

Short history of the Clark County Health Department:

The Clark County Board of Health was found April 18, 1949.

The meetings were first held at the Old Red Cross Building in Jeffersonville, Indiana and were also held at board members homes.

Beginning in 1952 the Clark County Health Department was located at 332 Spring Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

On February, 1958 the Clark County Health Department moved into the Clark County Memorial Hospital where it is still located today.

In 1977 the Clinic moved from Clark County Memorial Hospital into the Medical Arts Building located on Sparks Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Home Health Services was also located inside Clark County Memorial Hospital until they moved to 1403 E. Spring Street in 1984 and changed their name to Visiting Nurses Association of Southeastern Indiana.

Mr. William Brummett's appointment dates and positions with the Clark County Board of Health:

Mr. Brummett was appointed a member of the Board of Health in July, 1951.

Mr. Brummett served from July, 1951 through January 1, 1952 and was re-appointed to the Board for another four (4) year term on January, 1952 until January 1, 1956.

On February 14, 1956 through January 1, 1960 Mr. Brummett was re-appointed another four (4) year term. He was appointed President of the Board.

Mr. Brummett was elected Chairman of the Board for one (1) year in 1958.

On March 10, 1961 Mr. Brummett was re-appointed to the Board unanimously for four (4) more years and was also re-elected President.

In January, 1965 Mr. Brummett was appointed Vice-President to the Board.

In 1968 through 1972 Mr. Brummett was re-elected to the Board.

In 1972 through 1976 was re-appointed to the Board.

In 1976 through 1980 was re-appointed to the Board.

Mr. Brummett was re-appointed to the Board for a three (3) year

term from 1980 through 1983.

Mr. Brummett's last term on the Board was from 1983 until December, 1987.

The following is a list of Chairman and Health Officers that Mr. Brummett served under:

The first appointed person to the Board of Health was called a Chairman in 1949.

In 1949 Dr. L. D. Bower (Dentist) was the first Chairman of the Clark County Board of Health.

On September 15, 1950 Dr. J. Burris Perrin was the first appointed Health Officer. He left office on January 31, 1951.

On April 1, 1951 Dr. H. H. Reeder became Health Officer and held office until September 14, 1958.

In 1958 Dr. Saw Adair became Health Officer and held office until 1962.

Dr. Adair was re-elected for the term of four (4) years from 1965-1968. On June 8, 1968 Dr. Saw Adair passed away.

In 1968 Dr. Robert K. McKechnie filled the unexpired term of Dr. Adair and is at this time still the Health Officer of the Clark County Health Department and presently still serving on the Clark County Board of Health.

The following activities were started through the Clark County Health Department in 1951:

- 1) Discovery of a Typhoid Fever Carrier.
- 2) County Wide Immunization program for the first and second grade school children against small pox, pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria.
- 3) Taking over of motor courts and trailer camps of the county for licensing and regular inspection from the southeastern branch office.
- 4) Examination of all food handlers in the county for TB.
- 5) Completion of thorough inspection of all schools in the county.
- 6) Patch testing in schools

All of the above services are still being offered at more modernized technology and also to a larger group of people living in Clark County.