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THE HAROLD STEWART, MD (1896-1975) PAPERS

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Biography

Dr. Harold J. Stewart was born February 17, 1896 in Accomac, Va. and died April 1, 1975. He was a Virginian at heart but cosmopolitan in his tastes and friendships. He left Virginia to attend John Hopkins University and received three degrees from this institution, an AB 1915, an MD 1919, and a MA 1923. After serving as a Bingham Fellow at Hopkins from 1921-1922, he came to New York as an assistant in medicine at Rockefeller Institute where he spent 10 years working with Dr. Alfred Cohn on fundamental studies of the physiology and pharmacology of the heart and circulatory apparatus. Having perfected techniques of measuring blood gases, cardiac areas, and cardiac outputs on dogs, the work moved forward to the application of these methods to the study of man.

In 1932 he moved across the street from Rockefeller Institute to the New York Hospital - Cornell Medical College complex, which had just opened, where he joined the Department of Medicine, led by Dr. Eugene DuBois, as an associate professor of medicine and as attending physician and director of the Cardiac Division of New York Hospital.

These were new and innovating times in the Hospital and Medical College, with a shift in staffing from a primary voluntary clinical faculty and staff to full time chairmen of departments and directors of divisions. Dr. Stewart, with some frustration, soon established a division of cardiology which was not only of clinical excellence but also with a high quality research endeavor. There were usually two residents working with him. He set a rigid routine for them by often working twelve or more hours per day in the laboratory. Some of the studies carried out involved the cardiac output and the peripheral circulation in congestive failure, the arrhythmias, the heart in metabolic disorders and anemia, pericardial effusion and constrictive pericarditis.

In the studies in constrictive pericarditis, he and Dr. George Heuer, chairman of the Department of Surgery, worked closely together and reported on a series of patients studied before and following pericardiectomy. Later he worked intimately with Dr. Frank Glenn on the study and treatment of patients with valvular heart disease.

These activities with the Department of Surgery are mentioned because they demonstrated to students and house staff the great benefit to the patient of interdepartmental cooperation. The acquisition of new knowledge about the heart and circulation was enhanced by this coordinated effort. The research activity led to the production of almost 100 papers. He contributed the chapter on cardiac arrhythmias to Cecil's Text Book of Medicine and published his own book, "Cardiac Therapy," in 1952.

Membership in medical societies included the American Society of Clinical Investigation, the Harvey Society, the American College of Physicians, The American and New York Heart Association, and the Association of American Physicians.

As a teacher he was a regular on the wards and directed the course in physical diagnosis. Being a bachelor, the girls in the class caused him some embarrassment and their instruction was always assigned to a married faculty member.

As a person he was very socially inclined. He enjoyed parties, excellent food and wines. He was a member of the Century and the Union Clubs as well as a very popular member of several local medical dinner societies. His patients thought highly of him and his medical confreres respected him and enjoyed his company. He contributed much to the atmosphere and intellectual environment of New York Hospital and Cornell University Medical College.

John E. Deitrick
May 1, 1975

Curriculum Vitae

Harold J. Stewart, M.D.

Birthdate: February 17, 1896
Birthplace: Accomac County, Virginia
Marital Status: Single

1. Education

A.B.	1915	John Hopkins University
M.D.	1919	John Hopkins University Medical School
M.A.	1923	John Hopkins University

11. Teaching and Research Appointments

Bingham Fellow in Medicine, Johns Hopkins University Medical School, 1921-1922
Assistant in Medicine, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, 1922-1929
Associate in Medicine, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, 1929-1932
Associate Professor Medicine Cornell University Medical College, 1932-1961
Consultant, Principal Scientist of the Medical Department, Brookhaven National Laboratories, Associated Universities, Upton, Long Island, NY, 1948 -1951

111. Hospital and Laboratory Appointments

Assistant Physician John Hopkins Hospital, 1921 -1922
Assistant Resident Physician Hospital of Rockefeller Institute
for Medical Research, 1922 -1928
Resident Physician Hospital of Rockefeller Institute for Medical
Research, 1922 -1929
Attending Physician - New York Hospital, 1932 -1961
Head of Cardiac Division of the Department of Medicine of the
New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center 1932 -1961
Chief, Cardiac Clinic, New York Hospital, 1932 -1961

1V, Membership in Medical and Scientific Societies

American Society for Clinical Investigation, Emeritus Member
Association of American Physicians
New York Academy of Medicine
Harvey Society New York
Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine
Diplomate American Board Internal Medicine
Fellow American College of Physicians
New York Heart Association
American Heart Association
American Medical Association
Fellow American Medical Association
Member New York County and New York State Medical Societies
Director New York Heart Association
New York Clinical Society
New York Medical and Surgical Society
American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis
Gerontological Association
Member Scientific Committee of ACTA Cardiologica
Assoc. Chief Examiner of National Board of Medical Examiners

Subjects

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Non-Manuscript Materials:

Cardioscope
Anatomy instruments in tin box
Miscellaneous address files
Model of a heart
Ophthalmoscope (black leather box)
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Psychrometric slide rule
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Thermometer
Diploma-American Bd of Internal Medicine, 1937

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- f.4. Phi Beta Kappa notifications, Certificates and correspondence, 1915
- f.5. Bureau of Fisheries, Correspondence, re: employment. Inc. travel regulations handbook, 1915 -1918
- f.6. M.D. Degree - Johns Hopkins Medical College, Miscellaneous notes and commencement program, c. 1917 -1919
- f.7. Miscellaneous notes from medical school years, c. 1910 -1915
- f.8. Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Correspondence re: transfer during 2nd year medical school, 1916 -1917
- f.9. World War I, Correspondence re; classification and service, 1918
- f.10. Masters Degree - Johns Hopkins University, Correspondence, 1922 – 1923
- f.11. Masters Degree - Johns Hopkins University, Correspondence with registrar, 1922 -1923
- f.12. St. Luke's Hospital appointment, Correspondence, 1918 -1920
- f.13. Johns Hopkins appointment, Correspondence, 1921
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- f.15. Engagement Book, 1923
- f.16. N.Y. State Board exams and Regents certificates, 1916 -1920
- f.17. Physicians License, N.Y. State, 1920, 1928 -1976
- f.18. Physicians License, N.Y. State, Correspondence, 1920, 1938 -1966
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- f.27 Will of Evelyn M.B. Tiffany, Correspondence, 1929
- f.28 Brookhaven National Laboratory, Correspondence, 1948
- f.29 Brookhaven National Laboratory, Correspondence and forms, 1949 – 1951
- f.30 EKG questionnaire
- f.31 Tables for calculating EKG Heart Rates, etc. Inc. restricted diet charts
- f.32 Cardiac Therapy, Reviews and correspondence, 1952 -1956
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- f.35 Articles, re: Cardiology Inc: NYH Heart Station and facilities, 1929, 1945 -1950
- f. 36 Harold J. Stewart Fund, Correspondence, 1952 -1957
- f.37 Bank deposit receipts, Fidelity Trust Co. Baltimore, MD, 1929 -1930
- f.38 Union Club membership, References for Dr. E. Lovell Becker, inc. c.v. for Becker, 1970
- f.39 Income Tax Information Returns, 1963 -1971
- f.40 War Risk - Veteran's Insurance, Correspondence, 1924 -1928
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- f.2. Correspondence from Alma Stewart Rasul, with clippings. Re: marriage and husband, Jan - June 1922
- f.3. Correspondence from Alma S. Rasul, re: legality of her marriage with Gulamu Rasul, 1922
- f.4 Correspondence from Alma S. Rasul, Jan. - Oct. 1923
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- f.6 Correspondence to/from Eloise Stewart Dieuaide-Gorman, May 1926
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- f.8. Correspondence to/from Elsie Stewart, re: Eloise S. Dieuaide, Feb
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- f.10. Correspondence to/from Margaret Stewart, re: Eloise S. Dieuaide,
March 1927 - May 1929
- f.11 Correspondence to/from Dr. Francis Dieuaide, Sept. 1927 - Aug. 1928
- f.12 Correspondence to/from Peking Union Medical College, re: Dr. F
Dieuaide, 1929
- f.13. Correspondence to/from Zella (niece to H.S.?), re: Eloise S. Dieuaide,
1927 -1928
- f.14 Correspondence to/from G. Walter Mapp, attorney, re: same. Aug
1928 - March 1929
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- f.17 Correspondence, Misc., Notes, 1940-1970s

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