

MS036 Guide to John Roberts Phillips, MD and Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN Papers, 1924-1982

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Rebecca Hall Phillips

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Manuscript Collection No. 036

Collection Overview

Creator:	Phillips, John Roberts; Phillips, Rebecca Hall
Title:	John Roberts Phillips, MD and Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN papers
Inclusive Dates:	1924-1982
Bulk Dates:	(1927-1974)
Abstract:	The John Roberts Phillips, MD and Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN papers contains volumes of catalogued medical works, medical paraphernalia, certificates and diplomas, correspondence, photographs, academic journal reprints, and other materials related to the lives and careers of John and Rebecca Phillips. The collection is 8.5 cubic feet and contains 8 boxes and digitized scrapbooks. As a whole, the material is in good condition and contains material from 1924 to 1982, however, the bulk of the material is from 1927-1974.
Identification:	MS 036
Quantity:	8.5 cubic feet (8 boxes)
Language:	English
Repository:	John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center, Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library

Biographical Note

John Roberts Phillips was born on February 28, 1904 in Quantico, Maryland. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1923 and completed his Master of Surgery at the University of Minnesota in 1931. He received a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic from 1929 to 1933. In 1929, he married Rebecca Jane Hall. In 1933, Phillips started his own surgical practice in Houston and served as the Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Texas and as the Assistant Professor of Surgery at Baylor University in Houston, Texas. He authored and co-authored over 124 articles published in various medical journals. Phillips retired in 1967 and died April 19, 1983.

Rebecca Jane Hall Phillips was born on December 14, 1903 in Maryland. She became a registered nurse at the University of Maryland. She served as a surgical nurse from 1927-1929 in Maryland, as a nurse at the Mayo Clinic from 1927-1932, and then starting in 1933, served as the surgical nurse, office manager, and public relations manager for her husband, John Roberts Phillips' practice in Houston, TX.

Scope and Contents Note

The John Roberts Phillips, MD and Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN papers (MS036) is 8.5 cubic feet and consists of 5 documents boxes, 3 oversize boxes, and 11 digitized scrapbooks. It contains biographical information, personal and professional correspondence, professional activities, reprints of publications, medical

instruments, memorabilia, awards, and certificates. The digital scrapbooks provide information on John Roberts Phillips, MD's surgical procedures and the Phillips' work with the TB Hospital in Houston. The materials are in good condition.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

Unrestricted. Material is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish from this material must be facilitated through the repository, McGovern Historical Center.

Index Terms

Subjects (Persons)

Phillips, John Roberts
Phillips, Rebecca Hall

Subjects (Organizations)

University of Maryland at Baltimore. School of Medicine.
University of Texas Medical School at Houston
Baylor College of Medicine. Department of Surgery
American College of Surgeons. Clinical Congress
Mayo Clinic.

Subjects

Medicine
Surgery--Practice.
Tuberculosis--Hospitals--Texas.

Places

Houston (Texas)
Texas Medical Center

Document Types

Scrapbooks
Diplomas
Publications (documents)

Occupation

Surgeons
Nurses

Related Materials

The following are other manuscript collections related to Surgery and Tuberculosis:

IC 034 San Jacinto Lung Association

MS 004 William D. Seybold papers

MS 017 Joe R. Gandy, MD papers

MS 028 Howard Barkley, MD papers

MS 082 Elwin L. Shelton, Jr., MD papers

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

John Roberts Phillips, MD and Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN papers; MS 036; John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center, Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library.

Please cite the box and folder numbers where appropriate.

Acquisition Information

Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN donated the papers in 1983.

Processing Information

The Collection was reviewed to establish or re-establish the order. Original Order of the collection has been maintained. The folders are arranged as they were received from Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN. Duplicates of bibliography, membership roster, and journal articles were removed. The physical scrapbooks were removed due to deterioration from the lamination process, but all scrapbooks were digitized. DCD Internet Archive images of all pages, PDF access copies and metadata are stored on the Digital Collections Drive (DCD). PDF copies uploaded and described in the Internet Archive. A copy of the "The Cullens-The Epic Story of Two Great Texans" was also removed, as this is a common copy that can be found throughout Houston. A glass tube with a sample inside it was discarded due to degradation, however, an identical glass tube with sample still remains a part of the collection.

Additions

No accruals are expected for this collection.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Biographical and Personal, 1927-1982

This series contains biographies, news articles, and photographs related to the personal life of John Roberts Phillips, MD and Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Biographies and Personal Life Activities, 1927-1982
	2	Biographical Fact Cards

3	Obituaries and Funeral Arrangements, 1982
4	Photographs-Events and Head Shots
5	Correspondence
6	Gauzette, 1965

Series II: Professional Career and Activities, 1958-1982

This series contains information on the professional groups, events, and programs that the Phillips were involved with.

Box	Folder	
1	7	Meetings and Events Attended Lists and Programs, 1958-1982
	8	Professional Groups, 1958-1974
Box	Folder	
2	1	Professional Groups, 1976-1982
	2	Surgery Procedures

Series III: Publications, 1959-1970

This series contains the bibliography of John Roberts Phillips, MD, poems by Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN, and copies of journal articles.

Box	Folder	
2	3	Bibliography of John Roberts Phillips, MD
	4	Cigarette Bronchitis and Emphysema Brochures
	5	Collected Poems by Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN
	6	Coronet Magazine, August 1956
	7	News clippings, 1959-1962
	8	Papers on Texas Medical History by Rebecca Hall Phillips, RN
	9	Reprinted Journal Articles by John Roberts Phillips, MD
	10	Collected Articles by Other Surgeons, 1961-1970

Series IV: Artifacts and Memorabilia, 1927-1967

This series contains medical instruments, surgical tools, and memorabilia from professional activities.

Box	Folder	
3	1	Name tags, pins, and coins memorabilia
	2	Medical Instruments from Komei Nakayan, MD
	3	Medical Instruments from John Roberts Phillips, MD 1927-1967
Box	Folder	
4	1	Surgical instruments

2	Syringes, clamps, and surgical instruments 1927-1967
3	Hemacytometer and glasses 1927-1967
4	Needles, grafts, and handkerchiefs 1927-1967
5	Medical instrument 1927-1967

Series V: Awards, Certificates, and Oversize, 1927-1982

This series contains medical licenses, diplomas, certificates, and awards.

Box	Folder	
5	1	License by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Maryland, 1927
	2	Student Nurse Certificate, 1924
	3	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate of Registration, 1927
	4	Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses, Registered Nurse 1927
	5	Certificate of Registration in the Basic Sciences, 1927
	6	University of Minnesota Master of Science in Surgery diploma, 1932
	7	Membership Certificates for the American Academy of Tuberculosis Physicians and World Medical Association, 1937-1939
	8	Certificates, 1938-1982
	9	Board of Nurse Examiners of the State of Texas, Registered Nurse, 1943
	10	World Medical Association Founder-Member Certificate, 1947
	11	Certificate of Specialist in the Art and Science of General Surgery, 1947
	12	Certificate for Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, 1948
	13	Medical Advisor Certificate, 1948
	14	County Certificates, 1949
	15	Life Membership Certificate of the Southern Medical Association, 1964
	16	Charter Member of the Women's Auxiliary of the United States
	17	American Medical Association Membership Certificate
	18	Methodist Hospital Appreciation Certificate
	19	Framed Program from the Distinguished Service Award received by Komei Nakayan, MD
Box		
OV222		Awards, large photos adhered to cardboard
Box		
OV223		Awards, licenses, and diplomas
Box		
OV224		Plaques, awards, diplomas enlarged and copied onto particle board

Series VI: Scrapbooks, 1927-1957

This series contains 11 digitized scrapbooks that are located in Digital Collection Drive (DCD).

Box	Folder
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DCD MS036- Procedures
001- [MS036-001-000](#)
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MS036- Men's Patrons Division of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the Houston TB Hospital,
002- Volume I, 1956
000 [MS036-002-000](#)

MS036- Men's Patrons Division of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the Houston TB Hospital,
003- Volume II, 1956
000 [MS036-003-000](#)

MS036- Men's Patrons Division of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the Houston TB Hospital,
004- Volume III, 1957
000 [MS036-004-000](#)

MS036- St. Joseph's Hospital, Houston, TX, 1955-1957
005- [MS036-005-000](#)
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MS036- "This is Your Life", Volume III Medical Works, Book I 1927-1956
006- [MS036-006-000](#)
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MS036- "This is Your Life", Volume III Medical Works, Book III 1937-1956
007- [MS036-007-000](#)
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MS036- "This is Your Life", Volume III Medical Works, Book V 1937-1956
008- [MS036-008-000](#)
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MS036- "This is Your Life", Volume III Medical Works, Book VI 1937-1956
009- [MS036-009-000](#)
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MS036- "This is Your Life", Volume III Medical Works, Book XI 1937-1956
010- [MS036-010-000](#)
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MS036- "This is Your Life", Volume III Medical Works, Book XII 1937-1956
011-000 [MS036-011-000](#)
