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**A Finding Aid to the
Samuel Bergman Frank Papers
Manuscript Collection No. 633**

Collection Summary

Title	Samuel Bergman Frank Papers
Dates	1924-1990 (bulk 1957-1989)
Collection Number	MS-633
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Frank, Samuel Bergman, 1909-1989
Extent	9.7 linear feet (8 record cartons, 1 oversize box, 1 small Hollinger box)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Samuel Bergman Frank was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 7, 1909. His father, Yonkel-Jacob Frank, moved to the United States from Shpula, Russia in 1904 and married Yetta Bergman in 1907. Samuel had four brothers (Walter B. Frank, Dr. Barnett Frank, Arthur Frank, and Dr. Alfred Louis Frank) and one sister, Ruth, who died when she was nineteen months old. Frank entered Adelbert College of Western Reserve University (now Case Western Reserve) at age 16. He received his A.B. in 1930 and his degree of M.D. in 1933. After graduation, he completed his internship at Mt. Sinai Hospital of Cleveland. Frank trained as a dermatologist at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and Skin and Cancer Unit, finishing his post graduate medical schooling in 1938. Frank was appointed to the positions of Assistant Dermatologist of Vanderbilt Clinic, Presbyterian Hospital of New York in 1935; Assistant in Dermatology at Columbia University in 1937; and Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Syphilology at New York University in 1939. His first medical practice was under the direction of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's.

Frank's career in the military began in the Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1932. In 1933 he became a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, and during World War II he was promoted first to Captain, then to Major, and finally to Colonel in 1946. He also worked in the Dermatology Department at the U.S. Naval Hospital much later in his life. During World War II, serving with the Spearhead 3rd Armored Division, Frank followed the war from England and Scotland through Belgium and France and into Germany. While in Germany, he witnessed firsthand the liberation of Jewish prisoners. Frank received the Bronze Star and a Presidential Citation for his service in the U.S. Army. He remained in close contact throughout his life with several friends from his division.

After the war's conclusion, Frank resumed his private practice in White Plains, New York. White Plains would remain the headquarters of his private practice, even after Frank moved to San Diego in 1979. He returned to teaching at New York University, eventually becoming a full Professor of Clinical Dermatology. He was also an honorary staff member at White Plains Hospital in White Plains, New York, a member of the Editorial Board of *Cutis* and *International Journal of Dermatology*, and a consultant for various pharmaceutical firms and cosmetic industries. Frank also appeared on several television shows as an expert on acne in the 1980's.

Frank was an active member and officer or board member of many medical societies and organizations, including the American Academy of Dermatology; the Biomedical Research Institute of America, the Dermatology Society of Greater New York, the International Society of Dermatology, the American College of Physicians and the College of Physicians in Philadelphia, the New York Academy of Medicine, the Westchester Health Care Foundation, the AMA Medical Society of State of New York, the New York State Society of Dermatology, the Society for Investigative Dermatology; the Westchester Academy of Medicine and the Dermatology Section of the Westchester Medical Society.

Frank was a prolific writer as well. He was the author of *Acne Vulgaris* (1971), and the editor of *Acne, Update for the Practitioner*(1979), and of the March 1976 issue on acne of *Cutis*. Throughout his career, he collaborated on and independently submitted over sixty articles to professional journals on dermatologic subjects, particularly acne. In 1989, Frank received the Physician's Recognition Award from the American Medical Association in honor of his constant dedication to medicine. He remained a devoted author, speaker, educator, and physician until his death.

In addition to medicine, Frank actively pursued his hobby of philately. His particular interest was in revenue stamps of Great Britain and Ireland; these were the tax stamps which helped instigate the American Revolution. Frank was a member of the Collector of New York club, a twenty-five year member of the American Philatelic Society, and a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. He was a co-author of *Embossed Revenue Stamps of Great Britain*(1957), *Stamp Duty of Great Britain and Ireland* (1970, 1971, 1974), and *Impressed Duty Stamps of Great Britain* (1981). He also contributed numerous articles in philatelic literature.

Frank was a member of B'nai B'rith, a supporter of the San Diego Opera, and a member of the San Diego Zoological Society. Frank embarked on several vacations during his life, some personal and

others business-related. Destinations included Russia, the Pacific Rim, and South America. Photos, souvenirs, and outlines of these trips can be found in various scrapbooks contained in the collection.

On June 12, 1934, Frank married Eleanor Koosed. They had two daughters: Joyce Meryl Whitehead and Amy Jo Frank. Frank was survived by his wife, his daughters, two brothers, and one grandson.

Samuel B. Frank died in 1989, at the age of 79.

Scope and Content	Collection consisting of scrapbooks containing articles by Frank together with correspondence, photographs, and personal items pertaining to his service in the military during World War II and his career as a dermatologist.
Arrangement	The collection is divided into three (3) series: A. Military Career; B. Personal Life and Medical Career; C. Scrapbooks.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
Preferred Citation	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Samuel Bergman Frank Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows: [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-633. Samuel Bergman Frank Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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Index Terms

Subjects	Dermatologists / Jewish physicians / World War, 1939-1945
Personal Names	Frank, Samuel Bergman 1909-1989
Media	Photographs / Scrapbooks

Series A. Military Career, 1934-1989

Extent 1 linear foot (1 record carton)

Scope and Content Note Contains books, photo albums, army orders and correspondence related to Frank's military service. The following are notable items: Frank's albums of photographs from the war (1/2 and 1/4) and correspondence with his army friends (1/6 and 1/7) including articles, pictures, maps, and army papers.

Arrangement Material is arranged in chronological order.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. U.S. Army orders, appointments, qualifications, and records, 1934-1948

Box 1. Folder 2. Photo album of pictures with captions taken during military service in Pennsylvania, England, Scotland, Belgium, France, Germany (including liberated camps), 1943 June-1945 June

Box 1. Folder 3. Wodner, Sgt. Frank. Division HQ Third Armored Division: Forward Echelon and Division Headquarters Company [includes picture of Frank on page 16 and description of Division's actions], 1941 April 15-1945 May 8

Box 1. Folder 4. Photo album [mostly of postwar France, also a few notes written in 1987 and picture of Eisenhower sent in 1988], 1945-1988 (bulk 1945-1946)

Box 1. Folder 5. Seiverling, Richard F. Short Stories of World War II [stories and poems written during WWII by a member of Frank's division]; journal of Spearhead 3rd Armored

Division's Actions, 1947

Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence between army friends from Frank's division, including articles from the 3rd Armored Division Association Newsletter, photographs, maps, and old army papers, 1978-1980

Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence between army friends from Frank's division, including articles from the 3rd Armored Division Association Newsletter, photographs, maps, and old army papers, 1982-1988

Box 1. Folder 8. "Spearhead 3rd Armored Division 1983 Directory" [listing of Frank living in California], 1983

Box 1. Folder 9. Willis, Donald J. The Incredible Year [diary of Willis' days from June 1944 to June 1945 in the Spearhead 3rd Armored Division], 1988

Box 1. Folder 10. Spearhead in the West... The Third Armored Division 1941-1945 [contains description of division's activities and personnel during the war; enclosed is letter to Frank describing this new edition], 1989

Series B. Personal Life and Medical Career, 1930-1990

Extent 1.2 linear feet (1 record carton, 1 small Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains diplomas, identification documents, obituaries, condolence cards, an autobiographical manuscript by Frank's brother, books written by Frank about his medical and philatelic interests, and family trees. There are also plaques and certificates. The following are notable items in Series B: Frank's medical book, *Acne Vulgaris* (2/2) and philatelic book (2/3), the autobiography of Frank's brother (2/5), and Frank's family trees (2/9).

Arrangement Material is arranged in chronological order.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 2. Folder 1. "Diplomas, etc." [academic diplomas, medical appointments, military appointments, and miscellaneous certificates of recognition], 1930-1990

Box 2. Folder 2. Frank, Samuel B., M.D. *Acne Vulgaris*, 1971

Box 2. Folder 3. Frank, Samuel B., M.D. and Josef Schonfeld. *The Stamp Duty of Great Britain and Ireland*. Vol. 2, 1971

Box 2. Folder 4. Identification and parking permits, including World Jewish Congress Diplomat ID, 1976-1989

Box 2. Folder 5. Frank, Barnett, M.D. How Barney brought a Jewish Dentist from Russia to U.S. - an autobiographical manuscript by Frank's brother, composed in 1987, 1987

Box 2. Folder 6. Obituaries and other material written for or about Frank's death; also includes posthumous publications.

Box 2. Folder 7. Condolence cards sent to Frank's wife upon his death, including note from the White House sent with Frank's dog tags, 1989 May

Box 2. Folder 8. Condolence cards sent to Frank's wife upon his death, 1989 May

Box 2. Folder 9. Three family trees covering Frank's paternal and maternal families as well as his own descendants.

Box 3. Folder 1. Gavel with his name engraved on it, undated

Box 3. Folder 2. Certificate from the Chicago Philatic Society, 1981

Box 3. Folder 3. President of the New York State Society of Dermatologists plaque, 1975

Box 3. Folder 4. Thomas Edwin Field Award, Fire Philatic Association, 1975

Box 3. Folder 5. Dermatology Society of Greater New York, 1969

Box 3. Folder 6. American Board of Dermatology and Syphilology, 1940

Box 3. Folder 7. American College of Physicians membership, 1974

Series C. Scrapbooks, 1924-1989 (bulk 1957-1989)

Extent 7.5 linear feet (6 record cartons, 1 oversize box)

Scope and Content Note All scrapbooks contain correspondence and articles regarding medical practice; articles by Frank; programs; photos, maps, etc. regarding vacations; cards and other personal items. Additional items of interest for a particular scrapbook are detailed in the Box/Folder List. The following are notable items in Series C: Frank's combat diary (in Scrapbook #1 - 3/1) and television transcripts of Frank's appearances (in Scrapbook #15 - 7/6).

Arrangement Material is arranged in chronological order.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 4. Folder 1. Scrapbook #1: Childhood thru WWII [articles by Frank; correspondence regarding medical career; military orders; maps; posters; combat diary; and other war memorabilia], 1924-1972 (bulk 1924-1946)

Box 4. Folder 2. Scrapbook #2, 1946-1956 December

Box 4. Folder 3. Scrapbook #3, 1957-1963 June

Box 4. Folder 4. Scrapbook #4, 1963-1966

Box 5. Folder 1. Scrapbook #5, 1966-1968

Box 5. Folder 2. Scrapbook #6, 1968-1970

Box 5. Folder 3. Scrapbook #7, 1970-1971

Box 6. Folder 1. Scrapbook #8, 1971-1973

Box 6. Folder 2. Scrapbook #9, 1974 January-1975 March

Box 6. Folder 3. Scrapbook #10 (Part A), 1975-1976

Box 6. Folder 4. Scrapbook #10 (Part B), 1975-1976

Box 7. Folder 1. Scrapbook #11, 1976-1978

Box 8. Folder 1. Scrapbook #12, 1978 March-1980 September

Box 8. Folder 2. Scrapbook #13, 1980 September-1982 January

Box 9. Folder 1. Scrapbook # 14 (Part A), 1981 January-1982 August

Box 9. Folder 2. Scrapbook # 14 (Part B), 1981 January-1982 August

Box 9. Folder 3. Scrapbook # 14 (Part C), 1981 January-1982 August

Box 9. Folder 4. Scrapbook # 15 [includes transcripts from television programs on which Frank appeared as a expert on acne], 1983 September-1985 January

Box 10. Folder 1. Scrapbook #16 [largely unfilled; loose material at end], 1987-1989

Box 10. Folder 2. Unnumbered scrapbook (Part A), 1985-1987

Box 10. Folder 3. Unnumbered scrapbook (Part B), 1985-1987