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## Guide to the Kevin M. Tuohy Papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Kevin M. Tuohy Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0317
<b>Date:</b>	1897-1959
<b>Extent:</b>	1.2 Cubic feet (3 boxes)
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Medical Sciences Wolver, Anita Tuohy Tuohy, Kevin M., 1921-1968 (optometrist, inventor)
<b>Language:</b>	Collection is in English. Some clippings in Spanish.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Anita Tuohy Wolver.

### Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Medical Sciences (now Division of Medicine and Science).

### Related Materials

The Tuohy Corneal Lens Collection in the Division of Medicine and Science contains objects, such as contact lens samples, received as part of the same gift.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Don Darroch, 1989.

### Preferred Citation

Collection donated by Anita Tuohy Wolver. Exhibit labels: Gift of Anita Tuohy Wolver.

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## Biographical / Historical

Tuohy, a partner at Solex Laboratories, developed the corneal contact lens in the 1940s, which quickly supplanted the scleral lens.

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## Scope and Contents

Technical information on contact lenses, including manuals, brochures, etc. from Solex Laboratories, and articles from professional journals and other publications. Numerous photographs, including a set of color prints, illustrate techniques of fitting, inserting, and removing contact lens. Medical problems, legal cases involving patent infringement and other aspects of contact lenses are described. Includes an interesting thumb-flip "Movette" movie book demonstrating insertion of contact lenses, and a cassette tape recording.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Contact lenses
- Optometrists -- 1940-1970
- Optometry

### Types of Materials:

- Articles -- 20th century
- Audiocassettes
- Clippings
- Color prints (photographs)
- Course outlines
- Flip books
- Lecture notes
- Manuals
- Pamphlets
- Patents
- Photographs -- 1850-1900
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Reprints

### Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Medical Sciences
- Solex Laboratories

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## Container Listing

Box 1, Item 1	Movette Scene of Inserting Contact Lenses
Box 1, Item 2	Sony Cassette Tape 1/28/87 Part I S.F.V. Assn. Dinner, K.M. Tuohy Approx.
Box 1, Item 3	Defense Brief Defendant's Main Brief. Upstate District Court Southern District of California Central Division Civil Nos. 19,497 T, 19,489 T, 19,679 T, 19,986 T, 20,484 T (Consolidated for Trial) Solex Laboratories, Inc. (Plaitiff) vs. Robert Grahamm, et. al (Defendants)
Box 1, Item 4	Colour Photograph in Folder "Flourescence Pattern"
Box 1, Item 5	Colour Photograph in Folder "3 C Minimum Aperture"
Box 1, Item 6	Black and White Matted Photograph Picture of Manufacture of Contact Lenses
Box 1, Item 7	Black and White Mounted Photograph Picture of Manufacture of Contact Lenses
Box 1, Item 8-23	Colour Matted Photographs Pictures Showing How to Insert Contact Len.
Box 1, Item 24	3 Ring Notebook Solex Laboratories, Inc. Course Outline Kevin Tuohy Corneal Lens; Blue Notebook
Box 1, Item 25	Booklet "Slit Lamp Procedures in Fitting Contact Lenses" By Charles C. Erickson; Brown Plastic Spiral Bound Booklet
Box 1, Item 26	Booklet "Milestones in Optical History" Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.
Box 1, Item 27	Journal Contact Lens Society of America, Vol. 6, No. 2
Box 1, Item 28	Journal Contact Lens Society of America, Vol. 5, No. 2
Box 2, Item 29	Blue Back In the United States District Court In and For the Southern District of California Central Division Filed Aug. 6, 1958
Box 2, Item 30	Brown Folder Publicity <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 2, Item 31	Manilla File Folder Contents: Contact Lens Calculator; Solex Service Method Bulletin/Tuohy Corneal Lens; Blank Certificate of Completion/Fourth Annual Fall Course 1959; Beveling Procedure; and Advanced Contact Lens Course Folder

- Box 2, Item 32                   Manilla File Folder Labeled "Optical Manufacturers Association"  
Contents: 8 Paper Eye Diagrams; Diagram Drawing of Lens Cornea Relationship; 2 Pictures of Eye and 5 Covering Transparencies; "Text Book of Opthamalogy"; "Nomenclature of the Cornea finished Contact Lens" (Pamphlet); United States Patent Office Specifications: Samuel N. Stone of Attleborough, Massachusetts, Spectacle Frame; G.H. Schauweker, Eye Protective Device Filed May 23, 19 2,668,291; S.N. Stone Spectacle Frame Patented Feb. 2, 1897, Diagram; United States Patent Office Specifications: M.N. Fairban Variable Density Sunglasses, Diagrams, 2,251,330; United States Patent Office Specifications: E.D. Tillye Optical Means, Diagrams, 2,370,697; United States Patent Office Specifications: V.K. Eloran Variable Density Goggle, 2,565,362; United States Patent Office Specifications: E.D. Tillyer et. al., Ophthalmic Mounting, 2,380,481; and "Contact Lenses: New Dispute."
- Box 2, Item 33                   Manilla File Folder  
Contents: Booklet, "Curvature and Thickness Charts"; Booklet, The Tuohy Corneal Lens, Quick Basic Facts Including a Digest of 10 Professional Reports; Envelope "Something Helpful from Kontur" (Lens Colour Selection); Folder, "Hermokeratoglogy."
- Box 2, Item 34                   Manilla File Folder, Labeled "K.M.T. Miscellaneous"  
Contents: "Beveling Procedures"; "Nine Steps that Lead to Success with the Tuohy Corneal Lens"; 15 Pages of Eye Diagrams; Card "Return of Merchandise for Refund or Credit"; Pamphlet, "A Method of Fitting Contact Lenses and Correcting Aphakia"; Pamphlet, "Contact Lenses. For Me?"; Chart Bevel Chart, Chart IV; "Solex Inventory for Resale Merchandise Ending June 30, 1960; "Legal Digest/Optical Journal Review, July 1, 1960; Description of Lens Warpage; Draft of Newsletter, June 15, 1960; "A Lens Edge Treatment for Office Application"; Patient Chart ; and "Tentative Mfg. Budget"
- Box 2, Item 35                   Manilla File Folder, Labeled "Lecture Notes Educ."  
Contents: "4 Pages Typed Graph Paper History of Tuohy Making Corneal Lenses; "Instructions for Processing" "Manufacture of the Tuohy Corneal Lens at Solex Laboratories; "Solex Method of Polymerization" "Text: Kevin M. Tuohy/ Introduction"; "Is the Contact Lens Field Rigging its own Quiz Program?"; "Vol. 1 No. 3, Film Development, Dirty Lenses"; "Section C/Technical/Introduction"
- Box 2, Item 36                   Manilla File Folder, Labeled "Invention/Patent"  
Contents: Address Reasons People Wear Contact Lenses; "Corneal Lens Mechanical Techniques"; Bill Hazard and Miller/Patent and Trademarks April 3, 1961/Mr. Kevin M. Tuohy/"To Search on "Adjustable Spectacle Construction"/ \$50.00; Letter Hazard and Miller, Attorneys and Counselors, Patent and Causes/April 3, 1961/Kevin M. Touhy "Re: Search on "Adjustable Spectacle Construction"/\$50.00; Letter Hazard and Miller, Attorneys and Counselors, Patent and Causes/April 20, 1961/Kevin M. Tuohy "Re: Search on "Adjustable Spectacle with Variable Light Transmission"; Set of 3 Letters Between McGuire and Touhy May 8 and 9, 1963 Regarding Tuohy Speaking at a Study Group; Letter from Robert L. Smith of "You and Your Big Ideas", January 23, 1963 Confirming Tuohy as Panelist on t.v. Business Card Tuohy Laboratories/Kevin M. Tuohy "A Fitting Service...From the Originator of Corneal Lenses"; Business and Envelope and Sheet of Stationary From Tuohy Laboratories, Includes Address

and Slogan; Small Envelope for Lenses Labeled Tuohy Corneal Lens with Patent Numbers

Box 3, Item 37

Diploma, Kevin M. Tuohy 2/18/1962 Contact Lens Society of America White Paper Diploma with Gold Foil Seal

Box 3, Item 38

Portfolio, Blue Hardbound Rectangular Book Containing Photographs, Articles, and Bills.