

# Guide to the Arthur Meyer Yudkin Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CREATOR:** Yudkin, Arthur Meyer, 1892-1957

**TITLE:** Arthur Meyer Yudkin papers

**DATES:** 1917-1942

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Professional papers of ophthalmologist Arthur Meyer Yudkin, which includes correspondence with physicians, professors, patients, and other individuals, 1917-1942, as well as papers relating to Yudkin's "Lemon Juice Discovery" in 1939, in which he offered vitamins as a therapeutic measure for the treatment and prevention of ocular diseases. Correspondents include ophthalmologist Percy H. Fridenberg, ophthalmologist Joseph Igersheimer, biochemist Lafayette B. Mendel, ophthalmologist Mark J. Schoenberg, and diabetes specialist William C. Stadie, as well as the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Connecticut Board of Education for the Blind, Connecticut School for the Blind (later known as Oak Hill School), and National Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Historical Medical Library, 1980.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Arthur Meyer Yudkin (1892-1957)

Arthur Meyer Yudkin was born on December 31, 1892, in Ansonia, Connecticut. He graduated from Yale Sheffield Scientific School in 1914 and Yale School of Medicine in 1917. In 1925, he was hired onto the faculty of Yale School of Medicine. A specialist in ophthalmology, he was a president and founder of the New York Society for Clinical Ophthalmology. He died of a heart attack on May 2, 1957.

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## Scope and Contents

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## **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent, followed by papers.

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b. 1, f. 6-7	Correspondence (C)	1928-1940
b. 1, f. 8-9	Correspondence (D)	1927-1941
b. 1, f. 10	Correspondence (E)	1927-1939
b. 1, f. 11-12	Correspondence (F)	1924-1941
b. 1, f. 13-14	Correspondence (G)	1927-1940
b. 1, f. 15	Correspondence (H)	1927-1942
b. 1, f. 16	Correspondence (I)	1939
b. 1, f. 17	Correspondence (J)	1926-1938
b. 1, f. 18-19	Correspondence (K)	1926-1940
b. 1, f. 20	Correspondence (L)	1922-1939
b. 1, f. 21	Correspondence (M)	1923-1933
b. 1, f. 22	Correspondence (N)	1926-1939
b. 1, f. 23	Correspondence (O)	1938-1939
b. 1, f. 24	Correspondence (P)	1924-1933
b. 1, f. 25	Correspondence (R)	1929-1939
b. 2, f. 1-3	Correspondence (S)	1924-1939
b. 2, f. 4	Correspondence (T)	1931-1941
b. 2, f. 5	Correspondence (V)	1926-1940
b. 2, f. 6-7	Correspondence (W)	1926-1939
b. 2, f. 8	Correspondence (Y)	1934-1939
b. 2, f. 9-10	"Lemon Juice Discovery" Consists of letters addressed to Yudkin relating to lemon juice and vitamin C in the treatment and prevention of ocular diseases.	1939
b. 2, f. 11-13	Other papers Includes membership cards, certificates, position appointment letters, printed materials, and notes.	1917-1931

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

Lemon juice  
Medicine  
Ophthalmologists -- Connecticut  
Ophthalmologists -- New York (State)  
Ophthalmology  
Physicians  
Vitamin C -- Therapeutic use

### Occupations

Ophthalmologists -- Connecticut -- 20th  
Century  
Ophthalmologists -- New York (State) -- 20th  
Century

### Names

Fridenberg, Percy H., 1868-1960  
Igersheimer, Joseph, 1879-1965  
Mendel, Lafayette B. (Lafayette Benedict),  
1872-1935  
Schoenberg, Mark J., 1874-1945  
Stadie, William C., 1886-1959  
Yudkin, Arthur Meyer, 1892-1957

### Corporate Bodies

American Academy of Ophthalmology  
Connecticut. Board of Education of the Blind  
National Society for the Prevention of  
Blindness  
Oak Hill School (Hartford, Conn.)  
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