

The Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology

Arno B. Luckhardt, M.D. Manuscript Collection

Preliminary Finding Aid

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INTRODUCTION

Title: Arno Luckhardt, M.D. Manuscript Collection

Call Number: ARC 177

Accessions: # 2008-06-24-1
2012-05-14-1
2017-01-06-1

Extent: 6 linear feet (4 RC boxes)

Date Range: 1900—1956

Bulk Dates: 1914 –1936

Related Collections: University of Chicago Library. Arno B. Luckhardt Papers.
Rush University Medical Center Archives
WLM Carl Henry Davis Collection (MMS 50)

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Arno Benedict Luckhardt, M.D. 1885-1957.

Dr. Luckhardt attended Conception College from 1897 to 1903.

Dr. Luckhardt visited Germany as a Rockefeller Fellow in 1924-1925.

SCOPE NOTE

The bulk of the collection consists of diaries and some other manuscript items, including two sound recordings. Prior to these acquisitions, a small group of related material was processed as Miscellaneous Manuscript Collection No. 9. That material, of unknown provenance, has now been added to the Luckhardt Manuscript Collection, and the call number MMS 9 has been reassigned.

Most of the diaries are commercially printed volumes made for a given year, and have been used accordingly. The three earliest volumes each contain entries that span two or more years. All volumes through 1935 are filled with entries and inclusions (see condition note.) From April 1936 onward, the daily entries stop and the volumes appear to contain only inclusions.

CONDITION NOTE

All volumes appear to have inclusions such as news clippings, programs, photographs, letters, etc.; some of these are loose, most are attached with adhesive. Some volumes have so many inclusions that they are swollen to as much as twice their original thickness.

Fragile. Smell of tobacco smoke. Several volumes have red rot.

REMOVALS

Two vinyl discs have been placed in the Sound Recordings Collection.

NB: Also see Box 1, FF 7.

A large paper napkin has been placed in Oversize Manuscripts Collection. Apparently made in Japan, it is printed in red ink with a scene in each corner. This has been signed in pencil by six persons. When it is oriented so that all but one of the signatures can be read without turning the napkin, the upper left corner depicts people on a wooden bridge, this area is signed "Susie Walter"; the upper right corner depicts Mt. Fuji, this area is signed "Julia Walter" and "Katie Able"; the lower right corner depicts three musicians, this area is signed "Leob A. Lesch"; the lower left corner depicts a theatre performance, this area is signed "Miss Felicitas [surname illegible]" and "Miss B. Kroetch, Conception, MO".

NB: Also see Box 1, FF 11.

A photograph of Dr. Luckhardt together with his colleague, anesthesiologist Mary Lyons, M.D., has been placed in the Photography Collection.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

FF 1 Finding Aid

Personal Papers Series A (Unknown Provenance)

FF 2 Biographical

FF 3 Ethylene

FF 4 Ethylene Scrapbook

FF 5 Publications

FF 6 Miscellaneous

Personal Papers Series B (Acc. # 2017-01-06-1)

FF 7 Two letters pertaining to recordings ("Ethylene Scene") 1939

NB: Also see removals.

Personal Papers Series C (Acc. # 2008-06-24-1)

FF 8 Correspondence 1940-1956

NB: Arranged in chronological order. Contains letters by various individuals pertaining to artworks that portray the history of medicine, and to the U. S. Army surgeon William Beaumont (1785-1853). At the time of Dr. Luckhardt's retirement from the University of Chicago, his title was William Beaumont Distinguished Service Professor. The University of Chicago's collection of Dr. Luckhardt's papers includes his chart of Beaumont's genealogy.

NB: Also see FF 6 and removals.

BOX 1, Continued

Personal Papers Series C, Continued

FF 9 Letters from Henry and Ida Schuman 1955-1957.

NB: Written by the proprietors of Ida W. Schuman Books Relating to the History of Medicine and Science, New York. Many concern books being sold on consignment for Dr. Luckhardt. The last letter in the sequence refers to a break in their friendship.

NB: The folder in which these were found was accompanied by the handwritten, unsigned note: "Please do not disturb the order of this correspondence, which I have arranged as accurately as possible considering many of the letters are undated." Despite this plea, the processor found several letters out of sequence, and has returned them to chronological order.

FF 10 Annotated list of rare books

NB: Handwritten. Undated.

FF 11 Conception College

Contains materials relating to Conception College (later Conception Seminary College), in Conception, Missouri.

German thesis

Conception College letterhead envelope, which held the thesis and a paper napkin. Handwritten anecdote on the verso refers to the campus as "dogtown". Mailed ca. 1930.

NB: Also see removals.

Postcard signed "Fr. Damian". Refers to "the tale of the napkin". Postmarked 1932.

NB: Also see removals.

Diaries Series

FF 12 Exercise booklet

Handwritten cover title: "Diary of 1900-1901, A. H. E. B. Luckhardt."

Contents dated: October 27 through-May 15

NB: Fragile. Separated covers.

NB: Three albumen photographs are pasted among the entries dated December 11-13, 1900. The first is captioned "V Class: August Gell, Bernard Lordemann, J. Wagner."; each wears a ribbon. The second is captioned "Old Chums: Emet Dunavon, A. Luckhardt, Walter Dunavon."; each wears a ribbon. The third is captioned "AHEBS: A. Luckhardt.". All three pictures are posed in the same location, near the foot of a wall with an arched window at ground level.

BOX 1, Continued

Diaries Series, Continued

- FF Brown cover
Cover title: "Physician's Visiting List"
Entries dated 1908-1913
NB: Fragile
- FF Brown cover
Cover title: "A. E. Luckhardt, M.D., Compliments of R. E. Rhode"
Entries dated 1914-1919
NB: Fragile.. Loose covers. Red rot.
- FF Black cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1914"
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1915"
- FF Blue cover
Cover title: "Standard Daily Journal 1917"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1917"
- FF Lost cover
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1918"
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1919"
NB: Lost spine. "VMS" tie tack attached to cover.
- FF Black cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1920"
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1921"

BOX 1, Continued

Diaries Series, Continued

FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1922"

FF Black cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Entries dated 1923.

BOX 2

Diaries Series, Continued

FF Blue cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1924"

FF Black cover
Cover title: "Notizkalender"
Title page: "Notizkakender 1925"

FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1926"

FF Red cover
Cover title: "World Wide 1927 Diary"
No title page

FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1928"
NB: Portions of spine have been lost. Suspect red rot.

FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1929"

BOX 2, Continued

Diaries Series, Continued

- FF Black cover
Cover title: "National Diary 1930"
NB: Portion of spine has been lost.
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder"
Title page: "The Standard Diary 1931"
NB: Lost spine. Suspect red rot.
- FF Black cover
Cover title: "The Standard Diary for Any Year"
NB: Handwritten on title page: "1932"
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "World Wide 1933 Diary"
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1934"

BOX 3

Diaries Series, Continued

- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1935"
NB: Includes a matchbook; the matches have been removed.
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1936"
NB: The first few months of this diary are filled with entries and inclusions. Thereafter, only inclusions.
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1937"
NB: Only inclusions

BOX 3, Continued

Diaries Series, Continued

- FF Red cover
Cover title: "The World Wide 1938 Diary"
NB: Only inclusions
&
Photographic portrait of Dr Luckhardt, sealed in a metal frame. Written on verso:
"Date: April 19, 1938. Place Taken: C.N.W.R.R. Station waiting for Mr. E. A. Beaumont. Taken
by the Photomatic, Trade Mark, International Mutoscope Reel Co., Inc., New York."
NB: Silvering. Should be reproduced for preservation.
NB: See also Box 1, FF 8.
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1939"
Title page: "The Standard Daily Reminder 1939"
NB: Only inclusions
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1940"
NB: Loose cover.
NB: Only inclusions.
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1941"
NB: Only inclusions

BOX 4

Diaries Series, Continued

- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1942"
NB: Only inclusions
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "World Wide 1943 Diary"
NB: Only inclusions

BOX 4, Continued

Diaries Series, Continued

FF Red cover
 Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1944"
 NB: Only inclusions
 &
 Red cover
 Cover title: "Diary 1945"
 NB: Only inclusions

FF Red cover
 Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1946"
 NB: Only inclusions
 &
 Red cover
 Cover title: "Diary 1947"
 NB: Only inclusions

FF Red cover
 Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1948"
 NB: Only inclusions
 &
 Red cover
 Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1949"
 NB: Only inclusions

FF Red cover
 Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1950"
 NB: Only inclusions
 &
 Red cover
 Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1951"
 NB: Only inclusions

BOX 4, Continued

Diaries Series, Continued

- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1952"
NB: Only inclusions
&
Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1953"
NB: Only inclusions
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1954"
NB: Only inclusions
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1955"
NB: Only inclusions
- FF Red cover
Cover title: "Daily Reminder 1956"
NB: Only inclusions

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