

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES
OF
NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN/WEILL CORNELL**

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Finding Aid to the

**THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN
(WILLIAM LADD, JOSEPH HINSEY),
CORNELL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COLLEGE**

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Background

The Cornell University Medical College was created in 1898. At that time, the President of Cornell University requested Dr. William Mecklenburg Polk to serve as the first Dean (see Box 6, 13 for a copy of the letter President Schurman wrote to Polk). As the Head of one of the schools of Cornell University, the Dean's responsibilities are outlined in the Bylaws of the University. Today, as in the early years, the Dean is charged with the administrative responsibility over the Medical College, its personnel and the teaching programs and research therein. The Dean is appointed by the Board of Trustees, after consideration of the faculty's opinion, and serves at the Board's pleasure. The Dean is in control of the expenditures of the Medical College and is to keep these within the bounds of the amounts appropriated by the Board.

The first 50 years of the Medical College saw five different men as Dean: William M. Polk, 1898-1918 (he died 6/23/18); Walter L. Niles, 1918-1928; G. Canby Robinson, (Head) 1928 -October 1934; William S. Ladd, 1934-1941; Walter L. Niles) July -Dec. 1941; and Joseph C. Hinsey, 1942 -July 1953.

Dr. Robinson was the head but he did not have the title Dean of the Medical College. He was also the Director of the newly formed New York Hospital-Cornell Medical College Association. At his retirement in October 1934, William S. Ladd stepped up to serve as Dean. Ill health forced Ladd's retirement in July of 1941 and Walter Niles returned and served until his death Dec. 22, 1941. At this time, Joseph Hinsey, Professor of Anatomy, was appointed Dean. He held this post until July of 1953 when he became the Director of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Succeeding Hinsey as Dean were: E. Hugh Luckey, 8/1953 -1957; John E. Deitrick, 1957-1969; J. Robert Buchanan, 1969 -1/1977; Theodore Cooper, 1977-1980; and Thomas H. Meickle, Jr., 1980 to the present (1984). Dr. Meickle also served as Acting Dean before the appointment of Dr Cooper in 1977.

Scope and Content

These are the papers of the Dean's office while Drs. Ladd and Hinsey held that title, with most of the material relating to the Hinsey years.

Files of special note are those relating to the World War II years and its effects on the Medical College; the folder on Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia's Plans for a City health insurance program (Box 3, f. 13); the Ob/Gyn files and their coverage of the establishment of the department in the new buildings on 68th street, the work of Drs. George Papanicolaou and Herbert Traut, and the appointment of a successor to Dr. Henricus S. Stander in 1948 (Box 5, f. 8-10); documentation relating to the gift of money from the Olin Foundation that resulted in the construction of Olin Hall in the early 1950's (Box 5, 11, 12. Box 6, f 1, 2), and the Pathology file outlining the staffing of that department in the 1930s and 1940s (Box 6, f.6). The folder on the Welfare Island Hospital for Chronic Diseases (Box 6, 18) documents the establishment of this Hospital in the 1930s.

Non-Manuscript Material

The following photographs have been removed from these files to the Archives Photograph Collection: an October 1947 photograph of Edmund E. Day, portraits of Dr. Ladd, Dr. Lawrence Hanlon (in uniform), and Dr. R. Gordon Douglas, Sr., and five photos of the groundbreaking and construction of Olin Hall. Maps and blueprints of the Olin site and of the New York Hospital Cornell Medical College have been placed in the Map Case.

Subjects

Anesthesiology, Department of
Awards
Barr, David
Bellevue Hospital
Crash Injury Project
Day, Edmund E.

Douglas, R. Gordon, Sr.
 DuBois, Eugene
 du Vingeaud, Vincent
 Ewing, James
 Faculty
 Fundraising
 Guion, Connie M.
 Henry, Barklie
 Hinsey, Joseph
 Indians, American (Navajo)
 Insurance
 Kidd, John
 Kips Bay Building
 Laboratories
 Ladd, William S.
 Leases
 Library, Cornell University Medical College
 McDermott, Walsh
 Memorial Hospital
 Milhorat, Ade
 Niles, Walter C.
 Ninth General Hospital
 Nutrition Department
 OB/GYN. Department of
 Olin Hall
 Opie, Eugene
 Papanicolaou, George N.
 Patents
 Pathology, Department of
 Pediatrics, Department of
 Personnel Health, Committee on, JAB
 Polk, William M.
 Psychiatry, Department of
 Public Health, Department of
 Richardson, Henry B.
 Rockefeller Foundation
 Roosevelt Island
 Runyon, H Mefford
 Scholarships
 Schurman, Jacob Gould
 Stander, Henricus J.
 Stimson, Lewis Atterbury
 Student Affairs, Office of
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 Wartime Activities
 Webster, Bruce
 Whiting, Frederick
 Wright, Irving S

Container List

Box 1

Folder	Description
1	Addresses and Speeches, Mostly by J.C. Hinsey, 1940-1953.
2	Army Medical Program, Correspondence and Contract for Training at Cornell University Medical College and Establishment of Army Medical School, 1943-1948.
3	Board of Student Health and Hygiene at Cornell University, Ithaca, Correspondence, Minutes, 1942-1944.

- 4 Cadavers, New York Laws, Reports of Committee on Distribution of Unclaimed Dead, 1893-1910.
- 5 Cornell, Selection of New President, Correspondence and Clipping Regarding Arthur Dean, 7/1949-1/1950.
- 6 Council of the Medical College (AKA Medical College Council), Correspondence, Minutes Regarding Relationship with Memorial Hospital, 1942-1949.
- 7 Day, President Edmund E., Correspondence Regarding Needs of Medical College, Reports, 1941-1951.
- 8 Day, President Edmund E., Correspondence with William S. Ladd regarding Staff Problems, etc., 1937-1941.
- 9 Health Council of Greater New York, Inc., By-Laws and Plans for, 1946-1947.
- 10 Health Information Foundation, Information on, 1/1952.
- 11 Hebrew University Medical School, Congratulatory Letters to, 1949, 1952
- 12 Henry Research Fund, Correspondence with Dr. Bruce Webster, 7-8/1942
- 13 Hinsey, Joseph C., Personal Correspondence, Letters of Appointment, Congratulations on Deanship, 1942-1947, 1951.

Box 2

Folder	Description
1	Ithaca Correspondence regarding Fundraising, Alumni Affairs, 1949-1953
2	Ithaca Correspondence with T.P. Wright, Vice President of Research regarding Patent Policies, Aeronautical Lab, etc., 1948-1952.
3	Kellogg Foundation, Correspondence, Speeches regarding Scholarship Funding and Medical Education, 1942-1951.
4	Kellogg Foundation, Conference on Graduate and Postgraduate Medical Education, 5/1947
5-6	Kips Bay Health Center, Correspondence regarding Building of and Planning, 1933-5/1937.
7	Kips Bay Health Center, Study on the Family-Reports, Correspondence with Dr. Henry B. Richardson, 1939-1941

Box 3

Folder	Description
1	Klaunberg, Henry J. MD, Correspondence regarding Journal, M. D., 1950
2	Laboratories, Correspondence regarding Permits and Problems between Drs. Wheeler and Elser, 1934-1937.
3	Ladd, William S., Dean, Obits., Correspondence regarding Accepting Deanship, 1931-2/1950.
4	Lassetter, Edward, Correspondence (Mostly Personal), 1950-1952.
5	Leaves of Absence, Requests, 1941-1954.
6	Legal Counsel White and Case, Correspondence, 1931-1939.
7	Li Scholarship, Correspondence regarding Gift of, 1954-1956.
8	Library Committee, Minutes, Correspondence regarding Staffing, Problems with Foreign Publishers During War, Reports
9	Littauer Foundation, Correspondence regarding Gift to Psychiatry Department, 1940.
10	Macy Foundation, Correspondence regarding Grants for Research at Cornell University Medical College, including that of Nina Choricroun on TB, 1941-1945.
11	Manville, Thomas F., Jr., Letters regarding Possible Gift to Cornell University Medical College 1944-1947
12	Masonic Foundation, Correspondence regarding Their Support of Dr. Freyberg's Work in Rheumatic Disease, 1948-1950.
13	Mayor's Plan (Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York), Prospectus, Clippings, Correspondence, 1944.

- 14 Medicine, Department of, Correspondence regarding Appointment of David Barr, Public Health Projects (Navajo and AT&T), Department Affairs, 1941-8/1953.
- 15 Medicine, History of, Proposals to Give Lectures on at Cornell University Medical College, 1931-5/1941.
- 16 Metropolitan Life Insurance Committee on Doctors for Stuyvesant Town and Peter Copper Village Projects, Correspondence, 10/1948.
- 17 Military Emergency, Correspondence and Reports on Cornell's Planning and Regarding Meeting of AAMC, 1950.

Box 4

Folder	Description
1	Military Medicine, Correspondence regarding ROTC Program at Cornell University Medical College, 4/1942 -2/1953.
2	National Association of Manufacturers, Correspondence regarding Program to Support Medical Education, 1948-1952.
3	National Health Assembly, Reports, Correspondence, 1948.
4	National Health Council, Correspondence regarding Legislation, Newsletters, 1949-1953.
5	National Institute of Health, Correspondence regarding Various Grants, 1946-1948
6	National Manpower Council, Correspondence, Speech, Regarding "Doctor Draft Law," etc., 1952-1953.
7	National Scholarship, Correspondence regarding Their Applicability at Cornell University Medical College, 1950-1951.
8	National Science Foundation, Correspondence and Pamphlets regarding Establishment of and Hiring of Dr. Hinsey as Consultant, 1951.
L 9	National Society for Medical Research, Correspondence, Reports, regarding Their Efforts in Support of Research Using Animals, 10/1947 -2/1954.
10	Navy Program, Correspondence regarding Cornell University Medical College Program, 1943-1948.
11	Navy V-12 Program (Navy College Training Units), 1943-1945.
12	New York Academy of Sciences, Pamphlet regarding Fund Drive , Correspondence, 1948-1953

Box 5

Folder	Description
1	New York Heart Association, Research Grant Applications and Correspondence, 1948-1953.
2	New York Hospital Financial Survey (1950) and Minutes, etc., regarding Financial Problems, 1950-1951.
3	New York State Association for Crippled Children, Letter regarding Continuing Grant for Cleft Palate Program, 1/20/1951
4	Niles, Walter L., Fellowship Fund, Correspondence regarding Establishing Fund, Contributors, 1942 and Memo regarding, 1947.
5	Niles, Walter L., Portrait Committee, Reports, Correspondence, 1942.
6	Ninth General Hospital, Correspondence regarding Formation of, Lists of Staff, Correspondence with Dr. Bruce Webster, 1940-1944.
7	Nutrition Department, New York Hospital, Appointment of Miss Gilliam, Correspondence regarding Giving Dietitian Cornell Title, Outline of Course for Fourth Year Students, 1931-1940.
8	Obstetrics and Gynecology, Correspondence with R. Gordon Douglas, Sr., Chairman, 3/1949 -7/1953.
9	Obstetrics and Gynecology, Correspondence regarding Search for Chairman, Post-Mortem on Dr. H.J. Stander, 1948-1949 (Restricted).
10	Obstetrics and Gynecology, Correspondence regarding Formation of Staff, Dr. George Papanicolaou's Research, Dr. Stander, Staffing, 1929-1947
11	11 Olin Foundation, Correspondence, Clippings, Agreement with Olin regarding Gift and Building of Olin Hall, 1952-7/1953.

12 Olin Foundation, Correspondence, Plans for Building and Gifts for Olin Hall, 6 -12/1951 .

Box 6

Folder	Description
1	Olin Hall, Congratulatory Letters on Gift from Olin Foundation, 1-3/1952.
2	Olin Hall, Progress Reports on Construction, 1/1952-8/1953.
3	Otology, Department, Correspondence regarding Staffing and Gifts from Dr. Whiting in Support of Student Prizes, 1932, 1936-1944.
4	O'Reilly, Francis S. Leukemia Fund, Correspondence regarding Gift, 12/1942-1/1943.
5	Parran, Thomas (The Surgeon General), Correspondence regarding Attempt to Establish Evacuation Hospital Unit, 8-10/1942.
6	Pathology Department, Cornell University Medical College, Correspondence and Memos regarding Staffing at New Center, Appointments of Drs. Eugene Opie, James Ewing (at Memorial), and Dr. Kidd, Plan of Study, of T8 in Area, 1932-1944.
7	Pediatrics Department, Cornell University Medical College, Correspondence, Memos regarding Dr. Harry Gordon (1945), Budget, Premature Institutes (1948) 7/1936-1938, 1945, 1948.
8	Personnel Health Committee, JAB, and Student Health Services, 1/1939-1/1946.
9	Peters, H. W., Provost of Cornell University, Correspondence regarding Gifts, Fundraising, 9/1940-1/1943.
10	Peters Fund for Cancer Research, Correspondence regarding Establishment and Sharing of Fund with Memorial Hospital, 5/9/1929-3/1943.
11	Portraits from Hope Collection of the Ashmol Museum, Oxford, Notes on Their Use at Cornell University Medical College, 1936.
12	Saphier Scholarship Fund, Correspondence with Mr. Saphier regarding Establishment and Winners, 11/1943--9/1949 , 2/1951.
13	Schurman, J.G., President of Cornell University, Correspondence including correspondence to Polk regarding Organization of Cornell University Medical College, 1898 and 1897 Announcement of New York University Medical College, 1934-1942