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Robert G. McCorkle family papers 1927-1987

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Creator: McCorkle, Robert G.

Title: Robert G. McCorkle family papers.

Dates: 1927-1987.

Quantity: 4-5 cubic feet. (6 boxes)

Abstract: Robert G. McCorkle Sr. and Robert G. McCorkle, Jr. donated the Robert G. McCorkle family papers. McCorkle Sr. graduated from the Baylor University College of Medicine in 1916 with an MD and specialized in tuberculosis and preventative medicine. From 1922 on, he had a practice in San Antonio, Texas. He was a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and the American College of Physicians. The collection includes medical instruments and equipment; glass and microfilm slides and slide viewers featuring anatomical illustrations, microscopic images, and X-Rays of McCorkle Srs.' patients; and framed and unframed medical artwork, plaques, and awards. The size of the collection is four to five cubic feet (six boxes). His son, Robert G. McCorkle, Jr., also became a physician focusing on optometry and ophthalmology. Some of his medical instruments are also found in the collection.

Identification: MS 151

Location: Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, Houston, Texas.

Language: English.

Biographical Notes

Robert George McCorkle (1892-1954) was a physician specializing in tuberculosis and preventative medicine. He was born on March 16, 1892 in Dallas, Texas and died on March 20, 1954. He graduated with an MD from the Baylor University College of Medicine in Dallas, Texas in 1916. He completed his internship at the Robert B. Green Memorial hospital in San Antonio. After serving in World War I, McCorkle became a resident physician at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, 16 miles northwest of San Angelo, Texas. From 1922 on, he practiced in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to his chief position as medical superintendent of Woodmen of the World Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, he consulted at the Brooke Army Hospital and was on the staff of the Santa Rosa, Nix Memorial, and Robert B. Green Memorial Hospitals. In addition to his membership of the Texas Medical Association and the Southern and American Medical Associations, Dr. McCorkle served as the first President and co-founder of the Bexar County Tuberculosis Association, Chairman of the Bexar County Tuberculosis Control Board, and

President of the American Academy of Tuberculosis Physicians, and held the position of President of the Texas Tuberculosis Association at the time of his death. McCorkle was also a member of the National Tuberculosis Association, the National Rehabilitation Association, the American Board of Internal Medicine, and the International Medical Assembly of Southwest Texas. He was a fellow of both the American College of Chest Physicians and the American College of Physicians. Dr. Robert G. McCorkle was also a member of the Masonic Order and former Vice President of the Alumni Organization of Baylor University.

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Scope and Content Note

The family of Dr. Robert G. McCorkle, Sr. and Dr. Robert G. McCorkle, Jr. donated the Robert G. McCorkle family papers on July 6, 2011. The contact for this collection is Sharon M. Jacquet of Webster, Texas. Please see the MS file for contact information. McCorkle Sr. and Jr. were physicians, the former specializing in tuberculosis and preventative medicine and the latter in ophthalmology. McCorkle Sr. graduated from the Baylor University College of Medicine in 1916 and practiced in San Antonio, Texas. He was a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and the American College of Physicians. Collection materials include glass and microfilm slides of X-Rays and anatomical images and illustrations; medical and surgical instruments and equipment belonging to McCorkle Sr. and Jr. with handwritten and typed partial inventories of McCorkle Sr.'s instruments; and medical awards, plaques, and artwork focusing on the history of medicine from Ancient Greece to the 20th century. McCorkle Sr.'s medical instruments are all engraved with his initials, reading either RGM or RGMc. Some instruments are still in their original or specially built cases. The slides include X-Rays and anatomical illustrations of cardiac, abdominal, and renal organs as well as slides featuring examples of bronchial diseases. Generally, the instruments are of the cardiac, bronchial, and esophageal variety. The medical artwork includes lithographs from the History of Medicine in Pictures Collection by Robert A. Thom, printed from the 2300 Years of Medical Costume series by Warja Honegger-Lavater, and four lithographs by Aaron Bohrod. The size of the collection is four to five cubic foot (6 boxes of various sizes). Sharon M. Jacquet donated this collection in July 2011.

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Arrangement of Collection

This collection is arranged into the following series.

[Series I. Glass and Film Slides and Drug Cards](#)

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Restrictions

Access restrictions

Access to this material is not restricted.

User restrictions

Some restriction may apply, including copyright restrictions. Consult an archivist.

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Index terms

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the online catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these headings.

McCorkle, Robert G.--Archives

Brooke Army Hospital (San Antonio, Tex.).
State Tuberculosis Sanatorium (Tom Green County, Tex.).
World Memorial Hospital (San Antonio, Tex.).

Houston, Texas.
San Angelo, Texas.
San Antonio, Texas.

Communicable Diseases.
Forceps.
Medical instruments and apparatus.
Non-tubercular diseases.
Public health.
Retractors (Surgery).
Stethoscopes.
Surgical instruments and apparatus.
Suturing--Instruments.
Tuberculosis--Patients--Care.
Tuberculosis.
World health.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Please cite the box and folder numbers where appropriate.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Glass and Film slides and drug cards; 1938-1969

Scope and Content Note: This series includes glass and microfilm slides of X-Rays and medical illustrations featuring various bronchial, cardiac, abdominal, and renal organs and diseases and photo cards advertising new drugs.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Chest X-Ray #94 glass slide. undated.
	2	Chest X-Ray #103(1) glass slide. undated.
	3	Diseased Lung, Post-Mortem 35mm slide. undated.
	4	Chest X-Ray, 11/15/1948 35mm slide. 1948.
	5	Chest X-Ray 35mm slide. undated.
	6	Chest X-Ray, 04/10/1949 35mm slide. 1949.
	7	Chest X-Ray 35mm slide. undated.
	8	Chest X-Ray, #105-1 glass slide. undated.
	9	Chest X-Ray, #132-2 glass slide. undated.
	10	Chest X-Ray, #105-2 glass slide. undated.
	11	Chest X-Ray, #147 glass slide. undated.
	12	Chest X-Ray, #116. undated.
	13	Chest X-Ray, #116(2). undated.
	14	Chest X-Ray. #103(2). undated.
	15	Chest X-Ray, unnumbered. undated.
	16	Test Read-out. undated.
	17	Chest X-Ray, #124-2. undated.
	18	Chest X-Ray #124-1. undated.
	19	Chest X-Ray #120-1. undated.
	20	Chest X-Ray (unnumbered). undated.
	21	Chest X-Ray #190. undated.
	22	Chest X-Ray # 96-1. undated.
	23	Chest X-Ray #96-2. undated.
	24	Chest X-Ray #120-2. undated.
	25	Chest X-Ray #133-2 undated
	26	Chest X-Ray #132-1. undated.
	27	Test Readout, #140. undated.
	28	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	29	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	30	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	31	Chest X-Ray (X-Ray #45091). undated.
	32	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	33	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	34	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). .
	35	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	36	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	37	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	38	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	39	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	40	Chest X-Ray #32. undated.
	41	Chest X-Ray #15. undated.
	42	Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
	43	Chest X-Ray #29. undated.

- 44 Chest X-Ray, (unnumbered). undated.
- 45 Chest X-Ray #19. undated.
- 46 Chest X-Ray #28. undated.
- 47 Chest X-Ray #18. undated.
- 48 Chest X-Ray (unnumbered). undated.
- 49 Chest X-Ray #20. undated.
- 50 Chest X-Ray #19. undated.
- 51 Chest X-Ray #18-1. undated.
- 52 Chest X-Ray #18-2. undated.
- 53 Chest X-Ray #4. undated.
- 54 Chest X-Ray #2. undated.
- 55 Chest X-Ray (unnumbered). undated.
- 56 Chest X-Ray #17. undated.
- 57 Chest X-Ray #16. undated.
- Glass Slides Info. undated.

Box Folder

- 2 1 Chest X-Ray #26. undated.
- 2 2 Chest X-Ray #14. undated.
- 3 3 Chest X-Ray (unnumbered). undated.
- 4 4 Chest X-Ray #23. undated.
- 5 5 Lecture Notes: Patient-Selection Criteria for New Treatment #6. undated.
- 6 6 Chest X-Ray 10683A. undated.
- 7 7 Chest X-Ray for Drs. Allen and Christian glass slide (unnumbered). undated.
- 8 8 Chest X-Ray 10185A Day 16-29 of Treatment glass slide (unnumbered slide). undated.
- 9 9 Chest X-Ray #30 glass slide. undated.
- 10 10 Chest X-Ray glass slide (unnumbered). undated.
- 11 11 Chest X-Ray glass slide (unnumbered). undated.
- 12 12 Chest X-Ray #27 glass slide. undated.
- 13 13 Chest X-Ray #21 glass slide. undated.
- 14 14 Chest X-Ray #31 glass slide. undated.
- 15 15 Chest X-Ray #22 glass slide (unnumbered). undated.
- 16 16 Desirable results of TB Treatment #2 glass slide. undated.
- 17 17 Indications for Phrenic Nerve Operation #5 glass slide. undated.
- 18 18 Indications for Phrenic Nerve Operation #9 glass slide. undated.
- 19 19 4 Methods of Lung Collapse #8 glass slide. undated.
- 20 20 Contra-indications to artificial pneumothorax #4 glass slide. undated.
- 21 21 Indications for artificial pneumothorax #3 glass slide. undated.
- 22 22 Indications for thoracoplasty #8 glass slide. undated.
- 23 23 Indications for thoracoplasty #7 glass slide. undated.
- 24 24 Chest X-Ray (unnumbered) glass slide. undated.
- 25 25 Lungs, Post-Mortem glass slide and lid (unnumbered) glass slide. undated.
- 26 26 Chest X-Ray (unnumbered) glass slide. undated.
- 27 27 Chest X-Ray (unnumbered) glass slide. undated.
- 28 28 Chest X-Ray 9/20/1933 glass slide. 9/20/1933.

- 29 Chest X-Ray 12/15/1932 glass slide. 12/15/1932.
- 30 Chest X-Ray 6/03/1927 glass slide. 6/03/1927.
- Coronary Pulmonale - LAO View, View #30, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Coarctation of the Aorta - RAO View, View #35, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Coarctation of the Aorta - A-P View, View #34, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Patent Ductus Arteriosus - LAO View, View #33, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Patent Ductus Arteriosus - RAO View, View #32, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Patent Ductus Arteriosus - A-P View, View #31, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Marked Mitral Stenosis - RAO View, View #14, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Marked Mitral Stenosis - LAO View, View #15, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Normal Heart - A-P View, View #1, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Normal Heart - LAO View, View #3, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Transverse Heart - A-P View, View #4, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Transverse Heart - RAO View, View #5, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Transverse Heart - LAO View, View #6, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Vertical Heart - A-P View, View #7, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Vertical Heart - RAO View, View #8, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Vertical Heart - LAO View, View #9, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Moderate Mitral Stenosis - A-P View, View #10, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Moderate Mitral Stenosis - RAO View, View #11, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Moderate Mitral Stenosis - LAO View, View #12, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Marked Mitral Stenosis - A-P View, View #13, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Mitral Stenosis and Aortic Insufficiency - A-P View, View #16, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Mitral Stenosis and Aortic Insufficiency - RAO View, View #17, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Mitral Stenosis and Aortic Insufficiency - LAO View, View #18, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Aneurysm of Ascending Aorta and Aortic Insufficiency - A-P View, View #19, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Aneurysm of Ascending Aorta and Aortic Insufficiency - RAO View, View #20, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Aneurysm of Ascending Aorta and Aortic Insufficiency - LAO View, View #21, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Chambers of the Heart and Greater Vessels, Interior Cast - A-P View, View #22, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Chambers of the Heart and Greater Vessels, Interior Cast - RAO View, View #23, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Chambers of the Heart and Greater Vessels, Interior View - LAO View, View #24, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Hypertensive Heart and Tortuous Arteriosclerotic Aorta - A-P View, View #25, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Hypertensive Heart and Tortuous Arteriosclerotic Aorta - RAO View, View #26, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Cor Pulmonale - A-P View, View #28, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Cor Pulmonale - RAO View, View #29, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Normal Heart - RAO View, View #2, Cardio View slide. undated.
- Hypertensive Heart and Tortuous Arteriosclerotic Aorta - LAO View, View #27, Cardio View slide. undated.

Coarctation of the Aorta - LAO View, View #36, Cardio View slide. undated.

Box	Folder	
3	1	Chest X-Ray 35mm slides 1-80/93-172. 1944-1949.
	2	35mm slides 81-141/173-234 with label and partial inventory. 1938-1969.
	3	Ocular Fundi slides 1-16 (2-sided). undated.
	4	Ocular Fundi and Drug Booklets. May 1967. Ocular fundi box and 3D viewer. undated.
	5	Photo of unidentified house. undated.
	6	Alysine photo sales card. undated.
	7	2 Soricin photo sales cards. undated.
	8	Alycin and Soricin photo sales cards. undated.
	9	4 Soricin photo sales cards. undated.
	10	4 Alysine and Alycin photo sales cards. undated.
	11	Soricin photo sales card. undated.
	12	Beta-Concemin Elixir photo sales card. undated.
	13	Alycin and Alysine Powder photo sales card. undated.
	14	2 Soricin photo sales cards. undated.
	15	Alycin photo sales card and Tamate tablet leaflet. undated.
	16	Soricin photo sales card. undated.
	17	2 Alycin photo sales cards. undated.
	18	Elixir Beta-Concemin photo sales cards. undated.
	19	Photo card and WM S. Merrell Company card announcing new headquarters. undated.
	20	2 photo cards with poetry excerpts. undated.
	21	2 Elixir Beta-Concemin photo sales cards. undated.
	22	1 Soricin and 2 Alycin Powder photo sales cards with reply card and Catarrhal Oravax leaflet. .

Series II: Medical Instruments and Equipment; 1954, undated

Scope and Content Note: This series includes medical and surgical instruments belonging to Drs. McCorkle Sr. and Jr., as well as typed and handwritten partial instrument inventories. The instruments belonging to Dr. Robert G. McCorkle Sr. are engraved with the initials RGM or RGMC.

Box	Folder	
4	1	Typed instrument checklist undated.
	2	Handwritten instrument list. undated.
	3	Second handwritten instruments inventory undated.
	4	Cummins' gland forceps undated.
	5	Eye scissors (small, curved) undated.
	6	Eye scissors (small, straight) undated.
	7	Eye scissors (large) undated.
	8	Friedrich's rib raspatory undated.
	9	Mixter's thoracic forceps (extra-large) undated.
	10	Davidson scapular retractor undated.
	11	Doyen's rib raspatory undated.
	12	Artery forceps undated.
	13	Lung-grasping forceps undated.
	14	Mayo's curved on glat scissors (large) undated.

- 15 Mayo's curved on flat scissors (medium, rounded) undated.
- 16 Mayo's curved on flat scissors undated.
- 17 Mayo's curved on flat scissors (wide) undated.
- 18 Mayo's curved on flat scissors undated.
- 19 Mayo's curved on flat scissors (small) undated.
- 20 Mayo's curved on flat scissors (tiny) undated.
- 21 Mayo's scissors undated.
- 22 2-sided raspatory undated.
- 23 Mixer's thoracic forceps (tiny) undated.
- 24 Raspatory undated.
- 25 Raspatory undated.
- 26 Pediatric rib spreader undated.
- 27 Satinsky clamp undated.
- 28 Mixer's thoracic forceps (large) undated.
- 29 Mixer's thoracic forceps (medium) undated.
- 30 Mixer's thoracic forceps (small) undated.
- 31 Straight eye scissors undated.
- 32 Towel clip undated.
- 33 Tissue forceps undated.
- 34 Retractor undated.
- 35 Staple holder undated.
- 36 Rib cutter undated.
- 37 Ronguer undated.
- 38 Rib retractor and contractor (medium) undated.
- 39 Rib retractor and contractor (large) undated.
- 40 Rib spreader attachments undated.
- 41 Ophthalmoscope components undated.
- 42 Medical head lamp undated.

Box Folder

- 5 1 Blood pressure cuff and reader undated.
- 2 Stethoscope components undated.
- 3 Thoracic silk sutures in glass tubes undated.
- 4 8 miniature bulldog clamps undated.
- 5 Suction tube and attachment undated.
- 6 Needle holder undated.
- 7 Push type heart knife (right) undated.
- 8 Push type heart knife (left) undated.
- 9 Large dressing forceps August 1954.
- 10 Medium dressing forceps August 1954.
- 11 Large and small aortic or arterial clamps undated.
- 12 Large and small 2-sided aorta retractors undated.
- 13 Artery forceps undated.
- 14 Ultra-delicate artery forceps undated.
- 15 Detachable blade knife undated.

- 16 Bronchus clamp undated.
- 17 Crile hooks undated.
- 18 Foregger folding scope undated.
- 19 Foregger folding scope attachment undated.
- 20 Blade knife undated.
- 21 Rib contractor undated.
- 22 Small rib contractor undated.
- 23 Straight micro-forceps undated.
- 24 Pediatric retractor undated.
- 25 Adjustable rib contractor undated.
- 26 Rib raspatory undated.
- 27 Stethoscope pieces undated.
- 28 Suction bulb undated.
- 29 Spare suction tube attachment undated.
- 30 Syringes undated.

Series III: Medical Images, Plaques, and Honors; 1971-1987

Scope and Content Note: This series includes lithographs of various historical medical costumes and significant historical medical personages and events, in addition to medical artwork, anatomical images, and plaques presented to Dr. Robert G. McCorkle Sr..

Box Folder

- 6 1 International College of Surgeons plaque 1971.
- 2 The Female Cycle with description of Enovid-E. 1963-64, 1966.
- 3 Ars Chirurgica (What The Surgeon Ought To Be) undated.
Scope and Content Note: The folder contains two copies of the same text.
- 4 Medical Lithographs 1-2 by Aaron Bohrod undated.
- 5 Medical Lithographs 3-4 by Aaron Bohrod undated.
- 6 2300 Years of Medical Costume folder and Warja Honegger-Lavater prints 1-5 undated.
- 7 Warja Honegger-Lavater prints 6-12 undated.
- 8 Anatomical Heart Illustration undated.
- 9 A History of Medicine In Pictures Illustrations envelope 1987.
- 10 A History of Medicine In Pictures title cards and prints 1-4 with matching stories. 1987.
- 11 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 5-8 with matching stories 1987.
Scope and Content Note: Print 6: Suśruta-Surgeon of Old India is missing and there is a duplicate of print 7: Hippocrates: Medicine Becomes A Science.
- 12 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 9-12 with matching stories 1987.
Scope and Content Note: Prints 10 and 12: Medieval Hospitals and Vesalius-and the Anatomy of Man are missing.
- 13 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 13-16 with matching stories 1987.
- 14 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 17-20 with matching stories 1987.
Scope and Content Note: Prints 19 and 20: Lavoisier: Oxygen, Combustion, and Respiration and John Hunter: Founder of Scientific Surgery are missing.
- 15 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 21-24 with matching stories 1987.
Scope and Content Note: Print 24: Laennec and the Stethoscope is missing.
- 16 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 25-28 with matching stories 1987.
Scope and Content Note: Print 25: Conquerors of Pain is missing.

- 17 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 29-32 with matching stories 1987.
Scope and Content Note: Print 30: J. Marion Sims: Gynecologic Surgeon is missing.
- 18 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 33-36 with matching stories 1987.
Scope and Content Note: Prints 33 and 36: Lister Introduces Antisepsis and Röntgen: Invisible Rays that Save Lives are missing.
- 19 A History of Medicine In Pictures prints 37-40 with matching stories 1987.
- 20 A History Of Medicine In Pictures prints 41-45 with matching stories 1987.
Scope and Content Note: Prints 44 and 45: The Era Of Antibiotics and Medicine Today And Tomorrow are missing.