Earl F. Nation Collection: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: Earl F. Nation Collection
Dates (inclusive): 1896-1980
Collection Number: mssNation collection
Creator: Nation, Earl F., 1910-.
Extent: 231 items in 1 box
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Abstract: This collection contains papers of Dr. Earl F. Nation (1910-2008), a Southern California physician and biographer of physician Sir William Osler (1849-1919), a founder of Johns Hopkins Hospital. The collection chiefly consists of photocopies of correspondence between Sir and Lady William Osler to Charles Nicoll Bancker Camac.
Language: English.
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Provenance
On permanent deposit from the Los Angeles County Medical Association, 1992.
Biographical Note
Dr. Earl F. Nation (1910-2008) was a prominent physician in the Southern California community. After graduating from the Western Reserve Medical School in 1935, he began a long and distinguished career as a prominent community physician and active member of various national professional groups. He served as president of the Western Section Association of Urological Association (AUA) in 1970. In 1978, he became president of the national American Urological Association. Throughout his tenure, he helped preserved urologic history. He also became a devoted biographer of the influential early-twentieth century physician, Sir William Osler. Nation collected Osler’s correspondence and published the collection under the title Student and Chief: the Osler-Camac Correspondence (1980). Nation also annotated a bibliography of Osler’s works, An Annotated Checklist of Osleriana (1976). He continued to attend and participate in AUA meetings until his death at age 98.
Scope and Content
The correspondence between Sir and Lady William Osler to Charles Nicoll Bancker Camac forms the bulk of the Earl Nation Collection. Other correspondents include John M. Connor, librarian for the Los Angeles County Medical Association, Clifford Pilz and William Bennett Bean. For the most part, these letters are arranged chronologically and then according to author. The one exception is Clifford Pilz’s letter in Folder 3 explaining and enclosing copies of the letters from William Henry Welch to C.N.B. Camac; the letters in this folder are arranged as found in the original collection. The Osler and Camac reproductions span the years 1896-1926, while Earl Nation’s later correspondence about the collection covers the years 1960 to 1980.
Included are two folders of ephemera, mainly photographic copies of the Osler correspondence. In addition, these folders contain photographs of Sir William Osler and envelopes linking the photos to Earl F. Nation.
Arrangement
Correspondence chiefly arranged chronologically and then according to author, followed by ephemera.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Subjects
Nation, Earl F., 1910-.
Medical libraries -- California -- Los Angeles.
Medicine -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Medicine -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.
Physicians -- United States -- Correspondence.

Forms/Genres
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 20th century.
Photocopies -- United States -- 20th century.
Photographs -- United States -- 20th century.

Additional Contributors
Bean, William Bennett.
Camac, C. N. B. (Charles Nicoll Bancker), 1868-1940, recipient.
Osler, Grace Revere Gross, Lady.
Los Angeles County Medical Association, former owner.

Box 1

Folder 1
Includes notes, strips of negative film, and photographic copies of letters.

Folder 2

Folder 3

Folder 4

Folder 5

Folder 6

Folder 7
[1968]. Ephemera. 100 items.

Folder 8
[undated]. Ephemera. 16 items.