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**Finding Aid To
THE BENJAMIN KEAN, MD (1912-1993) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1949-2009**

**165 Linear Inches
(28 Boxes)**

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NOTE OF PROVENANCE:

Mrs. Benjamin Kean donated the papers to the Medical Center Archives of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell in April 1998. In 2011, Dr. Johnson from the Global Health donated some additional materials (Series VI and X). In 2017, Anne Cote Taylor donated some additional materials.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Dr. Benjamin Kean was born in Valparaiso, Indiana in 1912. He was raised in West Orange, NJ and New York City. He received an AB degree at the University of California, Berkeley in 1933. He graduated from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1937.

He began his career as an intern at Gorgas Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone in 1937. He continued to work there through the World War II as a physician and pathologist. While there, he became the director of a course in tropical medicine. He also served part of World War II in Europe.

In 1948-1952, he worked at New York University-Bellevue Medical Center as an assistant professor of pathology, a consultant in tropical medicine at the VA Halloran Hospital (1946-1951) and attending physician at University Hospital (1948-1952).

He came to Cornell University Medical College in 1954 as an assistant professor of public health in parasitology and rose in the ranks to full professor. He founded the Tropical Medicine Unit at the medical college in 1962. He was the head of the Parasitology Laboratory at New York Hospital. He also had a private practice on Park Avenue where he was the physician for several famous people including Oscar Hammerstein, Edna Ferber, Gertrude Lawrence, Martina Navratilova and Salvador Dali.

His expertise was in tropical medicine. He did extensive research in amoebiasis, malaria, toxoplasmosis, and schistosomiasis. He coordinated studies in Mexico on Turista (Traveler's Diarrhea) in the 1950s and 1960s. He was well known for his B. H. Kean Tropical Medicine Course at Cornell University Medical College.

He was also known for being the physician for the Shah of Iran during his terminal illness. He followed the Shah through his treatment at New York Hospital in October 1979 and his flight through Panama and Egypt. He was criticized for not accurately publicizing the medical condition and treatment of the Shah to the America public. The treatment of the Shah in the United States led to the Iran Hostage Crisis in 1979-1981.

He died on September 24, 1993.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE:

The papers are organized into nine series: General Correspondence (1957-1993), Panama Autopsies (1940-1945), Tropical Medicine Unit, (1944-1993), Other Research (1942-1993), Reprints and Publications (1935-1993), Parasitology Publication (undated), Miscellaneous (1952-1989), and Photographs.

Series I: General Correspondence, 1949-1994

This series arranged alphabetically by subject contains correspondence with various colleagues and medical societies.

Series II: Panama Autopsies, 1940-1945

This series arranged chronologically consists of autopsy reports conducted in his work as the pathologist at Gorgas Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone during World War II. It gives an interesting picture of the health issues in the region. The PHI contained in these records is protected under the federal regulation, HIPPA and are restricted.

Series III: Tropical Medicine Unit, 1941-2006

This series is divided in to four subseries: Early Records (1962-1991), Teaching Materials (1955-1993), Cornell Abroad Program (1955-1993) and Research (1944-1977). The early records subseries include the reports and proposals for setting up the unit at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. The teaching materials sub-series contains lecture and course notes for his popular Tropical Medicine Course. The Cornell Abroad Program sent students on summer trips to Africa, Asia, Cuba, and South America to study tropical medicine in these countries. The research files consist of his research on schistosomiasis, toxoplasma, and turista (traveler's diarrhea).

Series IV: Other Research, 1942-1993

The other research series arranged alphabetically by subject contains his research on Chagas' disease (1942-1945), hepatic amebiasis (1962-1964), maduromycosis in Saudi Arabia (1952-1957) and shark bites (1943-1944). The files also include the Cornell in Haiti Program under the Department of Medicine-Division of Infectious Diseases, which studied AIDS (1983-1986) and infantile diarrhea (1979-1993).

Series V: Reprints and Publications, 1935-1992

This series arranged chronologically includes his speeches, articles, and books on his tropical medicine and parasitology research. It contains copies of his autobiography, M.D.

Series VI: Parasitology Publication, undated

This series arranged by the book's table of context consists of research files for a book titled "Commoner Parasitic Diseases."

Series VII: The Shah of Iran, 1979-1989

This series is divided into the Iran Hostage Crisis and the Shah of Iran. Each sub-series is arranged chronologically. The Iran Hostage Crisis sub-series includes clippings of the crisis. The Shah of Iran sub-series includes both clippings and correspondence regarding the Shah's treatment at New York Hospital and then his flight to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, Panama, and Cairo, Egypt. In addition, Dr. Kean's correspondence with the Shah's family after his death is contained in the files.

Series VIII: Miscellaneous, 1952-2009

This series consists of miscellaneous biographical material on Dr. Kean.

Series IX: Photographs, 1983

The photographs include the photo album of Charles Allen Jr. Fellowship in Medicine, January 1, 1983. The photographs were removed to the personal photographic collections. See photo catalog.

Series X: Audio Visual Materials

Several copies of Benjamin Kean Memorial Service is included in the collection as lectures by Neil Kaminsky, Alan Fry, John Laragh, and Anthony Fauci.

Series XI: Artifacts

Microscopes lenses and miscellaneous artifacts owned by Dr. Kean.

Series XII: Electronic Records

The electronic records include Dr. Kean Lecture, "Cornell Experience," audiorecording, undated and "Jewel in Benjamin Kean Crown," speaker unknown, PowerPoint, 2007

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

The panama autopsies are restricted in accordance to the HIPAA privacy rule.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1: Series I: General Correspondence, 1949-1994

Folder	Description
1	A-D, 1960-1994
2	Allen/Kramer re Charles Allen Fellowship Program, 1985
3	American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 1973-1993
4	Amoebiasis Research Dispute with Dr. Thomas Doxiades, 1963-1968
5	Articles and manuscript submissions, 1961-1992
6	Asiatic Society, 1978-1979
7	Bass, Sid, 1989-1991
8	Bia, Frank, MD, 1984-1993
9	Browne, Henry, MD, 1962
10	Chowdhury, A. B., 1957-1976
11	Daniels, Farrington, MD, 1987-1993
12	Dennis, David, MD, 1963-1987
13	E-H, 1981-1989
14	Elson, Scott, 1980-1992
15	Emporiatrices, 1985-1990
16	Eyckmans, Luc, 1977-1984
17	Flanigan, Tim, 1982-1994
18	General Motors, 1971-1979
19	Giordano, Michael, 1984-1990
20	Heaver, Lynwood, 1990-1993
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22	Hoffman, Stephen, MD, 1984-1994
23	J-M, 1960-1993
24	Javett, Jonathan, MD, 1981-1982
25	Jemison, Mae Carol, 1979
26	Kammerer, William, MD, 1961-1993
27	Kasier, Robert, 1988-1993
28	Krawitt, Edward, 1990-1999

Box 2: Series I: General Correspondence, 1949-1994

Folder	Description
1	Leonard Wood Memorial, 1966-1969
2	Malloch, Christopher, MD, 1963-1964
3	Mayo-Smith, William, MD, 1986
4	Meetings, 1957-1993
5	Mott, Kenneth, MD, 1968-1984
6	O-Z, 1949-1994
7	New York Society of Tropical Medicine, 1953-1993
8	Panama Canal, 1954-1992
9	Plowe, Christopher, 1984-1993
10	Reilly, Philip Jr., MD, 1975-1976
11	Richter, Maurice, MD, 1981-1982
12	Royal Society of Tropical Medicine, 1955-1988
13	Ruiz, Joseph, 1984-1986
14	STAC (Scientific Technical Advisory Committee), for World Health Org, 1978-1979

Box 3: Series II: Panama Autopsy Notes, 1940-1945 (Restricted-HIPAA)

Folder	Description
	Panama Autopsy Notes
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3-4	Vol 2, December 1940-June 1941

Box 4: Series II: Panama Autopsy Notes, 1940-1945 (Restricted-HIPAA)

Folder	Description
	Panama Autopsy Notes
1-2	Vol 3, June 1941-December 1941
3-4	Vol 4, December 1941-April 1942

**Box 5: Series II: Panama Autopsy Notes, 1940-1945
(Restricted-HIPAA)**

Folder	Description
	Panama Autopsy Notes
1-2	Vol 5, April 1942-December 1942
3-4	Vol 6, December 1942-March 1943

**Box 6: Series II: Panama Autopsy Notes, 1940-1945
(Restricted-HIPAA)**

Folder	Description
	Panama Autopsy Notes
1-2	Vol 7, May 1943-August 1943
3-4	Vol 8, September 1943-January 1944

**Box 7: Series II: Panama Autopsy Notes, 1940-1945
(Restricted-HIPAA)**

Folder	Description
	Panama Autopsy Notes
1-2	Vol 9, January-July 1944
3-4	Vol 10, July 1944-January 1945

**Box 8: Series II: Panama Autopsy Notes, 1940-1945
(Restricted-HIPAA)**

Folder	Description
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1-2	Vol 11, January-September 1945
3-4	September-November 1945
5	Clinical Pathology Conferences, 1940-1945

**Box 9: Series III: Tropical Medicine Unit, 1941-2006
Subseries: Early Records**

Folder	Description
	Establishing the Unit
1	1962-1976
2	Dr. Lalla Iverson's Final Report, 1962

- 3 History, 1963-1991
- 4 Tropical Medicine Clinic, 1963
- 5 B. H. Kean Professorship in Tropical Medicine, 1983-1990
- 6 B. H. Kean International Fellowship, 1991-2006

Original Personnel Records

- 7 Dennis, David, MD, 1967-1978
- 8 Jones, Thomas C., MD, 1964-1966
- 9 Kimball, Anne C., MD, 1963-1990
- 10 Marsden, Philip, MD, 1964-1989
- 11 Michaels, Rhoda, 1965-1968
- 12 Tanaka, Hiroshi, MD, 1967-1989

Box 10: Series III: Tropical Medicine Unit, 1941-1993
Subseries: Teaching Materials

Folder	Description
	Tropical Medicine Course
1	Articles/Interviews of Dr. Kean Philosophy of teaching, 1974-1990
2	Correspondence on the Teaching of Tropical Medicine, 1967-1983
3	Filariasis: Lecture Notes, 1960's
4	Intestinal Helminthes: Lecture Notes, 1960's
5	Intestinal Protozo: Lecture Notes, 1960's
6	Leishmania and Trpansomiasis, 1960's
7	Malaria: Lecture Notes, 1967-1969
8	Malaria II: Lecture Notes, 1960's
9-11	Parasicology Course, 1955-1993
12	Toxoplasmosis: Lectures Notes
13	Trichinosis: Lecture Notes

Box 11: Series III: Tropical Medicine Unit, 1941-1993
Subseries: Cornell Abroad Program

Folder	Description
	Cornell Abroad Program
1	Summary of Dr. Kean of Program, List of Students, 1973-1993
2	Africa, 1962
3	Asia, 1960
	Cuba,
4	1955-1956
5	1956-1957

6	1993
7	Mexico, 1985-1987
8	South America, 1963
9	Student Reports, 1963-1989

Box 12: Series III: Tropical Medicine Unit, 1941-1993
Subseries: Research

Folder	Description
	Schistosomiasis (Snail Fever) Research
1	Baboons, 1967
2	Clippings, 1966-1968
	Correspondence
3	1944-1963
4	1965-1976
5	Filtration of Patients, 1971-1976
6	Grant: Dept. of Health, Education, Welfare, 1966-1968
	Schistosomiasis Haematobium Research
7	Baboon and Snail Permit, 1968-1969
8-13	Baboon subjects: #80004-#80009
14-15	Correspondence, 1963-1969
16	Dog subject: #60398
	Schistosomiasis Japonica Research
17	Baboons-General, 1975
18-19	Baboon Subjects: #90001-90002

Box 13: Series III: Tropical Medicine Unit, 1941-1993
Subseries: Research

Folder	Description
	Schistosomiasis Japonica Research
1	Correspondence, 1968-1970
2	Operative Notes, March 1968
	Schistosoma (Schistosomiasis) Mansoni
3-22	Baboon Subjects: #60001-60008, 60010-60019, 60021, 1968
	Correspondence
23	Brazil, 1967-1968
24	Surgical Treatment of, 1965-1971
25	Dog Subject, 1968
26	Umbilical Vein Procedure, 1969

	Toxoplasmosis Research
27	Clippings, 1968-1974
28	Correspondence, 1941-1976
	Grant
29	Gottesman Foundation, 1970
30	Hartford Foundation, 1966, 1970
31	Macy Foundation, 1967
32	National Foundation-March of Dimes, 1966-1975
33-34	National Institute of Health, 1969-1972

Box 14: Series III: Tropical Medicine Unit, 1941-1993
Subseries: Research

Folder	Description
	Toxoplasmosis Research
1	Meetings, 1972-1974
2	Rogosin Lab Collaborative Effort, 1966-1967
	Traveler's Diarrhea (Turista) General Background
3	Early Work w/ Wilson Smilie, 1955-1957
4	8 th International Congress on Tropical Medicine and Malaria, 1968
5	International Conference on Diarrhea of Travelers, 1976-1977
6	LA Airport Study, 1957-1958
7	Press Coverage, 1955-1976
8	Traveler's Health Institute, 1957-1958
	Traveler's Diarrhea (Turista) Mexico Studies
9	Background material for the First Study, 1957-1958
10	Study, 1957-1958
11	Virus Study, 1959-1962

Box 15: Series III: Tropical Medicine Unit, 1941-1993
Subseries: Research

Folder	Description
	Traveler's Diarrhea (Turista) Mexico Studies
1	Drug Study, 1960
2	Olympics, 1960-1961
3	Drug Study, 1970-1973
4	Students, 1973
5	Study, 1973-1974

6 Traveler's Diarrhea (Turista)
NIH Consensus Development Conference, 1985
7-8 S.M.O.N, 1971-1977

Box 16: Series IV: Other Research, 1942-1993

Folder	Description
1	Chagas' Disease, 1942-1945
2	Cornell in Haiti (AIDS Research) 1983-1986
3-4	Cornell in Haiti (Infantile Diarrhea Research) 1979
5-6	1980-1982
7	1984-1993
8	Hepatic Amebiasis, 1962-1964

Box 17: Series IV: Other Research, 1942-1993

Folder	Description
1	Maduromycosis in Saudi Arabia, 1952-1957
2	Shark Bites, 1943-1944

Box 18: Series V: Reprints and Publications, 1935-1992

Folder	Description
1	Early School Papers, ca. 1930's
2	"Malaria: A Historical Survey", 1935
3	"Which of the Communicable Diseases Can be Transmitted to the Fetus," 1937
4	"The Examination of the Stool", ca. 1940's
5	Reprints, 1941-1943
6	"Death Due to Akee Poisoning in Panama", 1943 (also a short story written in 1947)
7	Reprints, 1944-1946
8	"Ainhumi a Clinical Summary of Forty Five Cases on the Isthmus of Panama", 1946
9	Reprints, 1947-1949

- 10 Chapter for the San Blas Blood Pressure Story, 1950
 11 Reprints, 1952-1959
 12 Dr. Kean's Lecture to Students from Harvard University, School of
 Public Health, March 1959
 13 Reprints, 1960
 14 Infectious Hepatitis, ca. 1961
 15 Reprints, 1962-1966
 16 "The Nature of Turista: The Diarrhea of Travelers to Mexico",
 ca. 1963
 17 Reviews of **Parasites of the Human Heart**, 1964
 Kean, B. H., MD and Roger C. Breslau, MD. **Parasites of
 the Human Heart**, New York: Grune & Stratton, 1964.

Box 19: Series V: Reprints and Publications, 1935-1992

Folder	Description
1	"A Primer of Immunization for Travelers", 1964 Kean, B. H., MD and Harold Tucker, MD. <u>The Traveler's Health Guide</u> . Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, 1965. Kean, B. H., MD and Harold Tucker, MD. <u>The Traveler's Medical Guide for Physicians</u> . Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, 1966
2	"The Medical Protection of the Traveler", ca. 1966
3	Reprints, 1967-1969
4	Reprints, 1971-1973
5	"Diarrhea of Travelers," speech presented at the Annual Convention of the AMA, Section on Federal and Military Medicine, Symposium on Diseases & Travel, June 1973
6	Reprints, 1974-1975
7	Traveler's Diarrhea speech presented at the Annual Convention of the AMA, Section on Federal and Military Medicine, Symposium on Medical Hazards & Travel, June 1975
8	Reprints, 1976-1978
9	Carlos Chagas and Chagas' Disease, 1977
10	"Drug Failure in the Treatment of Amoebiasis," speech, 1978

Box 20: Series V: Reprints and Publications, 1935-1992

Folder	Descriptions
1	Reviews of <u>Tropical Medicine & Parasitology</u> Vols I and II, 1978 Kean, B. H., MD at el, editors. <u>Tropical Medicine & Parasitology</u> Vols I and II, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1978
2	Reprints, 1979-1982

- 3 "Biologic Range of AIDS," speech at St. Vincent's Hospital, 1982
- 4 45th Annual Theobald Smith Lecture: "Patients, Parasites and Paratologists," May 1983
- 5 Reprints, 1984-1988
- 6 Diarrhea of Travelers, 1984
- 7 Cornell Abroad Program, speech, 1985
- 8 Drug Therapy of Parasitic Diseases: A fifty Year Record of Success and Failure, 1986
- 9 A History of Amebiasis, 1988
- 10 Parasites and Man: A Brief History, 1988

Box 21: Series V: Reprints and Publications, 1935-1992

Folder	Description
1-3	<u>M.D.</u> Letters from Readers, 1990
4	<u>M.D.</u> Review, 1990 Kean, B. H., MD with Tracy Dahlby. <u>M.D.</u> NY; Ballatine Books, 1990.

Box 22: Series V: Reprints and Publications, 1935-1992

Folder	Description
1	<u>Colored Atlas of Ophthalmic Parasitology</u> , Reviews, 1991 Kean, B. H. at el.
2	<u>Colored Atlas of Ophthalmic Parasitology</u> New York: Igaku-Shoin, 1991
3	Why These, Not Those, 1991
4-5	Coming Out Even, bound volume, ca. 1992
6	Articles, n.d.

Box 25: Series VI: Parasitology Publication

Folder	Description
1	Table of Contents
2	Introduction
3	Amebiasis
4	Endameba Histolytica
5	Other Amebae
6	Intestinal Flaggellates
7	Giardia Lambia
8	Trichomonas Hominis
9	Other Intestinal Flaggellates

10	Balantidium Coli
11	Ascaris Lumbricoides
12	Uncinaria
13	Hookworm
14	Enterobiasis Vermicularis
15-16	Enterobius
17	Trichuris Trichiurta
18-19	Strongyloides Stercoralis
20	Tapeworm
21	Taenia Saginata
22	Taenia Solium
23	Diphilobothrium Latum
24	Hymenolepsis Nana
25	Echinococcus Granulosa
26	Schistosoma Mansoni
27	Other Flukes
28	Plasmodial Diseases
29	Blackwater Fever
30	Filaria Bancrofti
31	Other Filarial Diseases
32	Toxoplamosis
33	Trichinosis
34	Vaginal Trichomoniasis
35	Parasitologic Pharmopoeia
36	Technical Index
37	Technical Data
38	Chart Tables, Illustrations
39	Carbons
40	Ectoparsites
41	Intestinal Ciliates & Coccidia
42	Leishmaniasis
43	Miscellaneous
44	Visceral Larva Migrans

Box 22: Series VII: Shah of Iran, 1979-1989
Subseries: Shah of Iran

Folder	Description
7	AMA Recap article on the Shah's Care, 1980-1981
8	<u>Answer to History</u> by Mohammad Reza Phahlavi, 1979
9	Ayatollah Khomeini, clippings, 1981

Box 23: Series VII: Shah of Iran, 1979-1989
Subseries: Shah of Iran

Folder	Description
1	Background, clippings, January-July 1980
2	Correspondence w/ Shah family, 1981-1989
3	Death and Family, clippings, July 1980-1988
4	Egypt, clippings, March-April 1980
5	Final Stages, clippings, July 1980
6	Lackland, clippings, December 1979 New York Hospital
7	Clippings, 1979
8	Correspondence, 1979
9	Telephone Log, 1979
10	Panama, clippings, March 1980

Box 24: Series VII: Shah of Iran, 1979-1989
Subseries: Shah of Iran

Folder	Description
1	<u>Science</u> Lawsuit, 1981
2	The Shah's Physician Looks Back, <u>American Medical News</u> , August 7, 1981

Box 24: Series VII: Shah of Iran, 1979-1989
Subseries: Iran Hostage Crisis

Folder	Description
	Iran Hostage Crisis, clippings
3	November 1979
4	December 1979
5	January 1980
6	February 1980
7	March 1980
8	April 1980
9	Jan-March 1981

Box 26: Series VIII: Miscellaneous, 1952-2009

Folder	Description
1	Appointments, NYH-CUMC, 1952-1992
2	Awards, Certificates and Diplomas, 1946-1980
3	B. H. Kean Conference Room for Infectious Diseases, 1998
4	Bibliography and Curriculum Vitae, n.d.
5	Biography Materials, 1986-1990
6	Condolence Letters, 1993
7	Luckey, Hugh, MD Memorial Service, 1989
8	Memorials for Ben Kean, 1993-2003
9	Miscellaneous Presentations, undated
10	Nomination of B. H. Kean, MD for the King Faisal International Prize in Medicine-Diarrheal Diseases, 1983
11	NPR: Doctor's Lifelong Commitment to Fight Diseases, 2007
12	Office of Global Health Education, Annual Report, 2008-2009
13	Poem, undated

Box 27: Series XIII: Miscellaneous

Oversized Awards and Certificates, 1937-1971

Box 27: Series IX: Photographs and Prints

Dr. Kean, Dog, Flo, undated
Presbyterian Hospital, Harper's Weekly, 1872

Box 29: Series X: Audio-Visual Materials

Audio cassettes

Benjamin Kean, Memorial Service, 4 copies
Neil Kaminsky, MD, Lecture, 4/22/1993
John Laragh, Grand Rounds, undated

Videotapes

Alan Fry, Lecture, 3/25/1993, 2 copies
Neil Kaminsky, MD, Lecture, 4/22/1993
Dr. Ben Kean Memorial, 10/20/2003
Dr. Ben Kean Memorial, Griffis, 10/20/2003

The Circle of NYPH, Public Health Lecture, Anthony Fauci, 02/10/2003
B. H. Kean, MD, Interviews regarding his book, 02/1990
Ben Kean on Good Morning America and CBS, 1990

Box 28: Series XI: Artifacts

Bookcase, Miniature
Blue Cup with Medical Center Logo
Microscope Lenses
Zeiger Doppelokular
Zeichenapparat

Server: Series XII Electronic Records, 2007

Dr. Kean Lecture, "Cornell Experience," audio recording, undated
"Jewel in Benjamin Kean Crown," speaker unknown, PowerPoint, 2007

Note: The legacy media is stored in box 29