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LEAVITT, JOSEPH M.

Joseph M. Leavitt papers, 1939-1999 (bulk 1953-1984)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Dentist and educator. Born April 23, 1915 in Brooklyn, New York, Leavitt was educated at the University of Oklahoma (B.S. 1936) and the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery (D.D.S. 1940). After World War II military service in the Pacific, he joined Columbia's dental school faculty on which he served for fifty years. He was the founder of the dental school's endodontics post-graduate program and served as its director, 1969-1980. He retired in 1989 and was named an emeritus professor. Leavitt was considered a leader in the field of endodontics and taught and lectured widely on the subject. He was a diplomate of the American Association of Endodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. Leavitt died April 25, 1999 in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sources: Death notices, New York Times, April 28, 1999.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Biographical material, largely obituaries and a eulogy, and lectures and other presentations given by Leavitt on dental topics, especially those relating to endodontics, 1953-1984. The lectures and presentations are usually unpublished and were delivered to dental students and dentists usually in the metropolitan New York region, although a talk given in Mexico City is also included. The papers are photocopies of originals held by the Leavitt family.

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Leavitt, Joseph M.

Columbia University. School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

Dentistry – Study and teaching.

Dentists – New York (State) – New York.

Endodontics – Study and teaching.