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**Finding Aid to the
THE HENRY HEIMLICH, MD (1920-2016) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1940-2017**

**64 Linear Inches
(10 Boxes)**

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PROVENANCE:

The Heimlich family donated these papers in June 2017.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Dr. Henry Heimlich was born on February 3, 1920 in Wilmington, DE. He attended Cornell University graduating with a BA degree in 1941 and a MD in 1943. He joined the US Navy in 1944 and served as a surgeon with the Chinese in the Gobi Desert and Inner Mongolia. After the war, he finished his residency training in thoracic surgery at several hospitals in New York including Veterans Hospital in Bronx, Mount Sinai, Bellevue, and Triboro Hospital. After completing his training in 1950, he joined the attending surgical staff at Montefiore Hospital and was on the faculty of New York Medical School. In 1969, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where he spent the rest of his career; first at the Jewish Hospital as Director of Surgery; and later Xavier University where he established the Heimlich Institute.

Best known for the Heimlich Maneuver, he invented or developed several medical or surgical procedures that helped saved lives. In the 1950s, he developed the Heimlich-Gavriliu procedure to construct a new esophagus using the patient's stomach. Another invention was a Heimlich valve for chest drainage which was used widely during the Vietnam War to treat soldiers with chest gun wounds. In 1974, he introduced his Heimlich Maneuver, for choking and drowning victims. In the 1980s, he studied using malariotherapy to treat cancer and AIDS. Another invention was the MicroTrach which is a tube inserted in the trachea so people can breathe through portal oxygen tanks.

In his later years, he became interested in promoting peace and stopping the use of nuclear weapons.

He died at the age of 96 on December 17, 2016.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Articles in the Biography series were used in writing this biographical sketch. Especially the Current Biography October 1986 and 1998 Medical and Health Annual were consulted.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection provides an excellent overview of Dr. Heimlich's career including several of his innovations. The collection is divided into eight series: Biography (1960-2014), Heimlich Maneuver (1974-2014), Malariotherpay for AIDS and Cancer (1961-2011), Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube (1956-2003), Miscellaneous

Inventions (1962-2013), World War II Service (1944-2016), Reprints (1951-1994), Scrapbooks (1960-1999), Miscellaneous (1940-2014), and Certificates (1978-2017).

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS:

Only one file is restricted due to HIPAA. Otherwise the collection is open to researchers.

LANGUAGE OF MATERIAL:

English and Chinese

PREFERRED CITATION:

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BOX AND FOLDER LIST:

Series I: Biography, 1960-2014

This series, arranged alphabetically contains articles and correspondence on Dr. Heimlich's life and career including his awards.

Box 1: Series I, Biography, 1960-2014

Folder:	Description:
1-5	Articles, Biographical, 1960-2014
6	Awards, 1977-2014
7	Heimlich Institute, Brochure, undated
8	Leinhart Award, 1986

Series II: Heimlich Manuever, 1974-2014

This series, arranged alphabetically consists of articles and correspondence on the Heimlich Maneuver for choking and drowning victims. It includes a report by the National Academy of Sciences regarding the American Red Cross initial lack of support for the procedure use for drowning victims.

Box 1: Series II, Heimlich Manuever, 1974-2014

Folder:	Description:
9	Heimlich Manuever, General, Articles, 1975-2014
10	Heimlich Manuever, General, Correspondence, 1974-1976
11	Heimlich Maneuver, Asthma, undated
12	Heimlich Manuever, Children Saved, 1977
13-14	Heimlich Manuever, Choking, Articles, 1974-1975

Box 2: Series II, Heimlich Manuever, 1974-2014

Folder:	Description:
1-5	Heimlich Manuever, Choking, Articles, 1976-2015
6	Heimlich Manuever, Choking, Correspondence, 1974-2006
7-8	Heimlich Manuever, Drowning, Articles, 1974-2016
9	Heimlich Manuever, Drowning, Correspondence, 1974-2014

Box 3: Series II, Heimlich Manuever, 1974-2014

Folder:	Description:
1-3	Heimlich Maneuver, Drowning, National Academy of Sciences, Report regarding American Red Cross Lack of Support for Heimlich Maneuver Use For Drowning Victims, undated
4	Heimlich Manuever, Patent, 1978
5	Heimlich Manuever, Stroke, 1979

Series III: Malariotherapy for AIDS and Cancer, 1961-2011

This series arranged alphabetically includes articles and correspondence regarding his research in malariotherpay for cancer and AIDS.

Box 3: Series III, Malariotherapy for AIDS and Cancer, 1961-2011

Folder:	Description:
6	HIV/AIDS Malariotherapy Conference, 2008
7	Malariotherapy and AIDS, Articles, 1986-1999
8	Malariotherapy and AIDS, Articles, 2003-2011

Box 4: Series III, Malariotherapy for AIDS and Cancer, 1961-2011

Folder:	Description:
1	Malariotherapy and AIDS, Articles, by Heimlich, 1990-1995, undated
2	Malariotherapy and AIDS, Binder, undated
3	Malariotherapy and AIDS, Correspondence and Emails, 1987-2009
4	Malariotherapy and AIDS, Correspondence and Emails, Behnken, B. J., 2012
5	Malariotherapy and Cancer, Syphilis, Articles, 1964-1990
6	Malariotherapy and Cancer, Correspondence, 1961-1993
7	Malariotherapy for Treating HIV Patieints, Binder, undated

Series IV: Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, 1956-2003

This series arranged alphabetically consists of articles and correspondence regarding the Heimlich-Gavriliu procedure to replace the esophagus with a reversed gastric tube.

Box 5: Series IV, Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, 1956-2003

Folder:	Description:
1	Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, Articles, 1957-2003
2	Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, Articles, Romanian Trip, 1956
3	Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, Correspondence, 1961-1975
4	Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, Correspondence, Romanian Trip, 1956
5	Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, Diagrams, undated
6	Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, Index to Documents on Reversed Gastric Tube Procedures, 2003

Box 9: Series IV, Esophageal Replacement with a Reversed Gastric Tube, 1962-2013

Diagrams of Gastric Tube, undated

Series V: Miscellaneous Inventions, 1962-2013

This series arranged alphabetically consists of articles and correspondence on Chest Drainage Valve, Heimlich Sponge, and Neil Armstrong Double Diaphragm Pump.

Box 5: Series V, Miscellaneous Inventions, 1962-2013

Folder:	Description:
7	Chest Drainage Valve, Articles, 1966-1971
8	Chest Drainage Valve, Correspondence, 1966-1971, 2013
9	Chest Drainage Valve, Patent and Illustrations, 1967-1969
10	Heimlich Sponge, 1967-1969
11	Miscellaneous Inventions, 1962-2006
12	Neil Armstrong and Double Diaphragm Pump, 1975-1978

Series VI: World War II Service, 1944-2016

This series arranged alphabetically pertains to his World War II service in China including correspondence, histories of his unit, and his naval orders and appointments.

Box 6: Series VI, World War II Service, 1944-2016

Folder:	Description:
1	Certificates, 1966-2013
2	China, Naval Group Unit 4 (Camp 4), 1944-1945
3	China, Chinese Buddhism, undated
4	China, Gen Tai Li and Other China Leaders, 1946
5	China, Heimlich Correspondence, 1945-1946
6	China, History, undated
7	China, Miscellaneous Documents, undated
8	China, Patients (HIPAA)
9	China, Saco, 2005-2010
10	Commander Fleet and USS Hospital Ship Repose, 1946

Box 7: Series VI, World War II Service, 1944-2016

Folder:	Description:
1	Naval Orders and Appointments, 1944-1948
2	Naval Papers, 1952
3	Other Soldiers/Colleague Letters, 1944-1945
4	Veteran, 2010-2016
5	Veteran, Library of Congress, 2006-2013

Box 9: Series VI, World War II, 1944-2016

Maps of China, World War II

Series VII: Reprints, 1951-1994

This series, arranged chronologically consists of his scholarly publication reprints.

Box 7: Series VII, Reprints, 1951-1994

Folder:	Description:
6-9	Reprints, 1951-1979

Box 8: Series VII, Reprints, 1951-1994

Folder:	Description:
1	Clinical Symposia 1979 Annual, Bound Book
2	Reprints, 1982-1994

Series VIII: Scrapbooks, 1960-1999

This series contains four scrapbooks. Two books have cartoons featuring the Heimlich Maneuver or Henry Heimlich. Two books have biographical articles and clippings regarding the Heimlich Maneuver.

Box 8: Series VIII, Scrapbooks, 1960-1999

Folder:	Description:
3-4	Cartoons, 1980s-1990s

Box 9: Series VIII, Scrapbooks, 1960-1999

Two Scrapbooks with newspaper clippings, 1960-1979

Series IX: Miscellaneous, 1940-2014

This series arranged alphabetically includes articles on his peace initiatives and miscellaneous correspondence.

Box 8: Series IX, Miscellaneous, 1940-2014

Folder:	Description:
5	Accidents, Articles, 1941, 1965
6	Gerundo Baby, Articles, undated
7	Heimlich and Peace, Articles, 1982-1984
8	Heimlich, Janet, 1980-1995
9	International Congress on the Diseases of the Chest, Tokyo, 1958
10	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1961-1969
11	Patient Correspondence, 1960 (Restricted-HIPAA)
12	Shearer, Jack, 2011-2014
13	World's Fair, 1940

Box 9: Series IX, Miscellaneous, 1940-2014

TV Shirt

Series X: Certificates, 1978-2017

This series contains certificates honoring Dr. Heimlich for his life's work and inventions. It includes a 2017 US Senate proclamation honoring him after his death.

Box 9: Series X, Certificates, 1978-2017

Certificates, 1978-2017

Box 10: Series X, Certificates, 1978-2017

Certificates, World War II, 1946, 2000

Additional Materials stored separately

Photographs, See Photo Database

Videos and Audiocassettes

Film

Heimlich Sponge, Samples