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Records of the Deanship of William H. Welch (1893 – 1898), Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Dates: 1893-1899

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Collection Overview

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Creator: Welch, William Henry, 1850-1934.

Administrative/Biographical History:

Welch, William Henry (1850-1934)

William H. Welch was born in Norfolk, Connecticut. He received his A.B. in 1870 from Yale University and his M.D. in 1875 from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. After interning at Bellevue Hospital in New York, Welch studied at the universities of Strasbourg, Leipzig, Breslau, and Berlin from 1876 until 1878. Returning to Bellevue Hospital Medical College, Welch held an appointment as professor of pathological anatomy and general pathology. While there, he established the first pathological laboratory and discovered the organism named *Bacillus welchii* that causes gas gangrene. In 1884, he agreed to take a position at the hospital and medical school that were being organized in Baltimore through the bequest of Mr. Johns Hopkins. In 1889, when the hospital was opened, Welch was named pathologist-in-chief. When the school of medicine opened in 1893, Welch was the first dean. He then helped organize the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health and became its first director. He also founded and served as the first director of the Institute of the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University. Welch took an active role in national and international medical affairs, serving as president of several organizations and associations.

Chronology: 1889-1931 - Johns Hopkins Hospital
1884-1934 - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
1916-1934 - Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health

Scope and Content:

William H. Welch served as the first dean of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine from 1893 to 1898. Records comprise Welch's dean's office correspondence and accompanying documents. In addition, letters from the period that Welch served as the acting dean while Dean William Osler was traveling are also among these records, including correspondence from 1898 and June through September 1899.

Archival Arrangement:

Folders are arranged in alphabetical order by the first letter of the correspondent's name, either individual's surname (bulk) or company name. Within folders, letters are arranged in chronological order by date.

Related Archival Material Element:

Additional material pertaining to William H. Welch can be found in his personal paper collection and in the correspondence of Dean's Office, Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

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Correspondence to: George J. Coy, Henry Hurd, and William H. Welch.
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Scope and Content: Correspondence from: Marshall A. Barber, Mary L Barker. E. R. Barnard, Esther Subia Barnard, Alvis D. Barnes, Blanche E. Barnes, J. Walter Barr, Frank L. Bateman, Julia Bates, Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, Thomas P. Benson, Harry M. Bestor, Edwin Beer, Lucy P. Bement, T. R. Ball, Bender & Hobein (German), and A. C. Benedict.
Correspondence to: Ball, George J. Coy, Thomas P Benson, and William H. Welch.

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Correspondence to: T. R. Ball and William H. Welch.

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Correspondence to: George J. Coy, William H. Welch, Henry M. Hurd, and Daniel C. Gilman.

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Correspondence to: William H Welch.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch and T.R. Ball.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, Daniel C. Gilman, and George J. Coy.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, Daniel C. Gilman, and George J. Coy.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, Daniel C. Gilman, George J. Coy, and William Osler.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, Daniel C. Gilman, George J. Coy, and Mrs Henry M. Hurd.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, Daniel C. Gilman, and George J. Coy.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, Daniel C. Gilman, George J. Coy, T. R. Ball, and William Hurd.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, Daniel C. Gilman, Hurd, George J. Coy, T. R. Ball, Franklin P. Mall, and Howard A. Kelly.

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Correspondence to: Daniel C. Gilman, George J. Coy, William H. Welch, and Henry M. Hurd.

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Correspondence to: George J. Coy, and William H. Welch.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, George J. Coy, and Daniel C. Gilman.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, George J. Coy, and Thomas R. Ball.

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S. Perry, Lindsay Peters, and R. R. Pettigrew.
Correspondence to: William H. Welch, Howard A. Kelly, Daniel C. Gilman, and George J. Coy.

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Correspondence to: Henry Hurd, William H. Welch, William Osler, Daniel C. Gilman, and Howard A. Kelly.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch and George J. Coy.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, George J. Coy, T. R. Ball, Henry M. Hurd, and William Osler.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, George J. Coy, Henry M. Hurd, and Daniel C. Gilman.

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Correspondence to: Daniel C. Gilman, William H. Welch, George J. Coy, Howard A. Kelly, and William Osler.

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Correspondence to: William H. Welch, George J. Coy, T. R. Ball, Henry M. Hurd, and Daniel C. Gilman.

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