

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

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**Finding Aid To
THE WILLIAM MCKNIGHT, MD (1911-2000) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1948-1973**

**20 Linear Inches
(4 Boxes)**

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Biographical Notes

Born: Baver Falls, Pa, 2/15/1911
Education: B.S. (1934) and M.D. (1935), University of Pittsburgh Graduate
 Course in Neurology (1946), University of Pa, School of Medicine

6/1936 - 6/1937 Pediatric Residency, Children's Hospital (Pittsburgh)
6/1937 - 6/1938 Chief Resident in Child Neurology at Neurological Institute of
 NY
6/1938 - 12/1940 Assistant Resident Physician, NYH-CMC Westchester
 Division
12/1940 - 6/1941 Commonwealth Fund Fellowship, NYH-CMC, Payne
 Whitney Clinic
6/1941 - 11/1952 Military Service, active and reserve duty
1/1946 - 1/1953 Clinical Director and Director OPD, Friends Hospital (Phila)
1/1953 - 12/1956 Assistant Psychiatrist, NYH-CMC, Westchester Division
12/1956 -1969 Physician - in - Charge, Mental Health Clinic, NYH-CMC,
 Westchester Division
1969-1973 Coordinator of Community Health Services, NYH-CMC,
 Westchester Division

1956-1966 Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry, CUMC
1966-1973 Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, CUMC
1973 Retired

During his tenure at NYH-CMC, Westchester Division, Dr. McKnight established its first outpatient department, developed a program of community service, and directed the Children's Service Unit during its reorganization. He also formulated an education program (with the White Plains School system) for elementary and high school students who were patients at the hospital. Dr. McKnight served as Coordinator of Community Health Services for the Hospital, sat on numerous community agency boards, and served as a consultant in psychiatry to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Montrose, N.Y.

Box Listing

Box 1:

- f.1 Westchester Division, NYH, Clippings - general, 1953 -1972
- f.2 Westchester Division, NYH, Clippings, etc, - Personnel, 1956 -1972
- f.3 Westchester Division, NYH, Clippings - Expressway Controversy,
 1957 -1958
- f.4 Out Patient Dept, NYH-CMC, Westchester Division, Clippings, 1956 -
 c.1968
- f.5 Out Patient Dept, NYH-CMC, Westchester Division, Reprints, re: OPD
 WD, 1957 -1966

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- f.6 Out Patient Dept: NYH-CMC, Westchester Division, Administrative forms, Manual, and daily report forms, 1957 -1959
- f.7 Out Patient Dept, NYH-CMC, Westchester Division, Special reports, incl: statistical information, correspondence, etc, 1956 -1966
- f.8 Out Patient Dept, NYH-CMC, Westchester Division, Special reports, incl: statistical information, correspondence, etc, 1967 -1969
- f.9 Out Patient Dept, NYH-CMC, Westchester Div, Annual Report, 1957 -1959
- f.10 Out Patient Dept, NYH-CMC, Westchester Div, Annual Report, 1960 -1962
- f.11 Out Patient Dept, NYH-CMC, Westchester Div, Annual Report, 1963 -1965
- f.12 Out Patient Dept, NYH-CMC, Westchester Div, Annual Report, 1966-1968
- f.13 Community Health Services Coordinator, Reports, correspondence, and newsletters, 1964 -May 1973

Box 2

- f.1 Occupational Mental Health, NYH-CMC Report, agenda, and bibliography, 1966 -1970
Report, Mental Health and Work Organizations, summary report of Cornell Occupational Mental Health Conferences, edited by Alan McLean, c.1969
- f.2 Westchester Nurse/Teacher Association, Programs, clippings and sample certificate, 1961 -1962
- f.3 School Programs, Survey, clippings, and outlines, 1967 -1972
- f.4 Association of Community Clinic and Center Psychiatrists, Correspondence, newsletters and minutes, 1961- 1966
- f.5 Association of Community Clinic and Center Psychiatrists, Correspondence, newsletters and minutes, 1967 -1970
- f.6 Central Westchester Mental Health Council, History outlines, reports, and memos, 1966 -1974
- f.7 McKnight, William K. Radio Broadcasts, 1956 -1969
- f.8 Lectures, articles, etc, by William K. McKnight, 1955-1956
- f.9 Lectures, articles, etc, by William K. McKnight, 1958 -1969

Box 3

- f.1 Lectures, articles, etc, by William K. McKnight, 1961 -1969
- f.2 "The Dynamic and Socio-economic aspects of the fee in psychiatric clinic practice," by William K. McKnight, 1965
- f.3 Reports, correspondence, bibliographies, re: charging fees in mental health clinics, 1959 -1967

Box 3 (cont)

- f.4 American Psychiatric Association, Committee on the History of Psychiatry, Correspondence and minutes, 1948 -1956
- f.5 History of Psychiatry, Histories of NYH and Westchester Division, incl, clippings, 1952 - 1971
- f.6 History of Psychiatry, Notes, bibliographies, etc, c.1950 -1971
- f.7 History of Psychiatry, Notes and lectures on, 1946 -1948
- f.8 History of Psychiatry, General notes and outlines, c. 1950's

Box 4

Reel to reel recording tapes:

- 1. Untitled, 1/3/1961
- 2. Dr. McKnight and Dr. McKinley, 1/10/1961
- 3. Dr. McKnight and Dr. McKinley, third lecture, 1/17/1961
- 4. Dr. McKnight and Dr. McKinley, 1/24/1931, (this is probably 1961)
- 5. Miss Shackelforth and staff, 1/31/1961
- 6. Miss Shackelforth and staff, 2/7/1961
- 7. Dr. Thomas Beckett and Dr. Myron Harris, 2/21/1961
- 8. Modern Psychiatry, Broadcast, 2/23/1961
- 9. Dr. Harris and Dr. Beckett, 2/28/1961
- 10. Dr. Thomas Beckett and Dr. Myron Harris, 3/7/?
- 11. Dr. Hamilton - adolescents, 3/14/?
- 12. Dr. Alice White, Side 1, 3/21/?
- 13. Modern Psychiatry, 11/28/?
- 14. Out Patient Dept, new staff orientation, Session, 7/1/1968
- 15. Community Mental Health Centers, "Search for Mental Health"

Photographs, Taken at meetings of the American Association of Community Clinic and Center Psychiatrists, 1968 -1969

Oversized items:

Two (2) copies of "Resolution on the retirement of Dr. William K, McKnight" by the Central Westchester Mental Health Council, 9/30/1973

Plan of principal floor of Asylum, Bloomingdale, c.1892, encased in Mylar [placed in manuscript box, oversize III]

Materials removed from the McKnight Collection and entered in the General Collection:

1. Engraving of Pennsylvania Hospital, (rolled) by Samuel Seymour, 17" x 21 :3/4" [manuscript box, oversize III]
2. Three sets of photographs and negatives: [Photograph Collection]
 - Views of NYH-CMC and first hospital building
 - People, with negatives
 - Views of Westchester Division, with negatives
3. Publications:
 - NYH News
 - Occupational Mental Health
 - The Spokesman
 - Fundraising brochures,
 - CUMC Alumni Quarterly
 - NYH Annual Reports
 - Westchester Newsletter
 - Other miscellaneous
 - The Record
4. The Benevolent and Necessary Institution, (2 copies) by Eric Larrabee
5. NYH History of Psychiatric Service
6. NYH School of Nursing, 50th Anniversary Commemorative Exercises, (2 copies)
7. A Psychiatric Milestone
8. Future Roll of University-based Metropolitan Medical Center
9. Picture of Dorothea Dix, matted, [discarded]
10. History of the Medical Society of the County of Westchester, 1947
11. Copy of portrait of Benjamin Rush, [Photograph Collection]
12. Print of Lunatic Asylum, Bloomingdale, NY, engraved by H, Fofsette, drawn by A. Dick, 9 1/4"x 13" [Photograph Collection]
13. Print of Aerial view of Bloomingdale, White Plains, N.Y. as erected in 1892, 15 1/4" x 23 1/4", [Map Case]
14. Plan of principal floor of Asylum, Bloomingdale, c.1892, (print) 11" x 23 1/2" [Map Case]
15. Location map, New York Hospital, Westchester Division, 14 3/4" x 14 1/2" [Map Case]
16. General files on the History of Psychiatry, including clippings, copies of portraits, etc, [Reading Room]