

# Preliminary Guide to the Paul B. Beeson Papers

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**BULK DATES:** 1982-2001

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.25 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers include correspondence, lectures and writings, and photographs that date primarily from Paul Beeson's later years. They include honors and tributes from former students and colleagues and attest to the influence Beeson had as a teacher.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Paul B. Beeson, 2001; Richard Rapport, 2010.

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## Biographical / Historical

Paul Bruce Beeson was born in 1908 in Livingston, Montana, but grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. He attended the University of Washington and after graduating from McGill Medical School in 1933, he completed an internship at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. He then joined his father in general practice in Ohio. In 1939, he became chief resident at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and in 1942 joined the Emory University medical faculty. In 1946 he became chairman of the Department of Medicine there. From 1952 until 1965, Beeson served as chairman of the Department of Medicine at Yale University, leaving to become the Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine at Oxford University. In 1974, he returned to the United States to accept appointment as the Distinguished Physician of the U.S. Veterans Administration in Seattle, Washington. Beeson died on August 14, 2006, in Exeter, New Hampshire.

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### Original Accession, 1940-2000

b. 1	Association of American Physicians	1984-1996
b. 1	Canadian Society of Internal Medicine	1984
b. 1	Cecil Textbook of Medicine	1959, 1982-1995
b. 1	Certificates	1945-1991
b. 1	Commonwealth Fund	1984-1993
b. 1	Harvard Unit	1940-1942, 1990-1993
b. 1	Interplanetary Society [Pus Club]	1997
b. 1	Lectures given	1979-1995
b. 1	Lee, Richard V. [interview with Beeson for <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> ]	1998-2000
b. 1	Licenses	1948-1994
b. 1	Markey Trust	1986
b. 1	McDermott, Walsh	1957, 1981-1983
b. 1	National Academies	1998-2000
b. 1	National Institutes of Health	1984-1987
b. 1	New York Academy of Medicine	1999-2001
b. 1	Norham Gardens, 13 [Osler's house]	1987-1995
b. 1	<i>Oxford Textbook of Geriatric Medicine</i> English	1998
b. 1	<i>Oxford Textbook of Medicine</i> English	1982-1984
b. 1	Paul Beeson Physician Faculty Scholars in Aging Research Program	1994-2000
	<i>Pharos</i>	1982
b. 1	Photographs	1942-1992
b. 1	Physicians for Human Rights	1987-1991
b. 1	Physicians for Social Responsibility	1983-2000
b. 1	Royal College of Physicians	1977-1995
b. 1	Royal Society of Medicine	1975-1992
b. 1	Stead Research Scholarship Fund	1985-1986

b. 1	University of Alabama at Birmingham	1987, 1997, 2000
b. 1	Wood, William Barry	1971, 1996
b. 1	Yale-New Haven Hospital. Beeson Medical Service [includes photographs]	1996
b. 1	Yale University. Beeson Colloquium and Fitkin Iron Terns Reunion	1993-1997

**Accession 2010-M-091: Additional Material, 1969-1996**

b. 1, f. 1	Biographical information and curriculum vitae of Paul Beeson	1969-1981
b. 1, f. 2-3	Correspondence of Paul Beeson with Richard Rapport	1980-1996

## **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**

Internal medicine -- Study and teaching  
Medicine -- Practice

### **Names**

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