

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES OF NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN  
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**1300 York Avenue # 34  
New York, NY 10065**

**Finding Aid To The  
PAUL REZNIKOFF, M.D. (1896-1984) PAPERS  
1922-1984**

**32.5 linear inches  
7 Boxes**

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## **PROVENANCE:**

The papers were donated by Dorothy Reznikoff on May 27-29, 1987.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Paul Reznikoff was born on February 1, 1896 in Brownsville, New York to Sarah and Nathan Reznikoff. His early years at Boy's High School in Brooklyn provided a foundation for his education as a medical doctor. Later in 1916, he completed his studies at New York University where he received a B.S. degree. (Phi Beta Kappa) Then in 1920, he received a M.D. degree at Cornell University Medical College (Alpha Omega Alpha). He did his internship at the Second (Cornell) Medical Division at Bellevue Hospital. Following his internship, he applied for the National Research Council Fellowship. This fellowship gave him the opportunity to work for two years with Dr. Joseph Aub at Harvard Medical School. During the two years (1922-1924), he also taught clinical pathology. In 1924, he joined the Departments of Anatomy and Medicine at Cornell University Medical College and Second (Cornell) Medical Division at Bellevue Hospital where he worked with Dr. Eugene DuBois among others. In 1929, he went to Europe where he spent a year in Berlin working with Dr. Victor Shilling.

Dr. Reznikoff developed an interest in clinical hematology and rose to become a renowned hematologist. In 1930, after his return from Europe, he established the hematology division within the Department of Medicine at New York Hospital. In 1932 and 1943 respectively, he became an attending physician at New York Hospital and a professor of clinical medicine at the medical college.

In 1930, Paul Reznikoff married Dorothy Eliza Grout. Dorothy was a supervisor of medical nurses at Bellevue Hospital. They had four children; two boys, two girls, and ten grandchildren.

Dr. Reznikoff was always active in clinical practice. He wrote widely on lead poisoning, hematologic diseases, medical care, and medical education among others. This research led to many publications, speeches and lectures. He trained many hematologists, such as Drs. T. Hale Ham, Byrd S. Leavell, George L. Kauer and Robert M. Bird. His achievements and accomplishments are obvious in his many, certificates and awards from various organizations. He was also an active member in many organizations.

In 1961, Dr. Reznikoff retired from his academic position, and in 1976, he retired from New York Hospital. Dr. Paul Reznikoff died on March 8, 1984 from cancer.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

The Reznikoff Collection is divided into seven (7) series. The collection includes correspondences (1928-1981), speeches and lectures (1928-1980), lecture notes (1933-1967), reprints (1922-1972), miscellaneous records (1943-1984), photographs and audiotapes. A large portion of the papers consists of correspondences between Dr. Paul Reznikoff and other doctors. In addition, the papers include original notes and drafts of some of the publications written by Dr. Reznikoff.

### **Series # 1: Personal Correspondence, 1928-1981**

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains doctor's, family, miscellaneous, patient's and war correspondences. The records consist mainly of personal correspondence, often of a scientific or social nature with various doctors. The HIPAA Act stipulates the restrictions of patient's records. Thus, restrictions are applied to the patient's correspondence series.

### **Series # 2: Speeches and Lectures, 1928-1980**

The series is arranged alphabetically and consists of speeches and lectures given at charitable events, hospitals, colleges, and seminars. In addition, original programs to some of the speeches, correspondence regarding speech presentations, and letters to the editor of various magazines and journals are included.

### **Series #3: Lecture Notes, 1933-1967**

The lecture notes provide detailed outlines to numerous lectures given. The notes have not been processed.

### **Series # 4: Reprints, 1922-1972**

The reprints are arranged chronologically and contain a variety of the published works by Dr. Reznikoff. They cover topics such on Lead Poisoning, Blood Dyscrasias and Diseases of the Lymphoid and Myeloid Tissues. Included as a part of this series are a few original drafts and an autobiography.

### **Series # 5: Miscellaneous, 1950-1984**

The series is arranged alphabetically and contains awards and honors (1943-1980), biographical data (1950-1955), licensing records (1963-1976), obituaries (1984), and travel diaries (1949-1974), which document domestic and international activities at vacations, seminars and conferences.

## **Series # 6: Photographs**

This series is currently not processed.

## **Series # 7: Audiotapes**

This series is currently not processed.

## **ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:**

Access to patients' records is restricted under the federal HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Privacy Rule. Restrictions are applied to all patients' records within this collection.

## **BOX AND CONTAINER LIST:**

### **BOX 1: PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1928-1981**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Abrahamson, Stephen, 1977
2	Alumni Association of Distinction - CUMC, 1962
3	American Academy of Compensation Medicine, 1954 -1980
4	American Geriatrics Society, 1953
5	Angrist, Alfred A., 1977 -1981
6	Aub, Joseph C., 1952 -1960
7	Barondess, Jeremiah A., 1977 -1979
8	Barton, Bruce (Congressman -17 <sup>th</sup> District-NY), 1940
9	Blanchard, Kenneth C., 1960 -1978
10	Board of Education - Pelham, 1966
11	Board and other community appointments/memberships, 1924 -1982
12	Branson, John H., 1946 -1949
13	Brickell, Frank, 1961-1962
14	Carter, Jimmy-Correspondence among President Jimmy Carter, Congressman Studs and Dr. Reznikoff, 1975-1977
15	Castle, William B., 1945-1974
16	Cornell University Medical College, 1951-1959
17	Cornell University Medical College Alumni Association, 1935-1982
18	Craig, Howard R., 1973-1976
19	Doctor's Correspondence, 1929-1981 – letters from doctors about various subjects.
20	Donations, 1949-1982
21	Dubard, Horton G., 1963
22	Dubois, Arthur B. 1962-1974
23	Dubois, Eugene and Robinson G., 1929-1967

- 24 Dubois, Eugene and Staff, 1929-1930
- 25 Dubois, Eugene and Staff, 1930
- 26 Engle, Ralph L., 1961
- 27 Family Correspondence -Friends, 1929-1982
- 28 Family Correspondence -Letters from Dr. Paul Reznikoff to Dorothy,  
1940-1941

## **BOX 2: PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1928-1981**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Family Correspondence –Letters between Dr. Paul Reznikoff and Dorothy, 1942-1953
2	Family Correspondence to Dorothy Reznikoff from friends, 1942-1976
3	Family Correspondence - Letters from Dr. Paul Reznikoff’s children and grandchildren, 1947-1984
4	Family Correspondence- Miscellaneous correspondence with acquaintances, 1959-1970
5	Family Correspondence- Extended Family, 1980
6	Farmer, Laurence, 1958
7	Ferarca, James E. and Galpin C. Perrin, 1943
8	Frank Glenn Fund - CUMC, 1982
9	Glaser, Jerome, 1947-1954
10	Goebel, Walther F. 1970-1982
11	Goodridge, Malcolm, 1942-1946
12	Gudger, James- The Transactions, 1957-1958
13	Ham, Thomas H., 1942-1961
14	Hammond, William, 1960-1967
15	Hardy, Harriet, 1953-1957
16	Heinze, Louise, 1971
17	Hinsey, Joseph & Sally, 1949-1979
18	Howorth, Irving T., 1977-1978
19	International Society of Hematology- 12 <sup>th</sup> Congress Dinner Reception, 1968
20	Invitations- 13 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Hematology, 1970
21	Johnson, Herbert Fish, 1964
22	King, Lester S., 1978-1981
23	Levine, Samuel Z., 1960
24	Luna, Charles, 1964
25	McCann, William S., 1944 -1954
26	McCormack, James E. - New York Academy of Medicine, 1976
27	McDermott, Walsh, 1977-1981
28	McGuinness, Aims C., 1960-1966
29	Medical Society of the County of New York- Wheeler, William L., 1968
30	Medical Society of the State of New York, 1969-1971

- 31 Minot, George R., 1936-1949
- 32 New Jersey Academy of General Practice, 1955-1956
- 33 Newman, Edwin, 1977
- 34 New York Academy of Medicine-appointments, 1940-1967
- 35 New York Hospital, 1956 -1977
- 36 New York Infirmary, 1977-1978
- 37 Niles, Walter L., 1929 - an introduction of Dr. Reznikoff to Ambassador  
Schuman of Germany, 1929
- 38 Ninialasuna, Amanda, 1955
- 39 Papannicolaou, George N. – Tree Dedication Ceremony, 1978
- 40 Patients Correspondence, 1935-1982 **(Restricted)**
- 41 Patients Correspondence, 1942-1974 **(Restricted)**

### **BOX 3: PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1928-1981**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Pazzini, Adalberto, 1964
2	Richardson, Polly, 1954
3	Robinson, G. Canby, 1956 -1958
4	Root, Maurice T., 1981
5	Rosenfield, Isadore, 1981
6	Scovel, Fredrick, C., 1949 -1950
7	Shilling, Victor, Re: American Society of Hematology, 1929-1937
8	Shryock, Richard H. & Dulieu, Louis, 1964-1966
9	Snapper, I. 1961
10	Stassen, Harold E., 1946 -1947
11	Stevens, Harold A., 1971-1972
12	Stimson, Phillip M., 1954 -1962
13	Student Aid Bill-H.R. 4444, 1955
14	Sturgis, Cyrus C., 1944 -1948
15	Thro, William C., 1936 -1961
16	War Correspondence- Bird, Robert N., 1943-1945
17	War Correspondence-Chambers, Lieut. William, 1943-1945
18-19	War Correspondence- Chemical Warfare Service, Linthicum, E.S., 1928-1930 (2 folders)
20	War Correspondence-Conway, Herbert, 1943
21	War Correspondence- Hunter, Donald, 1940-1945
22	War Correspondence-Kauer, George L. Jr., 1942-1978
23	War Correspondence, Leavell, Byrd S. 1941-1980
24	War Correspondence- McCormack, Richard R.C., 1943-1945
25	War Correspondence-Miscellaneous Records, 1944
26	War Correspondence-Walters, Hyla S., 1940-1975
27	Weiss, Dr. Soma, 1941-1942
28	Witts, L.J., 1949-1958
29	Woods Hole Historical Society- Nobel Prize Winners, 1981

- 30 Workmen's Compensation, 1952-1956  
 31 Wright, Irving S., 1980-1981

### **BOX 3: SPEECHES AND LECTURES, 1928-1980**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
32	Acceptance of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Award of the Distinction of the Cornell University Medical College Alumni Association- a speech, 1962
33	"Blood Morphology" - a lecture given at New York Academy of Science, 1954
34	"Coagulation Defect in Patients with Polycythemia"- a lecture given at The 7 <sup>th</sup> International Congress of Hematology, 1958
35	"Common Blood Problems in Older People"- a lecture given at the American Geriatrics Society, 1953
36	"Drama of Andreas Versalius"- speech presented at the 159th Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, 1965-1966
37	"Effect of Federal Government Subsidy on Medical Research, Education and Practice in the United States"- a speech presented at the 21 <sup>st</sup> International Congress, 1968
38	"Effects of Race, Climate and Diet on the Hematopoietic System"- a speech presented at the Centennial Meeting of the Hawaii Medical Association, 1956
39	"Etiologic Factors and Treatment of Acute Bleeding Episodes in Older Patient"-abstract of a paper presented at the 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Geriatric Society
40	"Hematologic Disorders: Their Disabilities and Prognosis"- a speech, 1958
41	"History of Hematology as a Guide for Government Subsidies" – a speech presented at the International Society for Medical History, Bucharest, 1970
42	"Laboratory and Clinical Hematology" - a speech, 1963
43	Miscellaneous Correspondence regarding letters to the editor and various magazines and journals, 1963-1980
44	Miscellaneous Correspondence regarding speech presentations, 1928-1979

### **BOX 4: SPEECHES AND LECTURES, 1928-1980**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Notes of Lectures, n.d.
2	Programs of Speeches, 1935-1965
3	"Successful Life- Success in Life"- a speech, n.d.

- 3a "Three Sainly Physicians"-24<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Medical History, Budapest, Hungary, 1974.
- 4 Untitled Speech regarding high school graduates, n.d.

### **BOX 5: SPEECHES AND LECTURES, 1928-1980**

Lecture notes, 1933-1967

### **BOX 6: REPRINTS, 1922-1975**

#### **Folder Description**

- 1 Reprints, 1922-1932
- 2 "Phi Delta Epilson News," 1922-1926
- 2a Reprints, 1924
- 3 "The Frater," 1924 -1926
- 4 "Micrurgical Studies of the Action of BB'dichloroethyl Sulfide, BB'dichloroethyl Sulfoxide and BB'dichloroethyl Sulfone on Amoeba Dubia," 1927
- 5 Reprints, 1928
- 6 Reprints, 1931-1982
- 7 "Role of the Nestorians in the Preservation of Greek Medicine," 1966-1967
- 8 "Changes in Therapy in a 200 year Old Hospital - History of New York Hospital," 1771-1971
- 9 "Salute to the New York Hospital, 1927-1971" (published in 1972)
- 10 "Salute to the New York Hospital" - Minutes and Proceedings of the Governors, 1972-1981

### **BOX 7: REPRINTS, 1922-1975**

#### **Folder Description**

- 1-2 Autobiography-Reznikoff, Paul, 1975 (2 copies)
- 3 Evaluation of Therapy Schedules in Chronic Leukemia, n.d.

### **BOX 7: MISCELLANEOUS, 1950-1984**

#### **Folder Description**

- 4 Awards, Appointments and Memberships, 1943-1980
- 5 Biographical Data, 1950-1955
- 6 Licensing, 1963-1976
- 7 Obituaries, 1984
- 8 Travel Journal - Visit to Guatemala, Santiago, etc, 1964-1974



- 9 Travel Journals -Visit to London, Bucharest, etc, 1949-1958
- 10 Travel Journals - Visit to places within the United States, Mexico,  
Panama etc, 1959-1962