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[Dana W. Atchley Papers](#)

ATCHLEY, DANA W. (DANA WINSLOW), 1892-1982.

Papers, 1898-1969.

8 items (2 folders)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Physician and medical educator. Born July 8, 1892 in Chester, Connecticut, Atchley was educated at the University of Chicago (B.S., 1911) and Johns Hopkins University (M.D., 1915). After an internship at Johns Hopkins Hospital, he joined the faculty of the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons and the attending staff of its main clinical partner, Presbyterian Hospital. Atchley remained at what was later known as the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center for the rest of his career, becoming professor of clinical medicine in 1942 and professor emeritus in 1958.

Though he did important work on the relation of electrolyte balance to disease, especially as it relates to diabetes, Atchley was best known as a legendary teacher and a wise and compassionate physician. When the Medical Center's private practice office building was completed in 1969, it was named the Dana W. Atchley Pavilion (it was later renamed the Herbert Irving Pavilion in recognition of a generous Medical Center donor). He received the Kober Medal from the Association of American Physicians in 1969.

Atchley continued to teach at Columbia after his retirement and practiced medicine until he was 84. He died June 26, 1982 at Englewood, New Jersey.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: A small collection of memorabilia documenting the life of Atchley. Included are photographs, certificates, an elementary school report card, and a newspaper article.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Open without restrictions.

PROVENANCE: On deposit from the Office of the Corporate Secretary, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, 2008. They were donated before 1998 to Presbyterian Hospital by Atchley's son, William Atchley.

Subjects

Atchley, Dana W. (Dana Winslow), 1892-1982.

Physicians – New York (State) – New York.

Columbia University. College of Physicians and Surgeons – Faculty.

Certificates.

Photographs.

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Item List

Located in Miscellaneous Manuscripts:

Fifth grade report card, Bath (ME) Public Schools, c.1902

Class photo, 1st or 2nd grade, Bath (ME), c. 1898-99

Portrait photo of Atchley by Elizabeth Wilcox, c.1960, 5" x 7"

Photo of drawing or painting of Atchley, 8" x 10"

The Stethoscope, v.24, n.1 (January 1969) with front page article on opening of Atchley Pavilion

Card announcing that Atchley "will see private patients in his office at the Presbyterian Hospital, entrance 730 Park Avenue," undated but pre-1928

Located in Oversize Materials, Box 1, fo. 23:

License to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey, Dec. 21, 1934

Certificate, Kober Foundation, noting that Atchley had been awarded the Kober Medal, March 28, 1969