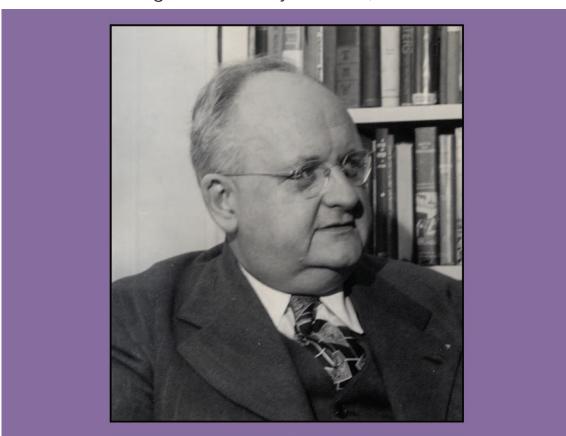
ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS FROM THE WOOD LIBRARY-MUSEUM

The Last Known Image of Paul Meyer Wood, M.D.



A founder of what are known today as the Academy of Anesthesiology, the American Board of Anesthesiology, the journal Anesthesiology, and the (New York) PostGraduate Assembly in Anesthesiology, Dr. Wood received the inaugural Distinguished Service Award from the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) in 1945. This image (above) may be the last known photograph taken of Paul Meyer Wood, M.D., prior to his sudden death in New York on May 28, 1963. Dr. Wood had been busy planning a third trip to the ASA's new home in Park Ridge, Illinois, in order to finish unpacking and organizing his namesake library-museum. In November of 1963, just 50 years ago this month, the ASA gave its longest-serving Secretary a memorial salute with the formal opening of the Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

George S. Bause, M.D., M.P.H., Honorary Curator, ASA's Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology, Park Ridge, Illinois, and Clinical Associate Professor, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. UJYC@aol.com.