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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: Chiefly papers documenting John Augustus Hartwell's activities as a Yale alumnus, particularly on behalf of the Yale University Athletic Association. Included are correspondence, articles of incorporation, minutes and reports of the Association. Other papers concern the class of 1889, Yale-in-China, and Hartwell's service as a major in the Medical Corps during World War I.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. John A. Hartwell, 1941.

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Biographical / Historical

John Augustus Hartwell, Ph.B. 1889.

Born September 27, 1869, in Sussex, N.J.

Died November 30, 1940, in Oakdale, N.Y.

Father, Samuel Slawson Hartwell (B.A. 1859). Mother, Mary Clarinda (Stiles) Hartwell. Yale relatives include an uncle, William A. Stiles (B.A. 1859).

Sedgwick School, Great Barrington, Mass. Biology course at Yale; prize for excellence in all studies and for excellence in physics Freshman year; Senior appointment and honorable mention Belknap Natural History Prize; Class crew Freshman and Junior years; University Crew four years and captain 1891-92; on University Football Team four years; vice-president Yale University Boat Club Senior year; Class president Junior year; second vice-president Y.M.C.A. Senior year; member The Colony and Berzelius; Ph.B. 1889. Enrolled as graduate student Sheffield Scientific School 1889-90 (assistant in physiological chemistry) and Yale School of Medicine 1890-92 (M.D. *cum laude* 1892).

Graduate student College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, 1892-93; interne [*sic*] Presbyterian Hospital 1894-97; physician and surgeon New York City 1897-1940 (retired from active surgical work 1933); consulting surgeon New York, Bellevue, Presbyterian, Lincoln, Reconstruction, and Memorial hospitals, New York infirmary for Women and Children, Lawrence Hospital (Bronxville), and United Hospital (Port Chester); instructor in physiology Cornell University Medical College 1898-99; instructor in physiology and assistant demonstrator in anatomy 1900-01; assistant professor of physiology 1902-03; professor of clinical surgery 1909-10, 1911-12, 1918-19, and 1932-33; assistant professor of surgery 1911-12 and associate professor 1918-19; professor of surgery emeritus 1939; a frequent contributor to medical journals; commissioned Major, Medical Corps, January 26, 1918; director of instruction in war surgery Bellevue Hospital; overseas August 1-November 20, 1918; detached service with A.E.F. in connection with medical supplies furnished by American Red Cross; later assigned to surgeon-in-chief, 1st Army, Souilly; served with evacuation and field hospitals during part of Meuse-Argonne offensive; consultant surgeon Debarkation Hospital, Port of New York, until honorable discharge July 1, 1919; vice-president New York Academy of Medicine 1918-20, president 1929-33, director 1934-39, trustee 1928, 1933-34, and 1939-40; secretary and treasurer New York Surgical Society 1905-07, president 1921-23; president Society of Clinical Surgery 1928, 1933; associate director American Society for the Control of Cancer 1939-40; fellow American College of Surgeons; member medical societies of County and State of New York, American Association for Thoracic Surgery, National Tuberculosis Association, American Medical and Surgical associations, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and

International Surgical Society; director and member executive committee More Game Birds in America, Inc., 1930-40; trustee Ducks Unlimited 1937-40 (first president 1937-38); president Association of Yale Alumni in Medicine 1937-38; graduate member Yale University Athletic Association and Board of Control; on medical advisory committee Yale-in-China; member Century, Links, and Southside Sportsman's clubs, University Club, Yale Club of New York, and St. James' Church (Episcopal), New York City.

Married April 16, 1910, in Port Chester, N.Y., Mary Butler Green Fulton, daughter of Albert William and Mary Thompson (Butler) Green. No children.

Death due to acute coronary occlusion. Buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y. Survived by wife and two sisters, Mrs. Emma H. McCully and Miss Louise Hartwell, both of Montclair, N.J.

(Taken from *Yale Obituary Record*, 1941, pages 179-181).

Scope and Contents

The John A. Hartwell Papers consist of correspondence, minutes, and other material related to Hartwell's activities as an active, dedicated, and generous alumnus of Yale University. Hartwell served on the Board of Control of the Yale University Athletic Association from 1916-1917, and almost half of the material in the papers documents his interest in athletic facilities, health standards for athletes, and other aspects of the sports program. Most of the correspondence is routine, but there are letters in folder 3 which express the attitudes of Yale students and administrators to World War I. Of note also are the fund raising letters of William S. ("Shriver") Clawson and Hartwell's interesting response during the Depression in folder 4.

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Armed Forces
Physicians
World War, 1914-1918

Occupations

Soldiers

Names

Hartwell, J. A. (John Augustus), 1869-1940

Corporate Bodies

Yale-China Association
Yale College (1887-). Class of 1889
Yale University Athletic Association
Yale University -- Sports
Yale University -- Students