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3.45 cubic ft. (10 document boxes; 2 flat boxes; 1 vol.; 1 folder)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: McIntosh was born Sept. 29, 1894 in Omaha, Nebraska. He was educated at Phillips Exeter, Harvard College (A.B., 1914) and Harvard Medical School (M.D., 1918). From 1931 to 1960, he was chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director of Babies Hospital at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. For additional information, see the finding aid for the earlier accession of McIntosh papers.

ORGANIZATION: Organized in seven series: I. Subjects & Organizations; II. Correspondence; III. Clinical Records; IV. Writings; V. Artifacts; VI. Photographs. VII. Oversize.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection of McIntosh's papers covers the entire span of his adulthood, 1917-1986. It largely documents his professional life, though a small amount of family correspondence is present. Researchers should be aware that topics in this collection may also be documented in the earlier accession of McIntosh papers (acc.#2000.01.27).

There is considerable material on his World War I service as part of U.S. Base Hospital 116, stationed at Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, France, as well as on the alumni association its members founded after the war. Included are correspondence with his family during his time overseas; two notebooks kept by McIntosh during the war; reunion notices; and an incomplete set of the *Base Hospital 116 Revue*, 1922-1963. Of particular note are several hundred photographs documenting the activities of the hospital. It is not known if they were taken by McIntosh or were collected by him from hospital staff members.

McIntosh's role as Director of Babies Hospital is documented in four folders of correspondence, largely 1926-1930, as well as in a notebook he kept of meetings and conversations with the Hospital's pediatricians, nurses, and Board of Women Managers, 1932-1959. There is also a diary he kept during a study tour of Europe in preparation for assuming the leadership of Babies. McIntosh visited all the major European medical centers, though he spent most of his time in Germany, Vienna, and London. He met many of Europe's most noted pediatricians and also records a conversation with Anna Freud to discuss establishing a children's psychoanalytic clinic at Babies Hospital.

General correspondence spans from 1920 to 1979, bulking between 1930-1962. It is largely with medical colleagues, Harvard classmates, and neighbors in Tyringham, Mass.

Primary correspondents are Edwards Park and Leonard Wright, with smaller amounts of correspondence with Warfield Longcope, Lithgow Osborne, and John Rock.

There is additional correspondence relating to his ties to Harvard and his membership in the Century Association, University Club, and the Peripatetic Club, a group of physicians who met to discuss new clinical advances.

The clinical records include patient records, correspondence with other physicians, and correspondence with the parents of patients. They span 1930-1977 though bulk 1930-1960. Most of the cases are from the New York metropolitan area; in many instances, McIntosh was called in as a consultant by another physician. The medical conditions he saw varied widely, but he seems to have been frequently involved in cases of retarded growth.

McIntosh's writings contain correspondence and drafts relating to chapters he wrote for Cecil's *Textbook of Medicine* and Joseph Brennemann's *Practice of Pediatrics* and several other articles. Scurvy and infant scurvy are the primary topics.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Because the papers include Confidential Health Information (CHI) as defined by Columbia University policies governing data security and privacy, access is allowed only under the terms of Archives and Special Collections' [Access Policy to Records Containing Confidential Health Information](#).

Because of staff constraints and the lack of a name index, Archives & Special Collections cannot search for individual records in the patient records. Microfilm of some of Babies Hospital's post-1928 patient records are held by the New York-Presbyterian Hospital Dept. of Health Information Management; persons wishing to locate the records of individuals should contact them at: <http://www.nyp.org/guide/info/medical.html?>

Access to Base Hospital 116 photographs is restricted due to fragility. Researchers must use digitized versions.

PROVENANCE: Gift of the McIntosh family, 2005, 2007 (accessions nos. 2005.11.18, 2007.05.10, 2007.10.15.).

RELATED RECORDS: Additional McIntosh papers (acc. no. 2000.01.27) are also available. The on-line finding aid is at <http://library.cpmc.columbia.edu/hsl/archives/findingaids/mcintosh.html>

SUBJECTS

Longcope, Warfield T. (Warfield Theobald), 1877-1953.
McIntosh, Rustin.

Osborne, Lithgow, 1892-1980.
Park, Edwards A. (Edwards Albert), 1877-1969.
Rock, John Charles, 1890-1984.
Babies Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
Century Association (New York, N.Y.)
Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.
Columbia University. Dept. of Pediatrics.
Harvard Medical School.
Peripatetic Club.
United States. Army. Base Hospital 116.
Children – Diseases.
Children – Hospitals – New York (State) – New York.
Children – Medical Care.
Pediatrics – Practice – United States.
World War, 1914-1918 – Hospitals, charities, etc.
World War, 1914-1918 – Medical care.
Pediatricians.
Diaries.
Medical records.
Photographs.

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SERIES I: SUBJECTS & ORGANIZATIONS

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| 1 | 1 | Biographical materials (gathered by Rustin Berlow), 1986 |
| | 2 | Memorial services, 1986 |
| | 3 | Obituaries and curriculum vitae, 1986 |
| | 4 | American Commission to Negotiate Peace: letter of thanks, c. 1920 |
| | 5-8 | Babies Hospital: correspondence, 1926-1930, 1949 |
| | 9 | Babies Hospital: notebook kept by McIntosh re: attending staff
conferences, Board of Women Managers, Head Nurse, "conversations,"
1932-1959 |
| | | U.S. Army Base Hospital 116 |
| | 10 | Histories, list of personnel, notes, 1917-1918, & undated |
| | 11 | Index to photographs taken by staff, c. 1920? |
| | 12 | Correspondence re medal, 1919 |
| | 13 | Miscellaneous documents, 1919 |
| | 14 | Notebooks kept by McIntosh, 2 v., 1918 |
| | | Base Hospital 116 Association |
| | 15 | Bulletin, 1919, 1966-1968, 1970, 1974, 1976 |
| | 16 | Correspondence, 1919, 1927-1970 |
| | 17 | Reunion notices, obituaries, 1926-1943 |
| 2 | | <i>Base Hospital 116 Revue</i> |
| | 1 | v. IV – v. XXIX, 1922-1943 [incomplete] |
| | 2 | v. XXX – v. LXX, 1944-1963 [incomplete] |
| | 3-9 | Century Association: correspondence, 1929-1960 |
| | 10 | Columbia University: appointments, 1926-1939, 1960-1962 |
| | 11 | European diary, 1930-1931 |
| 3 | 1 | Excerpta Medica, 1946-1960, n.d. |
| | 2 | Harvard Class of 1914: 25 th Reunion, 1938-1939 |
| | 3 | Harvard Club of New York, 1931-1957 |
| | 4 | Harvard College and Harvard Medical School, 1926-1959 |
| | 5 | Harvard Medical Society of New York, 1939, 1956, 1959 |
| | 6 | Hospital appointments, Babies Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital, 1927-
1949, 1980 |
| | 7 | Hospital appointments, miscellaneous, 1932-1940 |
| | 8 | Medical licenses, 1918-1955 (with gaps) |
| | 9 | Memberships, miscellaneous, 1931-1935 |
| | 10-12 | Peripatetic Club: correspondence, programs, 1932-1960, n.d. |
| | 13 | Phillips Academy, 1951 |
| | 14 | Phillips Exeter Academy, 1932-1952 |

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- 15 "Riders and Drivers" (William Ladd), 1939-1946
- 16 Tyringham Valley Association Scrap Collection, 1942
- 17-18 The University Club, 1931-1955, n.d.

SERIES II: CORRESPONDENCE

- 4** 1-3 Letters to family while overseas during World War I, 1918-1919 [2
 folders of photocopies for research use; 1 folder of originals]
- 4 Correspondence, family, 1919, 1925-1927, 1946, 1982
- Correspondence, general
- 5 A-B, 1932-1962, 1979
- 6 C, 1927-1957
- 7 D-G, 1931-1962, 1979
- 8 H, 1931-1953, 1962
- 9 J, 1932-50, 1959-1960

- 5** 1 K-N, 1931-1962, 1979
- 2 O-P, 1920-1921, 1931-1962, 1979
- 3-7 Park, Edwards, 1930-1961
- 8 R-S, 1931-1959
- 9 T-Z, 1928-1962
- 10 Wright, Leonard, 1932-36
- 11 Unidentified, ca. 1920s-30s, 1961
- Correspondence re: memories of McIntosh
- 12 Bachman, Lawrence, 1937-1943, 1977-1986
- 13 D-W, 1986

SERIES III: CLINICAL RECORDS

- Correspondence with doctors re: patients
- 6** 1 A, 1931-1959, 1977
- 2 B, 1931-1949, 1959
- 3 C-D, 1931-1949
- 4 E-G, 1934-1955
- 5 H, 1932-1948, 1958
- 6 J-K, 1932-1948
- 7 La, 1932-1954
- 8 Le-Ly, 1933-1951
- 9 M, 1933-1950, 1958, 1960
- 10 N-P, 1931-1947, 1954

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| | 11 | R, 1933-1948, 1955, 1960 |
| | 12 | S, 1931-1948, 1954 |
| | 13 | T-V, 1932-1946, 1957 |
| 7 | 1 | W-Z, 1934-1949 |
| | | Correspondence with parents of patients |
| | 2 | A-B, c.1931-1949 |
| | 3 | C-F, c.1932-1956 |
| | 4 | G-I, 1930-1954 |
| | 5 | J-L, 1933-1957 |
| | 6 | M-S, 1933-1962 |
| | 7 | T-W, 1933-1953 |
| | | Patient records |
| | 8 | A-B, 1933-1958 |
| 8 | 1 | C-D, 1932-1959 |
| | 2 | E-G, 1934-1956 |
| | 3 | H-K, 1933-1959 |
| | 4 | L-M, 1933-1954 |
| | 5 | N-R, 1932-1958 |
| 9 | 1 | S-Z, 1934-1960 |
| | 2 | Clinical notebook: case histories, transcripts of articles, notes,
c.1925-1930 |
| | 3 | Fees: correspondence, summaries, 1931-1949 |

SERIES IV: WRITINGS

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| 4 | Bibliography, ca. 1938 |
| | "Erythema Nosodum," in <i>Advances in Pediatrics</i> |
| 5 | Correspondence, 1946-1952 |
| 6 | Drafts, proofs, and reprints, ca. 1948-1949 |
| 7 | "Infant Feeding:" notes, typescript, c.1961 |
| | "Infantile Scurvy," in Brennemann's <i>Practice of Pediatrics</i> |
| 8 | Chapter and drafts, ca. 1934-1954 |
| | Correspondence |
| 9 | Brennemann, Joseph, 1934-1944 |
| 10 | W.F. Prior Co., 1935-1954 |
| 11 | "Reminiscences of the Harriet Lane Home Outpatient Department," in <i>The Johns Hopkins Medical Journal</i> , v. 132, no. 6 (June 1973), p. 361-376 |

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| 12 | "Scurvy," in Cecil's <i>Textbook of Medicine</i>
Chapter and drafts, 1936, 1940, 1954
Correspondence |
| 13 | Cecil, Russell, 1932-1957 |
| 14 | W.B. Saunders Company, 1937-1959 |
| 15 | Translation of Pfaundler and Schlossmann's <i>Handbuch der Kinderheilkunde</i> (pub. in English as <i>The Diseases of Children</i>), 1931-34 |

SERIES V: ARTIFACTS

- 10** Medical instruments; World War I memorabilia; medal of the XIII International Physiological Congress, Boston, 1929 (loose in box).

Black Bag (shelved separately)

SERIES VI: PHOTOGRAPHS

Flat Boxes 1-2: Photographs of Base Hospital 116, Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, 1918-1919.

Shelved separately: Photograph album of an unidentified Babies Hospital social function, possibly McIntosh's retirement dinner?

SERIES VII: OVERSIZE

In Oversize Materials (19" x 15") Box 1, fo. 15:

Alpha Omega Alpha, Harvard University: membership certificate, 1917.

U.S. Army, American Expeditionary Force: Citation for "distinguished and exceptional gallantry" at Lucy le Bocage, June 13, 1918, awarded March 27, 1919, and signed by Gen. John J. Pershing.