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**A Finding Aid to the
Freiberg Family Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 716

Collection Summary

Title	Freiberg Family Papers, 1887-2003
Collection Number	MS-716
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Freiberg family
Extent	1.22 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes and 1 oversize folder)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Albert Freiberg (1868-1940)

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 17, 1868 to Joseph and Amalia Freiberg, Albert Henry Freiberg became one of the preeminent Orthopedic Surgeons of his time. He obtained his M.D. in 1890 from the Medical College of Ohio (now the University of Cincinnati Medical School). He studied in Wurzburg, Strassburg, Berlin, Paris, Vienna and London during his graduate years and began his practice in Cincinnati in 1894. He served as a professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Cincinnati from 1902-1939 and was an emeritus professor until his death. He was the first head of the school's orthopedic department as well as director of the orthopedic surgery services at the Cincinnati General, Jewish and Children's hospitals in Cincinnati. He published extensively in medical journals. During World War I he was a member of the advisory council on orthopedic surgery at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. and obtained the rank of Major in the U.S. Army Medical corps.

Dr. Albert Freiberg served as Chairman of the Professional Advisory Committee on Crippled Children, Department of Public Welfare of Ohio, and Chairman of the Executive Orthopedic Council of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, which was established by Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the late 1920's. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Orthopedic Association (which he served as president of in 1910), and the American Medical Association. He also served on the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College from 1926-1940. Albert Freiberg married Jeannette Freiberg on December 1, 1897 daughter of Julius Freiberg. They had two children, Joseph Albert and Albert Maurice Freiberg. Dr. Albert Freiberg died in Cincinnati on July 14, 1940.

Joseph Freiberg (1898-1973)

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 3, 1898 to Albert and Jeanette Freiberg, Joseph Henry Freiberg followed in his father's footsteps and became a leading orthopedic surgeon. Joseph Freiberg received his A.B. from Harvard in 1920, his M.S. in Biochemistry from the University of Cincinnati in 1922 and his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1923. He interned at Cincinnati General Hospital from 1923-1924 and served as assistant surgical resident of Cincinnati General Hospital from 1924-1925. He did graduate orthopedic training at Boston Children's and Massachusetts General Hospitals from 1925-1927 and at the British and Continental Orthopedic Clinics in 1927. He joined his father's practice in Cincinnati in 1928. He succeeded his father in directing the orthopedic services of the hospitals affiliated with the College of Medicine of Cincinnati. He was director of Orthopedic Service at Cincinnati General, Children's, and Jewish Hospitals as well as a consulting orthopedic surgeon at Drake Memorial Hospital, Dunham Hospital, and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Cincinnati.

Dr. Joseph Freiberg was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1933 and was certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons in 1936 and served as its President from 1961-1962. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, and the World Medical Association. Dr. Joseph Freiberg was on the Surgery faculty at the University College of Medicine. He was the Director of the Brace Shop, an organization that helped supply braces to underprivileged children. Among his numerous awards was the Jewel of Office of the President, which was presented by Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother to the Presidents of other World Orthopaedic Societies in June of 1952. In 1928 Dr. Joseph Freiberg married Louise Rothenberg who passed away in 1961. They had two children, a daughter Elinor and a son Richard. Joseph Albert Freiberg passed away on May 1, 1973.

Richard Freiberg (1932-)

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 2, 1932, to Joseph and Louise Freiberg, Richard Freiberg would continue his father and grandfather's tradition and become a leading orthopedic surgeon. He received his Bachelor's of Science from Harvard College in 1953 and attended Harvard Medical School from 1953-1957 earning his AOA. He interned at Cincinnati General Hospital from 1957-1958 and served as a General Surgery Resident at Cincinnati

General from 1958-1959. Dr. Richard Freiberg was an orthopedic resident at the University of Illinois from 1958-1962 when he traveled to Boston, London and Wigan, England, and Paris to observe surgery techniques. Dr. Freiberg returned to Cincinnati and began a practice now known as the Freiberg Orthopaedic Group. He also began teaching at the Arthritis Clinic at the University of Cincinnati. He was the consulting orthopaedic surgeon for the Shriner's burn unit and ran the Orthopaedic Service the Veteran's hospital for approximately ten years. After his father's death in 1973, Dr. Richard Freiberg was forced to cut back his teaching activities in order to take over much of his father's orthopaedic practice.

Dr. Freiberg served on the Board of Trustees of the Arthritis Foundation and the Jewish Hospital. He has been widely published in peer-reviewed publications. In 1996, Dr. Freiberg left the Freiberg Orthopaedic Group to become Director of Orthopaedic Surgery at Cincinnati Veterans Administration Medical Center where he also teaches Orthopaedic Surgery. He is also currently a Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Cincinnati College of Medicine. Richard married Betsy Ann Landau in 1957. The couple had three sons, one of which is now an Orthopaedic Surgeon. Betsy Freiberg passed away in 1993. Dr. Freiberg is currently married to Adrienne Wilson.

Scope and Content	Included are publications and writings, photographs, genealogical materials, and correspondence. Of considerable historic value are a number of letters between Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Albert Freiberg regarding the establishment of the Warm Springs Foundation and the early treatment of polio patients at the famous sanitarium in Warm Springs, Georgia, in late 1920s.
Arrangement	The collection is divided into six (6) series: A. Warm Springs/Roosevelt Files; B. Correspondence; C. Writings and Publications; D. Genealogy and Family History; E. Miscellaneous; F. Photographs.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
Preferred Citation	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Freiberg Family Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows: [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-716. Freiberg Family Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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Index Terms

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Personal Names	Freiberg, Albert Henry, 1868-1940 / Freiberg, Joseph, 1898-1973 / Freiberg, Richard, 1932- / Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962 / Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945
Corporate Names	Freiberg family / Georgia Warm Springs Foundation (Warm Springs, Ga.)
Media	Photographs

Series A. Warm Springs/Roosevelt Files, 1927-1939

Extent 0.14 linear feet (0.3 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains correspondence between Franklin Roosevelt, Albert Freiberg and other doctors regarding the trial period of the Warm Springs Foundation and the establishment of a permanent foundation and sanitarium at Warm Springs, Georgia. Albert Freiberg served on the Executive Board of the foundation and advised Franklin Roosevelt on the establishment of this well known facility. The correspondence includes reports on patient conditions during the trial period (1927) and reports from Franklin Roosevelt concerning future plans and budgets for the foundation. This series also contains later correspondence between Eleanor Roosevelt, Albert Freiberg, and Judge Marx concerning an Ohio man needing medical attention.

Arrangement Files are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically within folders.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Warm Springs. Brochure, undated
Box 1. Folder 2. Warm Springs. Budget, 1927-1930
Box 1. Folder 3. Warm Springs. Correspondence, 1926
Box 1. Folder 4. Warm Springs. Correspondence, 1927
Box 1. Folder 5. Warm Springs. Correspondence, 1928
Box 1. Folder 6. Warm Springs. Correspondence, undated
Box 1. Folder 7. Eleanor Roosevelt. Correspondence, 1939
Box 1. Folder 8. Franklin Roosevelt. Governor inauguration, 1930

Series B. Correspondence, 1927-1995

Extent 0.13 linear feet (0.3 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains correspondence of Albert, Joseph, and Richard Freiberg mostly concerning orthopedic affairs and professional organizations with which they were affiliated.

Arrangement Files are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically within folders.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence. Albert Freiberg, 1927
Box 1. Folder 10. Correspondence. Joseph Freiberg, 1939-1973
Box 1. Folder 11. Correspondence. Richard Freiberg, 1969-1995

Series C. Writings and Publications, 1900-1976

Extent 0.33 (0.8 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains the writings, published and unpublished, of Albert, Joseph, and Richard Freiberg. The writings are mostly related to their orthopedic practice however there are two unpublished stories written by Albert Freiberg called Madame and Bosom's Fiddle.

Arrangement Files are arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 12. Articles. Albert Freiberg, 1900-1940
Box 1. Folder 13. Articles. Joseph Freiberg, 1929-1962
Box 1. Folder 14. Articles. Richard Freiberg, 1976, undated
Box 2. Folder 1. Bibliography. Albert Freiberg, undated
Box 2. Folder 2. Bibliography. Joseph Freiberg, undated

Box 2. Folder 3. Cincinnati Journal of Medicine. Early Cincinnati Orthopedic Surgeons and Yesterday; The Jewish Hospital. Vol. 51, 52 No. 6, 1970, 1971

Box 2. Folder 4. Conversation in Nuremberg. Albert Freiberg, 1929

Box 2. Folder 5. Early Cincinnati Orthopedic Surgeons, undated

Box 2. Folder 6. Harvard Medical School. Surgical Techniques in the management of Rheumatoid Arthritis, 1969

Box 2. Folder 7. Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati. History and Recollection of Early Days, 1870-1975

Box 2. Folder 8. Moses Maimonides, The Physician. Albert Freiberg, 1935 April 30

Box 2. Folder 9. Physical Therapy, Physicians and Physical Therapists, 1937 December 8

Box 2. Folder 10. Stories. "Madame," "Boscom's Fiddle." Albert Freiberg, undated

Box 2. Folder 11. Treatment of Infantile Paralysis. Albert Freiberg, 1938

Series D. Genealogy and Family History, 1918-2003

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains family charts, recollections of family members, biographical information, certificates, and memorials of the Freiberg family. The recollections of family members by Robert Charles Rothenberg and Albert Freiberg are particularly helpful and interesting.

Arrangement Files are arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 2. Folder 12. "About the Freibergs; Something's about them put down from time to time." Albert Freiberg, 1932, 1937

Box 2. Folder 13. "As I remember it: My Scribble." Robert Charles Rothenberg, undated

Box 2. Folder 14. Biographical information on Joseph Freiberg, undated

Box 2. Folder 15. Certificates. Alfred Freiberg, 1918

Box 2. Folder 16. Certificates. Joseph Freiberg, 1952-1965

Box 2. Folder 17. Certificates. Richard Freiberg, 1993

Box 2. Folder 18. Freiberg, Albert. Account of dinner given in his honor, 1939 December 6

Box 2. Folder 19. Freiberg, Albert. From the National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, undated

Box 2. Folder 20. Genealogy, undated

Box 2. Folder 21. Jewish Hospital Medical and Dental Staff Bulletin. Joseph Freiberg retirement, 1973 February

Box 2. Folder 22. Memoriams to Joseph Freiberg, 1973

Box 2. Folder 23. Newspaper articles, 1960-2003

Box 2. Folder 24. Passport. Joseph Freiberg, 1927

Box 2. Folder 25. Tribute to Albert Freiberg, 1962 May 19

Series E. Miscellaneous, 1920-1971

Extent 0.3 linear feet (0.75 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains various orthopedic pamphlets and information as well as a cashbook from 1928-1938, a paper on Tolstoy, and miscellaneous medical writings.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 3. Folder 1. Cashbook, 1928 February-1938 November

Box 3. Folder 2. Commercial Club of Cincinnati, 1923 October 20

Box 3. Folder 3. Life of Tolstoy, undated

Box 3. Folder 4. Medical Alumnae Bulletin, 1963

Box 3. Folder 5. Medical charts, 1926

Box 3. Folder 6. Miscellaneous, undated

Box 3. Folder 7. Miscellaneous. Medical writings, undated

Box 3. Folder 8. Ohio State Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association honoring Joseph Freiberg, undated

Box 3. Folder 9. Orthopaedic Associations of the English Speaking World meeting, 1952

Box 3. Folder 10. Orthopaedic Forum Club, 1930-1975

Box 3. Folder 11. "An Orthopaedic Nonsense Anthology.", 1920 June 7-10

Box 3. Folder 12. Programs. Clinical Orthopaedic Society, 1937, 1971

Box 3. Folder 13. Strictly Unofficial History of the Beau Brummels. Historian Jerry Rice, undated

Series F. Photographs, 1887, undated

Extent 0.22 linear feet (.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains group shots of medical staff, organizations, family portraits, and other miscellaneous pictures. There are few family photographs, most of the pictures are of groups that involved family members. Includes the naturalization certificate of Julius Freiberg from 1887.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 3. Folder 14. 5x7 portraits and photographs.

Box 3. Folder 15. 8x10 portraits and photographs.

Box FF:C1/D8. Freiberg, Julius. Naturalization certificate, 1887

Box FF:C1/D8. Oversize photographs.