

## OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

**Title:** Tinsley Randolph Harrison Collection

**Dates:** 1944-2015

**Extent:** 3 boxes (1.2 linear feet)

**Creators:** Tinsley Randolph Harrison, M.D.; Jean D. Wilson, M.D.

**Collector:** UT Southwestern Medical Center Library

**Acquisition info:** The bulk of the material was collected by Jean D. Wilson, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern and editor-in-chief of *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*, 12<sup>th</sup> edition. A few materials were received from other donors, and some of Harrison's letters to the Library were preserved by the Library. Dr. Wilson donated his collection to the Archives in June 2013. The curriculum vitae and interview transcripts were a gift of Ruth and Carleton B. Chapman, M.D., M.P.H.

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### Related Archival Materials:

Tinsley R. Harrison Papers, 1939-1978 (MC03), University of Alabama at Birmingham University Archives, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, <https://www.uab.edu/archives/57-mc03>

Tinsley R. Harrison Collection, 1930-1987 (MC07), University of Alabama at Birmingham University Archives, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, <http://scotty.mhsl.uab.edu/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=510717>

Tinsley R. Harrison Photograph Collection, 1890-1978 (P03), University of Alabama at Birmingham University Archives, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, <https://www.uab.edu/archives/collections/photocoll/19-collections/manu-briefs/214-p003>

Memoirs of Dr. William Groce Harrison, Sr., c. 1950 (MC08), University of Alabama at Birmingham University Archives, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, <https://www.uab.edu/archives/60-mc08>

Dean's Administrative Files, Office of the Dean, Medical College of Alabama, 1950-1951 (RG 17.1), University of Alabama at Birmingham University Archives, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, <http://scotty.mhsl.uab.edu/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=510515>

**Related Published Materials:**

*Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* (Philadelphia: Blakiston, 1950)  
Call Number: WB 115 H322P 1950

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The collection consists of records related to and created by Tinsley R. Harrison, M.D., which document his role as editor of *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* (HPIM). Records in this collection also highlight the later development of HPIM by editor Jean D. Wilson, M.D.

The collection contains lecture notes, slides, and a videotaped lecture of a centennial symposium held in 2000. Of note in Series 1 is Dr. Harrison's curriculum vitae and a series of interviews conducted with Dr. Harrison in 1974. Series 2 contains a booklet commemorating the millionth copy of HPIM, Dr. Wilson's 12<sup>th</sup> edition editor's workbook, and correspondence related to the editing and history of HPIM. Series 3 consists of biographies about Dr. Harrison by Ernest Poulos, M.D., and James A. Pittman, Jr., M.D.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Tinsley Randolph Harrison (1900-1978) was born in Talladega, Alabama, on March 18, 1900. He received his B.A. degree in 1919 from the University of Michigan and received his M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1922. Dr. Harrison interned at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital (now Brigham and Women's Hospital) and completed his residency training in Boston, Baltimore, and Nashville. After residency training, Harrison accepted a faculty position at Vanderbilt University, which he held until 1941 when he went to Wake Forest University to head the Department of Internal Medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. In 1944, he became the dean of Southwestern Medical College and chair of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Harrison remained on the faculty at Southwestern until 1950, when he became the acting dean for the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham, a position he relinquished in 1951. Dr. Harrison is noted for being the first editor-in-chief of the medical textbook *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*, first published in 1950. Harrison was Chair of the Department of Medicine at the Medical College of Alabama from 1950 to 1957 and remained an active faculty member until his retirement in 1970. He continued to teach and write until his death on August 4, 1978.

## ARRANGEMENT OF ARCHIVAL MATERIALS:

- Series 1. Professional and Personal Papers
- Series 2. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine
- Series 3. Biographies

### Series 1. Professional and Personal Papers

#### Folder Title

#### Box

- Articles about/mentioning Harrison, 1944-2012 [gaps in years]
- Correspondence – Alfred Blalock, 1944
- Correspondence – Leveta Foster, 1944-1945
- Curriculum Vitae and Interview Transcripts, 1974 [1 of 2]
- Curriculum Vitae and Interview Transcripts, 1974 [2 of 2]
- Recollections: The Department of Medicine, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 1925-1959*
- Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium lecture slides, 2000
- Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium speech manuscripts, 2000
- Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium video [1 of 2]
- Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium video [2 of 2]

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### Series 2. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine

#### Folder Title

#### Box

- Correspondence re: editing and history of HPIM, 1983, 1986-1987
- Editor's Workbook, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, 1991 [1 of 3]
- Editor's Workbook, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, 1991 [2 of 3]
- Editor's Workbook, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, 1991 [3 of 3]
- Photos, 1986-1988, 1995, no date
- Publication History Booklet: HPIM, 1950-1987, 1987
- Publication History Booklet: HPIM, 1950-1987 (in Japanese), 1987

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### Series 3. Biographies

#### Folder Title

#### Box

- Tinsley R. Harrison, M.D.: The Dallas Years*, by Ernest Poulos
- Tinsley R. Harrison M.D.: Teacher of Medicine*, book draft, by James A. Pittman, Jr., M.D., no date
- Tinsley R. Harrison M.D.: Teacher of Medicine*, by James A. Pittman, Jr., M.D., 2015

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