
A veteran Army Air Corps chemist, Charles B. Pittinger earned his M.D. (1949) at the University of Cincinnati. Three years later, Dr. Pittinger received his M.S. in Anesthesiology from the university he would serve as a Professor and Acting Chair (1961–1962) of the Division of Anesthesiology—the State University of Iowa. He also worked as an attending anesthesiologist at Iowa City’s V.A. Hospital (1954–1962) before serving as Professor and Chair of the Vanderbilt University Department of Anesthesiology (1962–1968). Among his many legacies, Professor Pittinger helped train scores of anesthesiologists and pharmacologists. One of his treasured possessions was his personal copy of the inaugural July 1940 issue of ANESTHESIOLOGY (left). One of his masterworks was his annotated bibliography (right) titled James Tayloe Gwathmey - American Pioneer Anesthesiologist. By August 2016, both of these items will be housed in the collections of the Wood Library-Museum. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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