and speeches, and other memorabilia.

### SERIES: Professional Correspondence, 1915-1958

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