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[Stanley T. Fortune Notes](#)

**FORTUINE, STANLEY T., 1887-1944.**

**Stanley T. Fortune medical School Notes, 1912-1916.**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Stanley Theodore Fortune was born in Michigan in 1887 to Dr. Herman Andrew Fortune, a Dutch immigrant who received his medical degree from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1885, and Helen Voorhorst, herself the child of Dutch immigrants. His sister, F. Esther Fortune, was a 1916 graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing.

Fortune received his bachelor's degree from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, in 1912. He entered the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons later that same year and received his medical degree in 1916.

He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War I and was assigned to research work at Yale. After the war he became a surgeon at Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge, N.Y.

Heart disease and severe rheumatoid arthritis forced Fortune to retire early from the practice of medicine. He died at Ogunquit, Maine, on Nov. 11, 1944.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Notes taken by Fortune during his medical studies at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, 1912-1916. A wide range of clinical disciplines is covered, although notes on surgery predominate. In addition, there are several folders of notes he took on his medical reading of both German and English-language texts.

Among the many teachers mentioned in the notes are Walter Bastedo, George Brewer, Edwin Cragin, William Darrach, Virgil Gibney, L. Emmett Holt, Arnold Knapp, and Allen O. Whipple.

**ACCESS:** Open without restrictions.

**LANGUAGE:** English.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:** Archives & Special Collections holds the World War I diaries and photos of his sister, F. Esther Fortune.

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## **Subjects**

Columbia University. College of Physicians and Surgeons.  
Medical education – United States – 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
Medicine – Study and teaching – United States – 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
Medical students – New York (State) – New York – 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
Notebooks.

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| <b>1</b> | 1   | Dermatology, 1915: Fordyce, McKee  |
|          | 2   | Genito-Urinary diseases, 1914-1915: Hayden, Kingsley   |
|          | 3   | Medicine & Therapeutics, 1914-1915: Bastedo, Evans, Williams, et al.                                       |
|          | 4   | Neurology, 1915: Hunt, Tilney  |
|          | 5   | OB/GYN, 1914-1915: Cragin, Ward  |
|          | 6   | Ophthalmology, 1915: Knapp   |
|          | 7   | Orthopedic Surgery, 1915: Gibney   |
|          | 8   | Otolaryngology, n.d.: Coakley  |
|          | 9   | Pathology, 1913-1914: Lambert, MacCallum   |
|          | 10  | Pediatrics, 1912-1916: Bartlett, Berg, Holt, Smith   |
| <b>2</b> | 1   | Surgery, 1914-1915: Brewer, Poole  |
|          | 2   | Surgery, 1915: Darrach, St. John, Whipple  |
|          | 3   | Surgery, 1915: Peck  |
|          | 4   | Cases at Presbyterian Hospital: largely medical, 1914-1915   |
|          | 5   | “Notes on Pathology (German) from Aschoff and Jores”   |
|          | 6   | Notes on reading [heart disease?]  |
|          | 7-9 | Notes on reading: various subjects   |
|          | 10  | Printed material: Cases of typhoid fever and cirrhosis of the liver [at Presbyterian Hospital?], 1911-1916 |