

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES
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**Finding Aid To
THE PHILIP REICHERT, MD (1897-1985) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1794-1985**

**270.5 Linear Inches
(33 Boxes)**

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PROVENANCE:

This collection was donated by Dr. Philip Reichert from 1972-1985. The first donation was his collection of instruments, which are on permanent display in the college's faculty room.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Dr. Philip Reichert was born in New York City on March 29, 1897. He received an A.B. degree from College of the City of New York in 1917. After graduation, he worked as a chemist at Harrimann Research Laboratory. In 1918, he enlisted at the rank of Sgt. in the U.S. Army during World War I. After the war, he entered Cornell University Medical College, where he graduated with a M.D. in 1923. After graduation, he served as an intern and resident in medicine and pathology at Willard Parker Hospital. In 1924, he reenlisted in the medical corps reserves serving mostly at the Carlisle Barracks. He rose to commanding officer of the 10th Surgical Hospital in 1939 and was discharged in 1940. From 1924-1925, he was a fellow and then an assistant in pathology and bacteriology at Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research. From 1926-1934, he was a fellow in pediatrics, clinical assistant in medicine, and research assistant in bacteriology at Mount Sinai Hospital. Next he was the associate in medicine, associate cardiologist, and chief of the Cardiac Clinics at Beth David Hospital. From 1938-1940, he was the acting director of the Cardiographic Laboratory at Witkin Foundation. In 1940 after his discharging from the medical corps, he worked on the development of penicillin for the U.S. government. Next he was the vice president and director of the Professional Division of Doherty, Clifford, Steers & Shenfield, a public relations firm from 1947-1952. He was a founding member, trustee, and governor of the American College of Cardiology and served as its executive director from 1952-1962. He was in private practice as a cardiologist from 1962 until he retired in 1970.

Dr. Reichert had a lifelong interest in the history of medicine. He enjoyed working with gadgets since his boyhood when he assisted his uncle who was a watchmaker. He invented several medical devices which are described in the Reichert Patent series. He collected a substantial instrument collection. Some of the instruments were donated to this archives as well as the Smithsonian and Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine. He also collected archival materials on the history of medicine found here in this collection. He and his wife Faith Keane Reichert were married in 1939. He died on March 19, 1985 at the age of 87. His wife, a centenarian, still survives him.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection contains materials that Dr. Philip Reichert, an avid historian of the history of medicine and the American College of Cardiology, collected. Papers are divided into thirteen series: Philip Reichert Correspondence (1924-1985), Philip Reichert Reprints (1922-1984), Philip Reichert Student Notebooks (1917-1923), Philip Reichert Miscellaneous (1917-1985), American College of Cardiology (1949-1980), Miscellaneous Organizations (1924-1984), Abstracts & Studies (1941-1947), Catalogs (1936-1954), Historical Reprints (1911-1976),

Medical Milestones in History (1832-1976), Patents (1794-1977), Medical Publications (1930-1963), and Newspaper Clippings (1861-1974). This collection also includes photographs and instruments which have been separated from the archival collection.

Series I: Philip Reichert Correspondence, 1924-1985 (Box 1)

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains both personal and professional correspondence with friends and colleagues.

Series II: Philip Reichert Reprints, 1922-1984 (Boxes 1-3)

This series, arranged chronologically, consists of reprints and publications by Dr. Reichert.

Series III: Philip Reichert Student Notebooks, 1917-1923 (Box 4)

This series consists of student notebooks from Dr. Reichert's medical college classes.

Series IV: Philip Reichert Miscellaneous, 1917-1985 (Box 5)

This series, arranged alphabetically, includes biographical information, certificates, drawings, and membership cards.

Series V: American College of Cardiology, 1949-1980 (Box 5, shelf)

This series consists of bound volumes of minutes and transactions of the Board of Trustees, constitution and by-laws, programs, and two copies of their scholarly journal, American Journal of Cardiology.

Series VI: Miscellaneous Organization, 1924-1984 (Box 6)

This series, arranged alphabetically, includes annual reports and publications from American College of Clinical Pharmacology and Chemotherapy, American College of Physicians, Beth David Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York Microscopical Society, and Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Series VII: Abstracts & Studies, 1941-1947 (Boxes 7-8)

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains abstracts and reprints on his research on digitalis, headaches, penicillin, and hearing aids.

Series VIII: Catalogs, 1936-1954 (Box 9)

This series, arranged alphabetically, consists of catalogs for drug supplies and instruments.

Series IX: Historical Reprints, 1911-1976 (Boxes 10-12)

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains reprints of noted scientists and physicians.

Series X: Medical Milestones in History, 1832-1976 (Boxes 12-13)

This series, arranged alphabetically, highlights milestones in medicine. The files include reprints and patents.

Series XI: Patents, 1794-1977 (Boxes 13-14)

This series is divided up into historical patents collected by Dr. Reichert and patent research folders on his own inventions.

Series XII: Medical Publications, 1930-1963 (Boxes 15-29)

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains medical publications on a variety of topics.

Series XIII: Newspaper Clippings, 1861-1974 (Boxes 30-31)

This series, arranged alphabetically, includes newspaper clippings on King Edward VIII and King George VI of England, Hindenburg disaster, Nixon and Watergate, and World War II.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:**RELATED MATERIAL:**

Philip Reichert Photographic Collection
Reichert Collection (Instruments)

BOX AND FOLDER LIST:**Box 1: Series I, Philip Reichert Correspondence, 1924-1985**

Folder:	Description:
1	Greybiel, Capt. Ashton, 1984
2	Impact on the Use of Stethoscopes, 1985
3	Personal Correspondence, 1928-1983
4	Professional Correspondence, 1924-1982
5	Reichert Collection, Army Medical Museum, 1943-1944
6	Reichert Collection, Burroughs & Wellcome Company/Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 1938-1982
7	Reichert Collection, Donations, 1935-1983
8	Reichert Collection, Handbook, 1943, 1945

9	Reichert Collection, Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1935-1955
10	Reichert Collection, Smithsonian, 1943-1981
11	Reiss, Lionel, 1945
12	Sphygmographs, 1943

Box 1: Series II, Philip Reichert Reprints, 1922-1984

Folder:	Description:
13	Reprints, 1922-1926
14	Reprints, 1933-1935

Box 2: Series II, Phillip Reichert Reprints, 1922-1984

Folder:	Description:
1	Reprints, 1936-1939
2	Reprints, 1940-1969
3	Reprints, 1970-1979
4	"Cardiology as a Medical Specialty," 1978

Box 3: Series II, Philip Reichert Reprints, 1922-1984

Folder:	Description:
1	Writings Reichert, 1944-1979
2-3	Historian's Notebook, 1984

Box 4: Series III, Student Notebooks, 1917-1923

Folder:	Description:
1-53	Student Notebooks, 1917-1923

Box 5: Series IV, Philip Reichert Miscellaneous, 1917-1985

Folder:	Description:
1	Biographical Information, 1919-1974
2	Certificates, 1917-1984
3	Drawings, n.d.
4	Hippocratic Oath
5	Memberships, 1924-1985
6	Miscellaneous Papers, 1975-1976

Box 5: Series V, American College of Cardiology, 1949-1980

Folder:	Description:
7	Constitution and By-laws, Membership, 1949, 1967
8	Programs, 1955-1959
9	Programs, 1960-1963
10	Programs, 1964, 1966
11	Programs, 1967, 1972
12	<u>American Journal of Cardiology</u> , 1966-1969

On shelves are bound volumes of the following

Annual Reports, 1952-1966
 Audit Reports, 1953-1965
Bulletin, 1951-1957
 Candidate Lists, May 1965
 Correspondence, 1960, 1964
 Membership Directories/Roosters, 1954-1980
 Minutes of Board of Trustees, 1949-1971
 Transactions of Board of Trustees, 1951-1957
 Verbatim Reports, 1953-1965

Box 6: Series VI, Miscellaneous Organizations, 1924-1984

Folder:	Description:
1	American College of Clinical Pharmacology and Chemotherapy, 1963-1964, 1967
2	American College of Physicians, 1948
3	Beth David Hospital, Annual Reports, 1939-1941
4	Mount Sinai Hospital, Annual Reports, 1933-1939
5	New York Academy of Medicine, Academy Fellowships, 1935-1984
6	New York Microscopical Society, Yearbooks, 1968-1969
7	Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, 1924-1926

Bound volumes of New York Cardiology, Minutes of Board of Trustees, 1934-1951

Box 7: Series VII, Abstracts and Studies, 1941-1947

Folder:	Description:
1-2	Digitalis Abstracts, history, dosage, assay, 1942
3-4	A Survey & Treatise on Headache, its causes and mechanisms, n.d.
5	Master Project File, Wyeth Inc., 1944

- 6 National Indian Institute re Dr. Reichert's work for the Department of Interior, 1943-1944

Box 8: Series VII, Abstracts and Studies, 1941-1947

Folder:	Description:
1	Pain Booklet, 1941-1945
2	Penicillin Abstracts 1943-1944
3	Pre Post Op Abstracts, 1942
4	Sontone Research Hearing Aids, 1945-1947
5	Squibb Reference Materials on Products, 1941-1946

Box 9: Series VIII, Catalogs, 1936-1954

Folder:	Description:
1	Instruction Manuals, 1954, undated
2	Stethoscopes, 1936-1945
3	Supply Catalogs, 1982
4	Catalogs, various instruments and drugs, undated

Box 9: Series IX, Historical Reprints, 1911-1976

Folder:	Description:
5	Historical Reprints, miscellaneous, n.d.
6	"A," 1937-1976
7	"B," 1912-1962
8	Ballistocardiography, 1952

Box 10: Series IX, Historical Reprints, 1911-1976

Folder:	Description:
1	"C," 1937-1972
2	Crehore, Albert, 1911
3	"D," 1925-1937
4	"E" and "F," 1913-1968
5	"G," 1937-1968
6	Gold, Harry, 1939-1942
7	Groedel, Franz, 1950-1951
8	"H"- "K," 1935-1971
9	"L," 1918-1954

Box 11: Series IX, Historical Reprints, 1911-1976

Folder:	Description:
1	Laboratory, n.d.
2	"M," 1952
3	Mann, Hubert, 1918-1926
4	Master, Arthur, 1937-1952
5	"N," 1925-1936
6	"O"- "P," 1922-1938
7	"R," 1934-1947
8	"S"- "T," 1926-1953
9	Shwatzman, Gregory, 1929-1937

Box 12: Series IX, Historical Reprints, 1911-1976

Folder:	Description:
1	"W"- "Y," 1919-1947

Box 12: Series X, Medical Milestones in History, 1832-1976

Folder:	Description:
2	Medical Milestones in History List
3	1832 Contraception "Fruits of Philosophy," Charles Knowlton, "Techniques of Contraception Control," by R. L. Dickinson, 1942
4	1857-1915 Diagnostic Instruments Instruction Booklets
5	1867 "Sphygmographic Observations on the Pulse of Typhus," by Thomas Grimshaw
6	1884 Clinical Thermometer by J. Barry, patent (original in Medical Center Archives)
7	1885 Incubation for Laryngeal Diphtheria, Joseph O'Dwyer, biographical info
8	1885 RX Scale for saddle bag use, C. H. Fitch, patent (original in Medical Center Archives)
9	1887 Extra-Corporeal Circulation, booklet, articles, 1932-1976
10	1895 X-Ray Discovery, Wilhelm Konrad Roetgen, "The Story of X-Ray," ca. 1945
11	1895 Pocket Laryngoscope, Julius Boekel, patents
12	ca. 1900-1930 Landsteiner Blood Groups, reprints by Philip Levine, Karl Landsteiner, 1923-1932
13	1904 Ballistocardiograph, <u>Cardiovascular Diseases</u> by Thomas Satterthwarte, 1913 and correspondence with Isaac Starr, 1941-1942
14	1923 "Subacute bacterial endocarditis," by Emanuel Libman and an reprint, "Anesthesia in Cardiac Patients," by Philip Reichert, 1936

- 15 1923 Salpingogram, reprint on "Radiography of Closed Fallopian Tubes,"
by William Kennedy
- 16 1923 Pioneer Immunological Chemistry, Michael Heidelberger & Oswald
Avery, biographical info on Heidelberger
- 17 1924-1927 Gasometric Analytical Methods of Donald Van Slyke, reprints
- 18 1925 "The Stethophone," by H. F. Dodge and other reprints on heart
sounds
- 19 1925 Otto Warburg Microbic Respiration, patent and reprints, 1926-1975
- 20 1925-1929 Master Two Step Exercise Test for Circulatory Efficiency,
Arthur Master, reprints, 1929, 1967

Box 13: Series X, Medical Milestone in History, 1832-1976

- | Folder: | Description: |
|----------------|---|
| 1 | 1926 "Health Heroes," pamphlets published by Metropolitan Life |
| 2 | 1926 Viruses Microbic Respiration, reprints, 1925-1926 |
| 3 | 1929-1930 "Intravenous Urography," by Moses Zwick, reprints, 1930-
1974 |
| 4 | 1932 Artificial Cardiac pacemaker, Albert Hyman, correspondence re.,
1943 |
| 5 | 1937 "Clinical Electromyography," by Jablons & Reichert |
| 6 | 1940 "Influence of Fear on EKG Changes," by Mamzer & Krausem
reprint, "Can Emotions Cause Disease?" 1961 |
| 7 | 1940 Stress Syndrome, Hans Selye, reprints, 1940-1975 |
| 8 | 1944 Antibiotics, Penicillin, reprints on its history and uses, 1940-1947 |
| 9 | 1952-1956 Stapes Mobilization for Deafness, Samuel Rosen, reprints,
1952, 1955 |
| 10 | 1954 Transaminase in Blood after Cardiac Infarction, John S. LaDue,
reprints, 1954-1969 |
| 11 | 1955 Coronary Arteriography, F. Mason Jones Jr, correspondence, 1968-
1970 |
| 12 | 1959 Space Flight & Aerospace Medicine, reprints, 1959-1971 |
| 13 | Miscellaneous articles on medical museums, instruments, and medical
breakthroughs, 1926-1942 |

Box 13: Series XI, Patents: Philip Reichert, 1794-1977

- | Folder: | Description: |
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| 14 | Adhesive Ties, 1945-1949 |
| 15 | Call Buzzer, n.d. |
| 16 | Catamenial Device (Tampon), 1935, 1938, patent |
| 17 | Electrical Shaker, 1928 |
| 18 | Headlight (Doctor), correspondence, drawings, 1927-1928 |

Box 14: Series X, Patents: Philip Reichert, 1794-1977

Folder:	Description:
1	Hearing Aid Research for Sontone, 1949-1954
2	Research on Hinges, 1938-1941, incl historical patents, 1860-1936
3	Hypodermic Needles, drawing, 1944, incl. historical patents, 1904-1944
4	ID Capsules, 1942-1944, incl. historical patents, 1868-1932
5	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1944, 1977
6	Miscellaneous Historical Patents not sure how they related to his projects, 1860-1944
7	Miscellaneous Historical Patents not sure how they related to his projects, 1896-1944
8	Tap, correspondence, 1958
9	Tobacco Filter Holder, 1933

Box 14: Series XI, Patents: Historical, 1794-1977

Folder:	Description:
10	Pamphlet on Historical Patents, n.d.
11	Apparatus for Electrical Welding, Thomson, 1886
12	Apparatus for Treating Diseases, Sanche, 1897
13	Barbed Wire, Glidden, 1874
14	Cotton Gin, Whitney, 1794
15	Electric Pocket Lamp, Swallow, 1914
16	Electric Signal, Pearson, 1908
17	Electrical (bells, batteries, furnaces), 1894-1906
18	Electromedical Apparatus, Wappler, 1897
19	Fasteners (incl zipper, shoes, dress pin), 1849-1917
20	Flying Machine, Wright, 1906
21	Headband, Taylor, 1909
22	Headband for Surgical Mirror, Sandy, 1899
23	Headlight for Doctors, 1904-1910
24	Miscellaneous Medical, n.d.
25	Miscellaneous, 1855-1925
26	Reaper, McCormick, 1854
27	Sewing Machine, Howe (1846) & Singer, (1851)
28	Sphygmometer, Herz, 1908
29	Stethoscopes, Bowles, 1894-1904
30	Surgical Instrument, Stevenson, 1932
31	Telegraph, Morse, 1840
32	Telephone, Bell, 1876
33	Transmission of Power, Kesla, 1888
34	Typewriter, Sholes, Glidden, Soule, 1868
35	Vulcanizing Rubber, Goodyear, 1844-1849

36 Wounds, 1886-1930

Box 15: Series XII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Below is a list of publications in this box:

Atlas of Normal Anatomy, n.d.
The Bristol Digest, 1949-1950
Compensation Medicine, 1945-1961
Factorian, 1941-1942
Heart Size Measurements, n.d.
Hospital Supplies and Equipment, (Surgeon's Instruments), 1935
Medical Horizons, 1950-1951
Medical World News, 1963

Box 16: Series XII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Below is a list of publications in this box:

Penicillin Digest, 1944-1946
Roentgenology of the Heart, n.d.
Selected Cardiac Tests, 1961
Special Diet Manuel, 1945
Sutures in Ancient Surgery, n.d. (drawings)
Travenol Disposal Oxygenator, 1963
 U. S. Dept. of HEW Publications, 1960-1962

Box 17: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Below is a list of publications in this box:

Ciba Symposia, 1948-1951
Clinical Symposia, 1948-1951

Box 18: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Below is a list of publications in this box:

Clinical Excerpts, 1941-1947
The Doctor OD Quarterly, 1944-1946
Dramatic Episodes of the Heart, 1936
The Hormone, 1944-1945
The Laboratory, ca. 1945
Medical Economist, 1994
Medical Fee Schedule, 1960
Medical Pocket Quarterly, 1944-1947

Modern Medicine, 1932

Box 19: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Below is a list of publications in this box:

Physician Digest, 1941-1945

Research in the Service of Medicine, 1950

Sanborn Technical Bulletin, 1949-1951

Sugar Molecule, 1947-1948

War Doctor, 1943

Box 20: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Radiography and Clinical Photography, 1930-1936

Box 21: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Radiography and Clinical Photography, 1930-1936

Box 22: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Roche Review, 1936-1942

Box 23: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Roche Review, 1942-1947

Box 24: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

Therapeutic Notes, 1941-1950

Box 25: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

What's New, 1941-1944

Box 26: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

What's New, 1944-1947

Box 27: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

What's New, 1947-1949

Box 28: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

What's New, 1950-1952

Box 29: Series XIII, Medical Publications, 1930-1963

What's New, 1952-1957

Box 30: Series XIV, Newspapers Clippings, 1861-1974

Folder:	Description:
1	The Hindenburg, 1937
2	King Edward VIII Abdication, 1936
3	King George VI Coronation, 1936
4	Miscellaneous News Clippings, 1861, 1933

Box 31: Series XIV, Newspapers Clippings, 1861-1974

Folder:	Description:
1	Miscellaneous News clippings, 1936-1939
2	Nixon and Watergate, 1974
3	WWII, 1938-1941
5	WWII Magazines, n.d.

Box 32 and 33

These boxes have correspondence regarding the donation of Dr. Reichert's collection to the Archives and the setting up of the Reichert Archives Fund.

In addition to these boxes noted above, a Medical Time Capsule, which has programs of medical societies, announcements of post graduate courses, advertisements of drugs and apparatus, mostly cardiological is available. It was sealed on November 1972.