

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG1228.AM: Mendelson, Harry George, 1900-1978

Papers: 1972-1977

Omaha, Douglas County, Neb.: Epigrammatist, author and
businessman

Size: 1 folder

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Lithuania in 1900, Harry George Mendelson came to the United States with his parents around 1907. He attended Central High School in Omaha, Nebraska, and received his bachelor's degree and teaching certificate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1924. He married Hannah Shapiro in 1925 and they had one daughter, Leah.

From 1924-1929 Mendelson lived and taught in Palestine. He returned to Omaha in 1930 and became a parochial Hebrew teacher. He worked as a salesman for Nogg Paper Company for thirty-five years. He also served as columnist and editor of the *Jewish Press* in Omaha from 1930-1945. He was the author of a two volume publication entitled, *Wise, Witty or Well-Worded: selected epigrams*, published in 1960. Harry George Mendelson died on November 17, 1978 and is buried in Beth El Cemetery, Ralston, Nebraska.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of one folder containing photocopies of clippings and biographical information about Harry George Mendelson. Also included are posters he created for the U.S. Bicentennial and for advertising his book, *Wise, Witty or Well-Worded*.

Note: See the NSHS library for copies of *Wise, Witty or Well-Worded* [808.882 M537w]. The Nebraska History Museum holds placemats created by Mendelson for Nebraska's Centennial in 1967 [11055-2177; 11055-2178; 11055-2179].

INVENTORY

Papers of Harry George Mendelson

Subject headings:

Authors, American -- Nebraska
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