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The Anesthetists' Travel Club Archives

Preliminary Finding Aid

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INTRODUCTION

Title: The Anesthetists' Travel Club Archives

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 John S. Lundy Manuscript Collection

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Anesthetists Travel Club (the Club) had its beginnings in a meeting of colleagues who were invited to the Mayo Clinic by Dr. John S. Lundy. This first meeting took place on December 29, 1929. In an historical sketch, Dr. Lundy states that his purpose in organizing this meeting was to “improve.... distribution of information [about the specialty] in Canada and the United States”. (1: p. 2) According to an historical sketch by Dr. Frederich Van Bergen, Dr. Lundy was assisted in this by Drs. Charles F. McCuskey and Ralph M. Tovell. (2: p. 1.)

Dr. Van Bergen states that those who attended this meeting were: Drs. Jack A. Blezard, W. Eason Brown, Ansel M. Caine, Arthur E. Guedel, Robert B. Hammond, John S. Lundy, Charles F. McCuskey, Charles H. Robson, Henry S. Ruth, Harry J. Shields, Lincoln S. Sise, Charles C. Stewart, Brian C. Sword, Ralph M. Tovell, and Ralph M. Waters. (2: p. 1.)

Dr. Lundy states that he purposely chose “men from important centers usually at a considerable distance from one another.” He envisioned the members of this group returning to their respective cities and convening other, local groups, to share the information gleaned at the Club meetings. But he states that “so far as I know [Dr. Philip Woodbridge] was the only one who ever did it.” (1: p. 3)

The group continued to meet under Dr. Lundy’s personal influence. He states “It was my idea that there should be no officers in the Club and I gave it as much direction as possible. I think I made the rules.” It was agreed that the membership would be limited to the 15 attendees of the first meeting. If any one could not attend a meeting, that meeting’s host was allowed to choose a delegate in that member’s stead. (1: pp. 3-4.) The proceedings of the first meeting were published in the Proceedings of the Mayo Clinic. To promote a sense of intimacy, clinics were kept small, and, after the first meeting, the proceedings of the meetings were deliberately not published. (2: p. 3.) [NB: Dr. Lundy made the preceding statement when describing the later Academy. (1: p. 5.)]

Each meeting was organized and hosted by a member of the Club. Meetings were held annually through 1941, but with the intervention of World War II meetings were suspended through 1951. By that time, “the active membership; had increased to 30 and it was becoming awkward to continue the personal observations [i.e.: in clinics]. The increased membership also added to the financial burden of the host.” (2: p. 3.)

In his historical sketch, Dr. Lundy states that he then “decided” to reorganize the Club as the Academy of Anesthesiology. With his guidance, Dr. Roland J. Whitacre framed a proposed constitution and bylaws. These were introduced at the last meeting of the Club, December 15th and 16th, 1952, and unanimously adopted. (1: pp. 2-3.)

BOX 1

FF 1 Finding Aid

Annual Meetings

FF History

FF Proceedings Vol. 4 and Vol. 5 1933-1934

[This bound volume contains proceedings and reprints from the meeting in Rochester, MN, October 2-4, 1933; program and reprints from the meetings in New York City, October 8-10, 1934, White Plains, NY, October 11, 1934, New Haven, CT, October 12-13, 1934; program of a meeting of the Boston City Society of Anesthetists, February 7, 1934; "Visiting Anesthetists Program", October 5-7 (i.e.: Madison, Wisconsin, 1930.)]

FF Proceedings 1933 (4 photocopies)

[See also: Photographs]

FF Proceedings 1934

[See also: Photographs]

FF Program 1934 (Various photocopies)

FF Photograph Dec. 30, 1935

FF Program 1936 (1 photocopy)

FF Program 1937 (1 copy)

[See also: Photographs]

FF Program 1938 (1 copy)

[See also: Photographs]

FF Program 1939 (Various photocopies)

[See also: Photographs]

FF Meeting February 13-14, 1947

[Notice in ASA Newsletter, 11:3, p. 9, March, 1947]

Membership

FF Membership List 1929-1941

BOX 2 [Oversize]

FF Meeting photograph October 2-4, 1933

FF Meeting photograph October 9, 1934

FF Meeting photograph October 12-13, 1938

FF Meeting photograph 1939

REMOVALS

Montage of photographs 1940 [Flat drawer file]

Framed photo of ATC members at the bedside of Dr. Guedel ND

Framed photo of ATC meeting 1933

Framed photos of final ATC meeting 1952

Framed photo of first Academy of Anesthesiologists meeting 1952

CHRONOLOGY [Sources given in brackets]

December 29, 1929	Organizing meeting	Rochester, MN
	[Dr. Lundy's historical sketch]	
October 5-7, 1930	Meeting	Madison, WI
	[Program]	
October 2-4, 1933	Meeting	Rochester, MN
	[Proceedings]	
February 7, 1934	Meeting	Boston, MA
	[Proceedings]	
October 8-10, 1934	Meeting	New York, NY
	[Proceedings]	
October 11, 1934	Meeting	White Plains, NY
	[Proceedings]	
October 12-13, 1934	Meeting	New Haven, CT
	[Proceedings]	
December 30, 1935	Meeting	New Orleans, LA
	[Photograph]	
Dec. 30 – Jan. 3, 1936	Meeting	New Orleans, LA
	[Program]	

CHRONOLOGY, Cont.

January 6, 1937	Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
[Program]		
October 18-20, 1937	Meeting	Montreal, Quebec
[Program]		
October 21, 1937	Meeting	Toronto, Ontario
[Program]		
October 12-13, 1938	Meeting	Rochester, MN
[Printed program. Typed program gives dates Oct. 10-11, 1938]		
October 8-10, 1939	Meeting	Hartford, CT
[Program]		
October 11-12, 1939	Meeting	New York, NY
[Program]		
1940	Meeting	Boston, MA
[Photo montage]		
1941 Meeting		
February 13-14, 1947	Meeting	Iowa City, IA
[Reported as "Anesthesiology Travel Club", in ASA Newsletter, 11:3, p. 9, March, 1947]		
December 15-16, 1952	Final meeting	Rochester, MN
[Photographs]		

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2. Van Bergen, Frederich H. "The Anesthetists' Travel Club and The Academy of Anesthesiology." Typescript dated September, 1970.

A reworking of Dr. Lundy's MS, omitting the autobiographical details and smoothing out the narrative.

3. Stephen, C. Ronald. Anaesthetists' Travel Club, 1929-1952, An Historical Review. [Probably published by the Academy of Anesthesiology, ca. 1990.]

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