

ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS FROM THE WOOD LIBRARY-MUSEUM

Paul Meyer Wood and His Collectibles: Packing and Moving



During World War I, the U.S. Army Ambulance Corps drilled (*above*) volunteers like young Paul Meyer Wood, through many lessons, including how to pack and move “valuables.” Those lessons would assist him later in life as Dr. Wood shifted anesthesia antiques in his Wood Library-Museum (WLM) from downtown New York City out to Foregger’s boat house in Long Island and upstate to Mrs. Wood’s “Meyer Family Home” in Highland Falls. Dr. Wood never lived to see his namesake museum open formally in Park Ridge, Illinois, on Busse Highway (1963) or to see the WLM’s move within the same town to North Northwest Highway (1992). So, what might the ever-patient Dr. Wood, the master of packing and moving anesthesia antiques, have commented about the most recent move of the WLM and its “mother ship” American Society of Anesthesiologists to Schaumburg, Illinois? Why, “Forward, march!” (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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