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Arthur G. King Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 734
Collection Summary

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Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Arthur King was born in Berlin, Germany on August 1, 1906 to Myron L. King and Sophie Snow King. At the age of 3 months, the family returned to their home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where King was educated at the Harvard Grammar School and the Cambridge High and Latin School. He was part of Temple Israel's Sunday school and was active in the Boy Scouts. In 1926, King graduated from Harvard College and, in 1931, he obtained his MD from Harvard Medical School.

Following graduation from Harvard Medical School, King obtained a Rockefeller Teaching Fellowship at Tulane University in New Orleans from 1931 to 1933. Following that appointment, he applied for Army active duty and was assigned to the Station Hospital at Barksdale Field, near Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1934, he took up a residency at the Brooklyn Methodist Episcopal Hospital. In 1935, he decided to move to Cincinnati, Ohio to take up practice as an OB/GYN, where, in 1936, he was appointed to the Attending Staff of the Jewish Hospital. Subsequently, he became a member of the faculty of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and as an Out-Patient clinician at the General Hospital (now the University Hospital). During this time, King also kept a private practice, which he continued until the mid 1980's.

At Harvard, King joined the R.O.T.C. Field Artillery Unit, and in 1941, received his orders to active duty in 1941. On August 4, he reported for duty at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland and was assigned to command the Ambulance Battalion of the 104th Medical Regiment of the 29th division. In January 1942, he was reassigned to be Task Force Surgeon of a new division being formed in New York, and on January 23, 1942, he sailed to Noumea, New Caledonia by way of Panama and Melbourne, Australia. In Melbourne, he was appointed Medical Inspector and Executive Officer. His only combat was in October 1942, when he volunteered to go up to Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands, where he compiled a Sanitary Survey of the island. King was then transferred to the Fourth Service Command on Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides (now Vanuatu). He was returned to the United States in June of 1942, and reverted to civilian status in April of 1946.

Arthur King married Marthe on July 24, 1931. Marthe King graduated from Boston University School of Education in Fine Arts and was an artist throughout her life. The Kings had two daughters: Angie King, born in 1941, and Deborah King, born in 1947. King died in 2002 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of materials relating to the medical career of Arthur G. King, including his time spent in the Army, as well as his personal life. The bulk of this collection is correspondence between King and his many acquaintances.

King’s writings consist of essays on various topics, publications that relate to King’s medical career, and, notably, short stories written about World War II. Of interest in King’s Army materials are his Army 201 file, which consists of Army documents pertaining to King and his work as an M.D. in the South Pacific.

King’s correspondence details his life in Cincinnati, including information about his medical practice. He discusses his time spend in the Army with William McLaughlin and Charles Gault. Most notable is his correspondence with the Lelyveld family.

Arrangement

The papers are divided into four (4) series: A. Writings and Research; B. World War II; C. Correspondence; D. Personal and Miscellaneous.

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Index Terms

**Subjects** Jewish physicians / Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, Jewish

**Media** Autobiographies / Photographs

**Series A. Writings and Research, 1927-1996**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of material compiled and written by King during his lifetime. Some of the materials are in bound volumes with a table of contents. Of interest is King’s collection of short stories about World War II.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged chronologically, with bound volumes at the end of the series arranged chronologically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 1. Folder 1. The Legend of Jesse Bennet’s 1795 Cesarean Section, 1975
Box 1. Folder 2. World War II, 1989-1996
Box 1. Folder 3. Essays, 1927-1993
Box 1. Folder 4. Reprints of Medical Publications Vol. 1, 1928-1941
Box 1. Folder 5. Historical and philosophical publications, 1986

**Series B. World War II, 1941-1996**

**Extent** 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of materials collected during and related to World War II. Some of the materials are in bound volumes with a table of contents. His Army 201 file, with official Army materials related to King’s work, and his essays on South Pacific War Medicine are most notable in the collection.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged chronologically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 2. Folder 1. Sinking of the S.S. President Coolidge, 1942-1996
Box 2. Folder 2. Report on the South Pacific Area, 1942
Box 2. Folder 4. War papers, 1941-1948
Box 2. Folder 5. South Pacific War Medicine, 1942-1944
Box 3. Folder 1. Army 201 file, 1930-1947
Series C. Correspondence, 1940-2002

Extent  6.8 linear feet (17 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  Consists of correspondence that relate to King's personal life, as well as his experiences in World War II. Some of the correspondence is in French. Of interest is his correspondence with Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, a noted civil rights activist, and his wife, Toby. Also notable is his correspondence with William McLaughlin, which discusses King's experiences as a Jewish man in the Army.

Arrangement  The series is arranged alphabetically by correspondent, with miscellaneous correspondence and subject correspondence at the end.

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Box 4. Folder 3. Belkin, Bonnie, 1979
Box 4. Folder 13. Catsiff, Oscar, 1995
Box 5. Folder 1. Cornelius, Muriel and Ted, 1947-1959
Box 5. Folder 2. Crouthamel, Marion, 1983-1996
Box 5. Folder 3. Cummings, Thomas, 1994-1995
Box 5. Folder 4. Daly, Henri, 1972-1997
Box 5. Folder 7. Distelrath, Margaret, 1986-1997
Box 5. Folder 8. Doyle, Cathy, 1982-1993
Box 5. Folder 10. Farmer, Henry, 1990
Box 5. Folder 15. Goldman, E. Stanley and Virginia, 1989
Box 6. Folder 15. Kilpatrick, James, 1993-1999
Box 6. Folder 23. Lelyveld, Carolyn and Joe, 1997
Box 7. Folder 1. Lelyveld, Toby, 1940s
Box 7. Folder 2. Lelyveld, Toby, 1950s-1960s
Box 7. Folder 3. Lelyveld, Toby, 1970s-1980s
Box 7. Folder 4. Lelyveld, Toby, 1990s
Box 7. Folder 5. Lichtin, Bev and Leon, 1995
Box 7. Folder 7. Listerman, Susan, 1990-1995
Box 8. Folder 1. Martin, Jean, 1979-2002
Box 8. Folder 5. McLaughlin, Bill, 1980 February-October
Box 10. Folder 1. McLaughlin, Bill, 1986 February-May
Box 11. Folder 1. McLaughlin, Bill, 1988 July-December
Box 11. Folder 4. McLaughlin, Bill, 1990 February-August
Box 11. Folder 7. McLaughlin, Bill, 1991 August-December
Box 12. Folder 1. McLaughlin, Bill, 1992 January-June
Box 12. Folder 7. McLaughlin, Bill, 1995 February-August
Box 13. Folder 4. McLaughlin, Bill, 1997 May-December
Box 14. Folder 1. Messina, Mr. and Mrs. Peter, 1988-1991
Box 18. Folder 4. Tephaney, Claire, 1948-1994
Box 18. Folder 5. Terry, Ira, 1972-1999
Box 18. Folder 12. Whittaker, Mary Joan and George, 1991-1993
Box 18. Folder 15. Winey, Michael, 1979-1992
Box 19. Folder 1. Miscellaneous, A-G.
Box 19. Folder 2. Miscellaneous, H-L.
Box 19. Folder 3. Miscellaneous, M-P.
Box 19. Folder 4. Miscellaneous, R-Z.
Box 19. Folder 12. World War II.
Box 20. Folder 1. Miscellaneous correspondence of Arthur G. King, Volume 2A.
Box 20. Folder 2. Miscellaneous correspondence of Arthur G. King, Volume 2B.

Series D. Personal and Miscellaneous, 1938, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of materials that relate to King’s personal life. Included are autobiographical materials, awards and honors that King has received and, of interest, a photograph album from the Kings’ 1938 trip to Europe.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically with the photograph album at the end.

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Box 21. Folder 4. Trips and travel.
Box 21. Folder 5. Photograph album: European trip of Arthur and Marthe King, 1938
September 14-October 14