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## Henry Barton Jacobs Collection

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Processing Information: Preliminary processing of the Henry Barton Jacobs Collection Correspondence Series was completed by William R. Day, Jr. on May 24, 1994. In 2012, Chesney Medical Archives student assistant Steven Pope did additional work to arrange and inventory the correspondence, under the direction of Phoebe Evans Letocha. Preliminary description of the scrapbooks was completed by Phoebe Evans Letocha. Chesney Medical Archives volunteer Dr. Francis Milligan processed the box related to the Osler Memorial volume and further described the scrapbooks.

## Collection Overview

**Extent:** 13 linear feet

**Creator:** Jacobs, Henry Barton

### Administrative/Biographical History:

Henry B. Jacobs

2 Jun 1858-18 Dec 1939

Henry Barton Jacobs was born in Hingham, Massachusetts. He received his A.B. in 1883 and his M.D. in 1887, both from Harvard University. Jacobs came to Baltimore to become the private physician for Robert Garrett, then president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. After Garrett's death in 1896, he joined the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, retiring in 1905. He maintained an interest in tuberculosis and took an active role in the anti-tuberculosis campaign. In 1911, he was elected a trustee of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, a position he held until his death. Jacobs married Mary Frick Garrett, Robert Garrett's widow, in 1902. In the latter part of his career Jacobs cultivated interests in the fine arts and the history of medicine. In 1932, he donated his collection of medical books, medallions, and engravings, and a room to house the collection, to the Johns Hopkins University's Institute of the History of Medicine.

**Chronology:** 1897-1905 - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
1911-1939 - Johns Hopkins Hospital

### Scope and Content:

The Henry Barton Jacobs Collection spans his entire career. It consists of correspondence with individuals and organizations (1887-1939), scrapbooks (1893-1930s), papers regarding the Osler Anniversary Volume (1919-1921), and two boxes of "tuberculosis clippings" (1904-1916). Key correspondents include Harvey Cushing, William

Halsted, and Thomas Fitcher. Additional Jacobs' correspondence may be found in the personal paper collections of John Jacob Abel, Thomas B. Cullen, William S. Halsted, Adolf Meyer, William Osler, and William H. Welch.

**Accruals Description:** 1983-006, 1984-066, 1986-036, 1989-012, 1992-013, 1996-007

**Language:** English

**Subject - Name:**

Osler, William, Sir, 1849-1919

**Subject - Topical:**

Tuberculosis

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**Related Archival Materials Element:** Additional Correspondence of Henry Barton Jacobs can be found in the personal paper collections of John Jacob Abel, Thomas B. Cullen, William S. Halsted, Adolf Meyer, William Osler, and William Welch. The Osler Papers are particularly noteworthy in that the collection contains 2 full holinger boxes of Jacobs' correspondence.

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**File :** Envelope of personal clippings

**File :** Illustrations: Abdomen Plates

**File :** International Medical Congress - 1909

**Scope and Content:** Application form, program and other printed materials from the XVI International Medical Congress held in Budapest from August 29 to September 4, 1909.

**File :** Lecture Notes on Medical Therapeutics by Henry Barton Jacobs - 1899-1903

**Bound volume :** Notebook on Practical Therapeutics - 1898

**Scope and Content:** Contains handwritten notes and lecture outlines on practical therapeutics.

**Bound volume :** Personal Scrapbook, red cover, includes original correspondence, clippings, reprints - 1886-1905

**Scope and Content:** In addition to clippings and reprints, this scrapbook contains many letters related to Henry Barton Jacobs. It includes 3 letters from William Welch regarding Jacobs' appointment to the Johns Hopkins medical faculty (pages 7, 10 and 11).

**Subject -** Welch, William Henry, 1850-1934.

**File : Preliminary Report of the Tuberculosis Commission of the State of Maryland to the Governor of Maryland** - December 14, 1903

**File : Remarks to the Graduating Class of Newport Training School for Nurses** - undated

**Bound volume : Scrapbook, black cover, clippings and correspondence** - 1937-1939

**Scope and Content:** Correspondence and clippings regarding Henry Barton Jacobs and the death of Harvey Cushing. Clippings also include H.L. Mencken articles about Johns Hopkins Hospital.

**Bound volume : Scrapbook, brown cover, clippings regarding Robert Garrett, poetry** - 1880s-1910; 1868

**Bound volume : Scrapbook, clippings and photographs regarding openings and monuments** - 1911-1939

**Scope and Content:** Topics include the opening of the Brady Urological Institute, the Baltimore Museum of Art, Phillips Exeter Academy, the Robert Garrett Hospital for Children in Mt. Airy, and Episcopal cathedrals in Baltimore and Maryland. Many of the clippings, photographs and ephemera are related to the transfer of Mary Frick Jacobs' art collection to the Baltimore Museum of Art, which occurred officially on May 6, 1938. Included are many photographs of the new museum wing and its paintings, articles about the raising of the funds for the construction of the wing and the presentation address by Henry Barton Jacobs in transferring the Mary Frick Jacobs Collection to the museum. Also included are clippings and photographs related to the 150th anniversary of the Phillips Exeter Academy, obituaries of friends and acquaintances of Jacobs, including John Russell Pope, architect of the Baltimore Museum of Art, and bookplates of the Jacobs family.

**Bound volume : Scrapbook, clippings, programs, correspondence** - 1901-1936

**Scope and Content:** Scrapbook includes extensive clippings related to Mary Frick Jacobs death in 1936. Also included are typed notes from Henry Barton Jacobs' speech as toastmaster of a Harvard Club dinner in Baltimore circa 1901, shortly after Ira Remsen was made president of Johns Hopkins University.

**Bound volume : Scrapbook, clippings, programs, invitations, correspondence** - 1893-1894; 1903-1913; 1921

**Scope and Content:** The first half of this scrapbook contains newspaper clippings related to events in medicine and about Baltimore, including some concerning Mr. and Mrs Robert Garrett. The second half of the scrapbook contains letters, notes and invitations to and from Henry Barton Jacobs primarily from 1901 to 1905 and one from 1921.

**Bound volume : Scrapbook, Eudowood campaign** - 1928

**Scope and Content:** Scrapbook consists of clippings, correspondence, ephemera regarding the Eudowood Sanatorium fundraising for which Henry Barton Jacobs was campaign chair.

**Bound volume : Scrapbook, general clippings, some invitations and programs** - 1905-1936

**Scope and Content:** Scrapbooks includes mostly clippings in addition to multiple printed invitations and announcements. Several clippings relate to the death of Mary Frick Garrett Jacobs in 1936. Clippings from 1923 and 1924 mention Dr. Jacobs' charity work to the African American community; one written by Rev H. N. Jeter, a black minister, refers to Henry Barton Jacobs as "a great friend of my people."

**Bound volume :** [Scrapbook, green cover, art prints, correspondence related to Jacobs role as collector and philanthropist - 1910-1937](#)

**Archival Arrangement:** First half of book consists of art prints, second half is correspondence

**Bound volume :** [Scrapbook, green cover, clippings, programs, invitations, correspondence - 1907-1936](#)

**Scope and Content:** Scrapbook includes clippings of medical and social events in Baltimore and the eastern United States. One section of the scrapbook is related to the Episcopal Church in Maryland. Some of the correspondence is to Mary Jacobs. Included is an undated and unsigned typed letter addressed to "Mr. President" in which Dr. Jacobs expresses concern regarding United States recognition or support of Russia and the Communist backed faction in arms which are persecuting Christians.

**Bound volume :** [Scrapbook: black cover, clippings, telegrams, postcards, photographs, condolences on death of Henry Barton Jacobs - 1939; 1903-1940](#)

**Scope and Content:** Scrapbook includes condolence letters from religious and non-religious groups following Jacobs' death. Condolence letters and telegrams are addressed to J. Alexander Johnson. Included is a brief note from the Med-Chi faculty.

**Bound volume :** [Scrapbook: Certificates, correspondence, clippings, invitations - 1900-1930s](#)

**Archival Arrangement:** Scrapbook is not chronological.

**Bound volume :** [Scrapbook: Clippings - 1912-1923](#)

**Scope and Content:** Scrapbook is primarily general interest clippings, society news, cosmetics. Includes a letter to Robert Garrett from 1881.

**Archival Arrangement:** Scrapbook is not chronological.

**Bound volume :** [Scrapbook: The Laennec, A Society for the Study of Tuberculosis. - 1904-1938](#)

**Scope and Content:** Scrapbook also includes programs for The Johns Hopkins Hospital Historical Club, The Book and Journal Club of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, and The Clinical Society of Maryland

**Sub-series :** [Tuberculosis Scrapbooks - 1903-1920](#)

**Extent:** 16 volumes

**Scope and Content:** Sub-series consists of scrapbooks of clippings related to tuberculosis that were compiled by Henry Barton Jacobs. Some of the volumes also contain correspondence, ephemera, and brochures related to Jacobs' tuberculosis work.

**Archival Arrangement:** Volumes are arranged chronologically.

**Subject - Topical:** Tuberculosis

### Series 3: Records Related to the William Osler Memorial Volume - 1919-1921

**Extent:** 1 box

**Scope and Content:** Series consists of papers relating to the William Osler Memorial Volume honoring Osler's 70th Birthday, which Jacobs coordinated. Series includes records of financial contributions to the volume.

**Subject -- Name:** Osler, William, Sir, 1849-1919

**Bound volume : Check book**

**Bound volume : Colonial trust company**

**Folder : Miscellaneous - HBJ**

**Folder : Notecards of publications**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - British correspondence about subscriptions**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - British Isles correspondence re subscriptions**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - British Isles subscription list**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence - 1920**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - Correspondence & HBJ re: publication - 1919**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - Correspondence & HBJ re: publication - 1920**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence (Paul Hoeber)**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence from C.L. Dara & F.H. Garrison**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence from Casey Wood - 1920-1921**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence from Guarantors re: refund of \$8.00 - 1920-1921**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence from subscribers 1**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence from subscribers 2**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence from subscribers 3**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence re: subscriptions**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence re: subscriptions - 1918-1919**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volume - correspondence re: subscriptions**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - correspondence re: subscriptions**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - correspondence T/F Guarantors - 1920-1921**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - financial statements from Paul Hoeber - 1920-1921**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - planning and selection of architects - 1919-1926**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - publication expenses receipts - 1920-1921**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - Refunded Subscriptions**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - subscription correspondence**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - Subscription list**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - Subscription list**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - Subscription list**

**Folder : Olser Anniversary Volume - Subscription lists - dated**

**Bound volume : Osler Anniversary Volume**

**Folder : Osler Anniversary Volumes - Special notes**

**Box : Payments to the Osler Anniversary Volume Fund**

## **Artifacts**

Dr. H. B. Jacobs  
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H. B. Jacobs  
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