

Jean D. Wilson Collection on Tinsley Randolph Harrison, 1944-2015

Collection Overview

Title: Jean D. Wilson Collection on Tinsley Randolph Harrison, 1944-2015

Dates: 1944-2015

Extent: 1.2 linear feet (3 boxes)

Creator/Collector: Tinsley Randolph Harrison and Jean D. Wilson

Source of Acquisition: Materials in this collection were donated by Jean D. Wilson in June 2013 and Ruth and Carleton B. Chapman. The provenance of some materials remains unknown.

Repository: UT Southwestern Archives and Special Collections
Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center
UT Southwestern Medical Center
5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75390

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Related Materials: The Archives at the University of Alabama at Birmingham houses additional materials on Tinsley Randolph Harrison. The UT Southwestern Archives houses the following materials related to Tinsley Randolph Harrison:

1. [*Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* \(Philadelphia: Blakiston, 1950\)](#)
2. [*Tinsley R. Harrison M.D.: Teacher of Medicine* \(Montgomery: NewSouth Books 2015\)](#)

Separated Materials: The VHS tapes have been separated from the collection and catalogued.

The published copy of *Tinsley R. Harrison M.D.: Teacher of Medicine* was also separated and cataloged, while the draft remains in the collection.

Arrangement: This collection is arranged into two series: Series 1: Professional and Personal Papers; and Series 2: Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Biographical/Historical: 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. Jean D. Wilson, collector of the bulk of these materials, is a Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern and editor-in-chief of *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*, 12th edition.

Scope and Contents: The collection consists of materials collected by Jean D. Wilson related to Tinsley R. Harrison. There are articles, correspondence, and ephemera from 1944-2000 that document Tinsley R. Harrison's life and career, including his appointment as Dean of the Southwestern Medical School. Also included are materials from a lecture series in 2000 that was held in Harrison's honor. In addition, the collection contains correspondence, minutes, and publications (1983-1991) that highlight the development of *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* while Jean D. Wilson was an editor.

Box and Folder List

Series 1. Professional and Personal Papers, 1944-2000

This series contains materials corresponding to Tinsley Randolph Harrison's personal and professional life. Articles highlight Harrison's life and appointment as Dean of Southwestern Medical College. There is correspondence from Alfred Blalock around the time of Harrison's appointment at Southwestern Medical College, as well as correspondence between Harrison and UT Southwestern librarian, Laveta Foster, regarding purchases for the library. Also highlighted in the collection are materials related to the Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium held at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Included are lecture slides, drafts of a speech written by James A. Pittman, Jr. and VHS recordings of the symposium.

Box 1

- Folder 1: Articles about/mentioning Harrison, 1944-2012 (gaps in years)
- Folder 2: Correspondence: Alfred Blalock, 1944
- Folder 3: Correspondence: Leveta Foster, 1944-1945
- Folder 4: Curriculum Vitae and Interview Transcripts, 1974
- Folder 5: Curriculum Vitae and Interview Transcripts, 1974
- Folder 6: *Recollections: The Department of Medicine, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 1925-1959*
- Folder 7: Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium: Lecture slides, 2000
- Folder 8: Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium: Speeches, posters, and correspondence, 2000
- Folder 9: Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium: Video, 2000
- Folder 10: Tinsley R. Harrison Centennial Symposium: Video, 2000

Box 2

- Folder 1: *Tinsley R. Harrison M.D.: Teacher of Medicine* book draft, by James A. Pittman, Jr. M.D., no date
- Folder 2: *Tinsley R. Harrison M.D.: The Dallas Years*, by Ernest Poulos, M.D.

Series 2. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 1983-1991

This series contains materials related to the editorial process of *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine (HPIM)* from 1983-1991. Correspondence includes letters from Jean D. Wilson and other editors of *HPIM* as well as the publisher, McGraw-Hill. Also included are recollections and pictures celebrating the millionth copy of *HPIM*. There are also booklets of the history of *HPIM* in English and in Japanese.

Box 2

- Folder 3: Correspondence: editing and history of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 1983-1987
- Folder 4: Correspondence: Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine Editors, 1987-1990
- Folder 5: Correspondence: Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 1990
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- Folder 6: Correspondence: McGraw-Hill, 1986-1991
- Folder 7: Correspondence: Readers, 1988-1991
- Folder 8: Drafts and proofs, 1988-1991, undated
- Folder 9: Photographs, 1986-1988, no date

Box 3

- Folder 1: Publication History booklet: Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 1950-1987
- Folder 2: Publication History booklet: Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 1950-1987 (in Japanese), 1987
- Folder 3: Publishing agreements and financial documents, 1986-1991
- Folder 4: Meeting minutes, 1988-1991
- Folder 5: Reference materials, undated