John E. Fryer, M.D. exterior office sign, circa 1960s

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IMAGE DESCRIPTION:
John E. Fryer, M.D. (November 7, 1938 – February 21, 2003) was an American psychiatrist and gay rights activist best known for his anonymous speech at the 1972 American Psychiatric Association annual conference where he appeared in disguise and under the name Dr H. Anonymous. This event has been cited as a key factor in the decision to de-list homosexuality as a mental illness from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The American Psychiatric Association John E. Fryer, M.D., Award is named in his honor.

This digital record contains two images of one artifact, John Fryer's office sign which hung outside his office in Germantown. The sign is now in the archives of the William Way LGBT Community Center.

ADDRESS:
138 W. Walnut Lane, Germantown, Philadelphia

FORMAT:
Artifact

ARTIST:
John E. Fryer, 1937-2003