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Museum Records: Historical Collections, Dr. William Shehadi Collection

Date of Records: 1939-1981

Size: 1 linear foot, 2 boxes

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Background Note: Dr. William H. Shehadi was born on June 30, 1906 in Providence, Rhode Island. He married the former Miss Ruth Breckenridge Lambert of St. Louis, Missouri in April 1955 and had two children, William Henry Shehadi, Jr. (b. August 22, 1958) and Albert Breckenridge Shehadi (b. February 6, 1960). He received his D.D.S. in 1927 and his M.D. in 1931 from American University of Beirut in Lebanon. After serving as Instructor in Anatomy and Assistant Radiologist at American University of Beirut, he completed his graduate training and residency at the Universities of Berlin and Vienna as well as Mary Hitchcock Hospital and Dartmouth Medical School. He went on to teach at the University of Vermont School of Medicine, New York Medical College, and the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital. Additionally, he served as Director of the Department of Radiology at Mount Vernon Hospital (1942-48), New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital (1948-60), and Westchester County Medical Center (1968-76).

Series/Scope and Content Note: Over the course of his career as a radiologist, Dr. Shehadi compiled a private collection of over 100 historic X-ray tubes that traced the history and development of diagnostic imaging to the landmark discovery by Wilhelm Roentgen in 1895. This collection documents the transfer of materials from Shehadi to the Museum and includes extensive correspondence between the period 1976-1981, as well as 36 reprints of articles written by Shehadi. The collection also includes drawings and photographs of the X-ray tubes in Shehadi's collection, which was ultimately transferred to the Johns Hopkins Medical School.



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- 00001: Correspondence with Museum [1 of 2]
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- 00004: Shehadi Project: Story of Radiology
- 00005: Reprints of Articles by Dr. William H. Shehadi [1 of 2]
- 00006: Reprints of Articles by Dr. William H. Shehadi [2 of 2]
- 00007: Drawings and Descriptions of X-ray Tubes
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Box 002:

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