

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES
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**Finding Aid To
THE PHILIP MOEN STIMSON, MD (1888-1971) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1871-1970**

**64 Linear Inches
(9 Boxes)**

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Provenance

These papers were a gift of the family of Philip Moen Stimson, M.D. and were received by the Medical Archives in 1974, three years after Dr. Stimson's death. Originally the papers contained material relating to Lewis Atterbury Stimson (1844-1917) as well as to his nephew, Philip M. Stimson (1888-1971) and Philip's sister, Julia C. Stimson (1881-1948). Philip Stimson spent much time gathering these records together, sorting through them and seeing to their ultimate disposition. Most of Lewis A. Stimson's correspondence was sent to Yale University and is part of the Henry L. Stimson Papers.

The L. A. Stimson material was for a long time part of the Philip M. Stimson Papers. In 1986, however, it was decided to remove this material and join it with other L. A. Stimson papers in the Archives to form a separate collection. Researchers should consult the register for this collection. The two files of correspondence and clippings about Julia C. Stimson have been retained in the Philip M. Stimson Papers. Through the efforts of Philip Stimson, the Medical Archives acquired, on loan from the Army Nurse Corps, the Papers of Julia C. Stimson, a large collection documenting her active life. The Archives has a formal register on file for this collection.

Biographical Note

- b. November 1, 1888 in St. Louis, Missouri
- AB 1910, Yale University
- MD 1914, Cornell University Medical College
- Wed. June 5, 1920, Elizabeth Ford Baldwin
- d. September 13, 1971

Dr. Philip Moen Stimson served his internship until 1916 at the New York Hospital's First Medical Division, after graduation from Cornell University Medical College in 1914. He enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps in 1917 after completing his residency at the St. Louis Children's Hospital.

While serving with the British forces in Flanders during World War I, Dr. Stimson was wounded in action and subsequently assigned to duty at the British 25th Stationary Hospital in Rouen. He was later assigned to the American Red Cross Military Hospital in Paris.

Upon returning to the United States in 1919, Dr. Stimson was appointed as an Instructor in Pediatrics at Cornell University Medical College. He became Chief of Clinic, Department of Pediatrics in 1925, Associate Professor (1930), Associate Attending Physician to the New York Hospital in 1932, Assistant Professor (1933), Professor of Clinical Pediatrics (1953), Consultant at New York Hospital in 1954, and Emeritus Professor in 1956. In 1965, the Board of Governors of the Society of the New York Hospital elected Dr. Stimson a

member of the Society.

Dr. Stimson was a very distinguished pediatrician. He was nationally recognized for his research in contagious diseases. His work on the treatment of poliomyelitis was particularly outstanding. He authored the classic text, A Manual of Common Contagious Diseases, first published in 1931. It went through five editions, the last printed in 1956.

Dr. Stimson served on the staffs of the Willard Parker Hospital, Knickerbocker Hospital, and the Floating Hospital of St. John's Guild. He was a Consultant in Pediatrics for Meadowbrook Hospital (Hempstead, New York), Roosevelt Hospital, St. Luke's, Lutheran Medical Center (Brooklyn), Bergen Pines Hospital (New Jersey) and St. Francis' Hospital. He also served as Consultant in Contagious Diseases at the Hospital for Special Surgery, and in Poliomyelitis at Horton Memorial Hospital (Middleton, New Jersey).

Dr. Stimson served in various capacities on the American Board of Pediatrics and was a Fellow of the American Medical Association, the New York Academy of Medicine, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Philip Stimson was the nephew of Dr. Lewis Atterbury Stimson, a founder of the Cornell University Medical College and a member of the School's first faculty. Philip's sister, Julia, graduated from the New York Hospital's Training School for Nurses. She was head of the Army Nurse Corps in World War I and became the first woman to hold the rank of Major in the United States Army. See the register of the Julia C. Stimson Papers for complete biographical information.

Scope and Content Note

The Philip Moen Stimson Collection includes business and personal correspondence, memorabilia, research notes and manuscripts documenting the life and work of Dr. Stimson. Included are Dr. Stimson's medical school note-books; World War I correspondence and memorabilia; programs, clippings and correspondence relative to Dr. Stimson's research and specialty in contagious diseases; biographical data; reprints and files of general correspondence dealing with personal matters and the establishment of the Stimson Room in the Wood Library at Cornell University Medical College. There are annotated manuscripts and notes pertaining to his work on A Manual of Common Contagious Diseases. There are also folders of correspondence and clippings from and about Julia and Henry Stimson.

Non-Manuscript Material

Among the non-manuscript items that arrived with the Philip Moen Stimson Collection are photographs now housed in the personal photographic collections. See photo catalog. The photos include those of Lewis, Candace (daughter of

Lewis Stimson), Julia Stimson, photos of medical subjects and anatomical illustrations used in Philip Stimson's research. There are also informal shots of Philip, as well as photos of the Polio Service at the Knickerbocker Hospital, 1945-1949. A certificate awarded to Major Julia Stimson by the International Committee of the Red Cross (1929) is housed in Manuscript Box, Oversize I. Documenting his years in the Armed Forces are a brass printing plate of Philip Stimson's 1917 Christmas card, and the British helmet that Dr. Stimson was wearing when he was wounded in 1917. The brim of the helmet is dented where the shell fragment hit. The story is told that Philip was the first American medical officer wounded in World War I.

Among the monographs included in the Stimson Collection are:

Boyd, George Adams, Three Stimsons and a Bartlett, Stonington, Connecticut, the Pequot Press, Inc., 1967. Located in the Reading Room.

Stimson, Philip Moen, M.D., A Manual of Common Contagious Diseases, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Lea and Febiger, 1931 - annotated

Ibid., author's copy, annotated 2d-4th editions, 1936, 1940, 1947.

Subjects

Anesthesiology
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Pediatrics
Polio
Reprints
Stimson, Julia C.
Stimson, Lewis A.
Wartime Activity

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- f.1 Biographical Information on Philip M. Stimson.
- f.2-3 World War I - Military papers, 1916-1918.
- f.4 World War I - Orders, 1918-1919.
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- f.6 World War I - Correspondence, 1917-1918
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- f.8 World War I - Memorabilia, c. 1919.
- f.9 Appointments and memberships at NYH-CMC, 1919-1966.
- f.10 Correspondence re: appointments and memberships, 1920-1968.
- f.11 Willard Parker Hospital - Appointments, 1919, 1924, 1952.
- f.12 Willard Parker Hospital - Class Lists, notes, etc., 1926-1931.
- f.13 Newspaper health columns, Columbia Features, Inc., 1957-1959.
- f.14 Kenny Treatment of Infantile Paralysis - article, clippings and letters re:, 1942-1948
- f.15 "Demonstrations" by Sister Kenny, 1948.
- f.16 Poliomyelitis: Address by PMS to York County Medical Society, York, Pennsylvania, August 1941.

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- f.1-4 Correspondence re: medical talks, including programs, clippings, etc., 1933, 1941 - April 1943, 1950.

Box 3

- f.1-4 Correspondence re: medical talks, May 1943-Dec. 1946, May 1947 -1949, 1950.
- f.5-6 Correspondence re: Time article on rubella, including copy of March 5, 1945 article, March 1945.
- f.7 Correspondence, general, 1924, 1951-1968 (includes resignation from CUMC).
- f.8 Stimson Room, CUMC - correspondence, 1966-1969.
- f.9 American Ophthalmological Society - Misc., 1966-1968.
- f.10 Certificates, 1919 - 1962.
- f.11 Candace Stimson - correspondence, 1913-1918.
- f.12 Henry L. Stimson - correspondence from family (extracts) and obits, 1871-1950.
- f.13 Julia Stimson - misc. letters, clippings, 1919-1951.
- f.14 Julia Stimson - Philip Stimson's correspondence re: Julia S., 1949-1968.

Box 4

Notebooks:

Medical School notebooks of PMS, 1910-1913, Basic sciences, 14v. Ledgers of American Ophthalmological Society, 1879-1914. 4v.

Box 5

Manuscripts, notes, illustrations and some galleys for 1st and 5th editions of A Manual of Common Contagious Diseases, 1931- 1956.

Box 6

4 volumes of A Manual of Common Contagious Diseases, author's copies, 1931 (1st), 1936 (2d), 1940 (3d), 1947 (4th).

Box 7

4 editions of above all inscribed to E.B.Stimson Reprints, 1917-1949 (2 copies of polio reprints kept)

Box 8

Reprints, 1950-1970.

Box 9

Memorabilia