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1927
August 17 Born, Atlantic City, New Jersey

1945-1947 Served in U.S. Navy

1949 B.S. Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania

1953 M.D. Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia

1963-1983 Made various trips to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia

1964 Lobbied for Volunteer Physicians for Viet Nam Program

1965 Founded Aid for International Medicine

1967 Became consultant to Edward M. Kennedy’s U.S. Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapees

1967-1973 Participated in Subcommittee study missions to Vietnam

1967-1976 Served on CARE-MEDICO board of directors

1978 Became consultant to U.S. Veterans Administration

Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia

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Agent Orange.

Audiotapes.

Cambodia.

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Herbicides--War use.

Indochina.

International relief.

Laos.
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Postage-stamps--Indochina.
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Includes clippings and scrapbook arranged by physical format.

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Box 26, Folder 29  "Challenges and Opportunities," *Piego Newsletter*, Typewritten and printed copies 1975 February.

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Army. Printed copy 1965 April.
A report for the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations 1965 June 16.
The Asia Magazine, Printed copy 1974 August 11.
Du Pont, Pierre S., IV, Includes a mimeographed position paper with comments by
McCloskey, Paul N., Jr. Statement before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs,
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General
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Clippings 1972-1973
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POSTAGE STAMPS 1889-1979
Scope and Contents note
Includes stamps, albums, and catalogs arranged alphabetically by name of country.

Catalogs
Box 21, Folder 3
1967-1975
Folder 4
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Kampuchea
Folder 5
Album
Folder 6
Album pages
Box 22, Folder 1
Stamps, grouped by subject in envelopes
Laos
POSTAGE STAMPS 1889-1979

Folder 2

- Album

Folder 3-4

- Album pages

Folder 5-6

- Stamps, grouped by subject in envelopes

Box 23, Folder 1

- Southeast Asia - Album. Includes stamps from Kampuchea, Laos, and Vietnam

Folder 2

- Vietnam - Album

Box 24, Folder 1

OVERSIZE FILE 1889-1967

- Scope and Contents note
  - Includes postage stamps, scrapbooks and printed material arranged by physical format.

Box 25, Folder 1

- Postage stamps, album pages of Indochina stamps 1889-1946
  - Printed matter

Folder 2

- 1965

Folder 3

- 1966

Folder 4

- 1967

Box 31, Folder 1

- Scrapbook 1963

Folder 2

- Scrapbook 1966 January - 1967 March

PHONOTAPE CASSETTE 1983

Cassette cabinet

- National Agent Orange Conference Call, Veterans Administration 1983 November 21

PHOTOGRAPHS 1963-1983

- Scope and Contents note
  - Includes photographs and postcards

Envelope A

- 10 photographs of medical assistance and training given by the Thomas A. Dooley Foundation in Laos undated

Envelope B

- 16 post cards of sculptures in the Tay Phuong pagoda, North Vietnam undated

Envelope C

- 2 miscellaneous post cards and 20 miscellaneous negatives, including views of canoeing and John M. Levinson undated

Envelope D

- 3 photographs and 1 negative of Tu Du Maternity Hospital, Saigon, Vietnam, including view of John M. Levinson 1963-1975

Envelope E

- 2 photographs of Senator Edward M. Kennedy and John M. Levinson during U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapees study mission to Vietnam 1968

Envelope F

- 1 photograph, 1 contact sheet, and 36 negatives of John M. Levinson talking to U.S. soldiers during U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapees study mission to Vietnam 1969

Envelope G

- 25 post cards of artwork depicting Vietnamese military scenes 1970

Envelope H

- 9 photographs of death and destruction caused by bombing in Vietnam 1972

Envelope I

- 29 photographs of U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapees study mission to Vietnam, including views of bombed hospitals, war monument, John M. Levinson 1973

Envelope J

- 25 photographs of hospital conditions, surgery, and patients, Cambodia 1975

Envelope K

- 14 photographs and 15 negatives of defoliation, surgery, birth defects during study of Agent Orange in Vietnam 1982

Envelope L

- 100 photographs and 102 negatives of the International Symposium on the Long-Term Ecological and Human Consequences of Chemical Warfare in Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, including views of conference, hospital visits, countryside, sightseeing 1983

Envelope M

- 1 negative of Amsies children, Saigon, Vietnam 1983

Envelope N

- 69 prints depicting mainly hospitals in North and South Vietnam during and after the War undated

- Scope and Contents note
  - Includes a print of General Giap.
| Box 33 | **2 albums of prints depicting hospitals and nursing schools in Vietnam 1968-1971**  
Scope and Contents note  
Formerly housed in album box fO. |
| Box 32 | **INCREMENTAL MATERIALS**  
Scope and Contents note  
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