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Henry H. Kessler.
Papers, 1912-1968.
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Henry Howard Kessler ('16, M.D. '19), 1896-1978.

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Kessler, Henry Howard 1896-1978 (Cornell University Class of 1916, M.D. 1919).
 Papers, 1912-1968.
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Henry Howard Kessler was an orthopedic surgeon and a medical administrator. He served the United Nations as international consultant on rehabilitation of amputees and people with congenital birth defects. He was a captain in the U.S. Navy, 1941-1945. He founded and directed The Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, West Orange, New Jersey.

Summary: Collection includes personal correspondence with Dr. Kessler's wife, Jessica Winnick Kessler, 1936-1960, 1942-1945 (bulk); his son Sanford, 1943-1945; and friends and acquaintances, 1918-1967; business correspondence pertaining to the Kessler Foundation, 1952-1958; scrapbooks and loose clippings; programs; miscellany documenting his travels, work and awards, 1928-1963; photographs showing his patients and colleagues, ca. 1930-1945; diaries and notebooks, ca. 1947-1949; and copies of a number of Kessler's published works, 1925-1968.

Indexes: Unpublished guide.

Described in DOCUMENTATION NEWSLETTER, Vol. IV, No. 2, Fall, 1978.

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KESSLER, HENRY HOWARD (A.B.'16, M.D.'19, Cornell; M.A.'32, Ph.D.'35, Columbia University), 1896-1978. Papers, 1912-1968; 1.6 cu. ft. Orthopedic surgeon; medical administrator; international consultant for the United Nations on rehabilitation of amputees and people with congenital birth defects; Captain, U.S. Navy, 1941-1945. Include personal correspondence with Dr. Kessler's wife, Jessica Winnick Kessler (1936-[1942-1945]-1960), his son Sanford (1943-1945), and friends and acquaintances (1918-1967); business correspondence pertaining to the Kessler Foundation (1952-1958); scrapbooks and loose clippings, programs, and miscellany documenting his travels, work, and awards (1928-1963); photographs showing colleagues and patients (c. 1930-1945); diaries and notebooks (1947-1949, n.d.); and copies of a number of Kessler's published works (1925-1968). Unpublished guide available. (3016)

Henry Howard Kessler Papers.

Biography

Born April 10, 1896 in Newark, New Jersey

Education: B.A. Cornell University, 1916
 M.D. Cornell University Medical School, 1919
 M.A. Columbia University, 1932
 Ph.D. Columbia University, 1934 (Social Legislation)

Military Service: Commissioned, U.S. Naval Reserve, 1933
 Appointed to Active duty, Brooklyn Naval Hospital,
 December 1941
 Appointed to U.S.S. Wheeling, May 1942
 Appointed to Noumea, New Caledonia as head of orthopedic
 department at the C.U.B. 13 unit.
 Appointed to Base Hospital No. 2, Efate in New Hebrides
 chief of the orthopedic department
 Mare Island Naval Hospital, chief of orthopedics
 Rehabilitation and amputation service, October 1943
 Released from active service, December 17, 1945

Personal: married Jessica Winnick, December 25
 children: Sanford, Jerome, Joan.
 parents: Simon and Bertha Portugese Kessler

Professional: 1921-1925 - assistant medical director of the New Jersey
 Rehabilitation Commission
 1925-1941 - Medical Director of the New Jersey Rehabilitation
 Commission
 Chief of medical staff at the Hospital for
 Crippled Children
 1949 - Medical Director of the Kessler Institute for
 Rehabilitation
 Consultant in orthopedics at Newark Beth Israel
 Hospital
 Consultant at City Hospital in Newark
 Director of Rehabilitation Unit, Christ Hospital,
 Jersey City
 Clinical Professor of Rehabilitation at the New
 York Medical College
 Consultant to Federal Office of Vocational
 Rehabilitation to the Veterans Administration

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Biography (continued)

- Awards:
- 1936 - Gold Medical Award, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
 - 1944 - American Design Award for outstanding service in the field of rehabilitation
 - 1944 - Advertising Club of Neward, Outstanding Citizen
 - 1951 - Edward J. Ill Award from the Essex County Medical Society
 - 1952 - Citation from the President's Committee on the employment of the handicapped
 - 1953 - Citation from the N.J. Society of professional engineers as "Citizen of the Year"
 - 1953 - President's Award for outstanding service to the industrially handicapped
 - 1953 - Citation from the National Council of Christians and Jews
 - 1953 - American Legion citation
 - 1953 - New York Philanthropic League
 - 1953 - AMVETS National Rehabilitation Award
 - 1954 - Albert Lasker Award
 - 1956 - World Veteran's Federation Award

- Organizations:
- American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons, Diplomat
 - American Academy of Surgeons
 - American Public Health Association
 - American College of Surgeons, Fellow
 - Masonic Lodge of Neward
 - International College of Surgeons
 - National Council on Rehabilitation, President
 - International Society for the Welfare of Cripples, Pres., 1947

International

- Service:
- 1928 - Budapest, U.S. Delegate to International Congress of Industrial Accidents and diseases
 - 1931 - Geneva, U.S. Delegate to International Congress of Industrial Accidents and diseases
 - 1935 - Brussels, U.S. Delegate to International Congress of Industrial Accidents and diseases
 - 1935 - London, Hunterian Lecturer
 - 1938 - Frankfort, U.S. Delegate to International Congress of Industrial Accidents and diseases
 - 1949 - Pacific Far East--for U.S. Army
 - 1941 - Yugoslavia, U.N. Consultant, Technical Assistance Administration
 - 1952 - Australia, India
 - 1954 - Yugoslavia
 - 1954 - Indonesia, U.N. Consultant
 - 1956 - Philippines, India, U.N. Consultant

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Biography (continued)

Major Publications: Cineplasty, 1947
The Principles and Practice of Rehabilitation, 1950
The Crippled and the Disabled, 1935
Accidental Injuries; The Medico-legal Aspects of
Workmen's Compensation, 1931
Peter Stuyvesant and His New York

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Outline of the Collection

Series I. Correspondence, 1938-1958

- Subseries 1. Letters to Jessica Winnick Kessler
- Subseries 2. Letters exchanged between Sanford Kessler and his father
- Subseries 3. Correspondence pertaining to the Kessler Foundation, 1952-1958
- Subseries 4. Other correspondence

Series II. Scrapbooks, clippings, programs, menus, etc.

- Subseries 1. Loose papers
- Subseries 2. Scrapbooks (scrapbooks are lettered A-H)

Series III. Photographs

- Subseries 1. Medical files
- Subseries 2. Service Years

Series IV. Diaries and notebooks

Series V. Works by Kessler

- Subseries 1. Published works
- Subseries 2. Addresses

Series VI. Works about Kessler

Series VII. Education Mementos.

Henry Howard Kessler Papers.

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Series I. Correspondence, 1938-1958		
Subseries 1. Letters to Jessica Winnick Kessler		
1	1	January 15, 1936, September 26, 1938-September 27, 1938 August 20, 1942-October 15, 1942
	2	October 20, 1942-January 17, 1943
	3	January 25, 1943-March 8, 1943
	4	March 13, 1943-April 25, 1943
	5	May 2, 1943-May 31, 1943
	6	June 1, 1943-June 28, 1943
	7	July 3, 1943-August 12, 1943
	8	October 19, 1943-December 15, 1943
	9	December 18, 1943-January 14, 1944
	10	January 17, 1944-June 19, 1944
	11	September 11, 1944-December 21, 1944
	12	December 27, 1944-April 23, 1945
	13	May 1, 1945-April 23, 1945, May 22-24, 1950, June 30, 1960
	14	n.d.
Subseries 2. Letters exchanged between Sanford Kessler and his father.		
1	15	January 17, 1943-October 20, 1945
Subseries 3. Correspondence pertaining to the Kessler Foundation, 1952-1958.		
1	16	October 7, 1952-May 27, 1953
	17	June 1, 1953-May 6, 1954
	18	August 24, 1954-September 29, 1955
	19	October 18, 1955-June 19, 1956
	20	September 21, 1956-August 30, 1957
	21	October 4, 1957-July 28, 1958

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
		Series I. (continued)
		Subseries 4. Other correspondence
1	22	December 25, 1918-September 3, 1949
	23	December 9, 1953-June 7, 1967, n.d.
		Series II. Scrapbooks, clippings, programs, menus, etc.
		Subseries 1. Loose papers.
1	30	Clippings, primarily Mare Island Naval Hospital, October 1943-December 1945
	32	Menus, Hunterian Society Lectures papers, <u>The Casualty Courier</u> , <u>The Hospitalog</u> , Mare Island brochure.
	24	1945-1962
	31	South Pacific, postcards, menus, poem, SPAEF," Vol. 1, no. 3 and December 3, 1942, August 16, 1942, Medical Officers watch list
	42	Misc. notes on foreign opinion of the United States, famous humanists, Commencement Address at Albertus Magnus College by Charles McKerr Parr, passover sermon, "This is the Pacific."
		Subseries 2. Scrapbooks.
		Scrapbook A, 1928, American Physician's Club Trip to Europe. Contains letters, programs, tickets, photos, postcards, souvenirs.
	25	pp. 1-12
	26	pp. 13-24
	27	pp. 25-37
	28	pp. 38-50
	29	pp. 51-63
	33	Scrapbook B, 1950-1951, 1935, clippings, program, photos, letters from 1935.
	34	Scrapbook C, mainly 1963, contains photos, menus, letters, <u>Comeback</u> magazine, invitations, Cornell University Medical School Alumni Bulletin.

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		Series II. (continued)
		Subseries 2. Scrapbooks (continued)
1		Scrapbook C (continued)
	35	Clippings
	36	Letters, clippings, photos, cards
		Scrapbook D, 1912
	37	Letters, programs, pertaining to the Budapest Conference
	38	Certificate of enlistment
		Scrapbook E, 1944-1945
	39	Clippings with some letters, programs
		Scrapbook F
	40	Clippings, a reprint, U.S. Naval Institute proceedings
		Scrapbook G, blue scrapbook
	41	Hunterian Society program, clippings, 1941-1942
2		Scrapbook H, blue scrapbook
	13	Name on cover, article related to Kessler's receipt of the American Design Award, April 20, 1944

Series III. Photographs.

Subseries 1. Medical Files.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Envelope</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	1	Traumatic arteriovenous fistula, drawing at operation (before incision; man with paralysis of right arm; boy with crippled arm; crippled arms; 6 yr. old boy; right arm fitted with cineplastic prothesis; stump.
	2	Man with stump, same man with prothesis, stump, stress on stump; hand holding box; brochure for cineplastic artificial arms; man with Kessler; stump.
	3	2 photos of man hammering with artificial arms; stump; stump with tatoos, man hammering with artificial arm; man showing interchangeable tools, man with stump, prothesis.

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		Series III. Photographs (continued)
		Subseries 1. Medical Files (continued).
2	4	Crutch makers; photo of operation, man painting, sawing; stump, arm showing injuries; prosthesis; cineplastic arm for forearm amputation.
	5	3 application of dorsal motor to prosthesis: 2 X-ray of bones, hand, hand mechanism
	6	Artificial arm, and arm lifting chain, 2 X-rays of broken arm, 2 stumps
	7	Margaret Craig
	8	Photo showing flail elbow, X-ray of flail elbow, 2 artificial arms
	9	Stump; stump with arm, 2 artificial arms, 2 stumps
10		4 stumps, infant with congenital loss of 1 arm; 2 girl with artificial arm, 2 model boats
11		Boy with cineplastic forearm, 2 man with forearm prosthesis
12		5 forearm prosthesis; stump at shoulder
13		2 arms with prosthesis; 4 stumps
14		stumps, (4), young man, with and without legs
15		4, man shown with and without arms
16		X-ray of legs, 8 stumps, 3 artificial arms
17		X-ray of legs; 4 stumps; 4 artificial arms
		Subseries 2. Service Years.
18		Valentine Party, February 13, 1945, Mare Island Hospital (5)
19		Dr. Kessler
20		Kessler with others at Mare Island
21		(2) Kessler in shorts with negative
22		Kessler with others, 1942-1946, portrait of a child
1	23	Photos of Kessler, 1942-1946
	24	Kessler, 1942-1946

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		Series III. Photographs (continued).
		subseries 2. Service Years (continued).
1	25	Travel photos
	26	Kessler with other officers, patient, mess, sailors
	27	Kessler with others at Mare Island, with effigy of Tojo in formation
	28	Unidentified captain (3)
		Series IV. Diaries and Notebooks.
1	A	December 2-December 14, no year, Italy" "Trip Book," maroon
	B	August 6-September 8, [1949?], Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, "My Trip," Black.
	C	July 23, 1947-September 8, 1947. England, Germany, France, brown leather
	D	May 9, 1948-June 11, 1948. Account of Kessler's trip to Rome to present an exhibit of United State techniques to the meeting of the International College of Surgeons, green
	E	July 30, 1949-January 21, 1949. Around the World. "Travels," deep purple
	F	Yugoslavia trip, misc. medical notes [1951?]
	G	Misc. medical notes
	H	Medical notes, August 12, n.d.
	I	December 23-30, c. 1930 notes
	J	Address book

Series V. Works by Kessler.

Subseries 1. Published works

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	1	Bibliography of articles, 2 c.
	2	"Treatment of Pneumonia with Diathermy" 1925
		"The Curative Workshop and the Determination of the Capacity to Work" 1936
		"Traumatic Appendicitis" 1938
		"The Office Management of Low Back Pain" 1932
		"Disability Evaluation Following Fracture"

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		Series V. Works by Kessler (continued).
		subseries 1. Published works (continued).
2	2	"Rehabilitation of the Amputee"
	3	United Nations Technical Assistance Administration on a Mission to Yugoslavia, 1954
	4	<u>Low Back Pain in Industry</u> , 1955
	5	"Report of Rehabilitation Mission to the Philippines," 1956, typed
	6	"Report of Rehabilitation of the Handicapped in the Philippines," 1956
12		Collected papers, 1937-1951
		Subseries 2. Addresses.
	7	Proceedings: Eastern Connecticut Conference on the Rehabilitation of Injured Workers." 1951 "Address to the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples." 1951 "Address given at the Dedication of the New Convalescent Wing of the Michael Reese Hospital, December 14, 1957" "Address at the First National Vocational Council in Israel," December 8, 1958 Proceedings of the Texas Employers Insurance Association Rehabilitation Symposium
		Series VI. Works about Kessler.
	8	<u>People</u> , November 19, 1952 <u>America</u> , no. 17 <u>United Nations Bulletin</u> , January 15, 1954, Vol. XVI no. 2 <u>United Hospital News</u> , Vol. 1 no. 2, July 1959
	9	Cornell University <u>Medical College Bulletin</u> , August 1944 <u>World Over</u> , January 25, 1952 <u>New Era</u> , Vol. 1 no. 2, March 1952 <u>Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</u> , Vol. XXXIV no. 10, October 1953
	10	Biography of Kessler, source unknown

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		Series VII. Education Mementos.
	11	Commencement Exercises Program, Cornell University, June 21, 1916 The DeWitt Clinton High School Yearbook, 1912