

# Guide to the Gustaf E. Lindskog Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** Ms Coll 34

**CREATOR:** Lindskog, Gustaf Elmer, 1903-2002

**TITLE:** Gustaf E. Lindskog Papers

**DATES:** 1929-1987

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Thoracic surgeon Gustaf Lindskog was a member of the Department of Surgery from 1933 until his retirement in 1971. He chaired the department from 1948 to 1966. The collection consists primarily of his reports as head of the Thoracic Surgery Service of New Haven Hospital, talks including history of surgery lectures given at Yale, medical illustrations, and reprints. The restricted boxes contain Lindskog's notes on his surgical operations on named patients.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box  
f.        folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Carl Lindskog, 2011. Additional materials belonging to Lindskog, especially his history of surgery lectures, were donated earlier and added to the collection in 2015.

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## Custodial History

These materials were owned by Gustaf E. Lindskog.

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## Conditions Governing Access

Part of this collection is open for research.

Descriptions of operations and correspondence with or about named patients are restricted.

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## Conditions Governing Use

Reports in Lindskog's official capacity as professor of surgery and surgeon are the property of Yale University. Yale does not own copyright to other materials.

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## Preferred Citation

Gustaf E. Lindskog Papers, Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT

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## Biographical / Historical

Gustaf E. Lindskog, thoracic surgeon at Yale, was born in Boston in 1903. He graduated from the Massachusetts Agricultural College (now University of Massachusetts) in 1923, and received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1928. He interned at Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland. From 1929 to 1932, he was a resident in surgery at Yale. The following year he was a National Research Council Fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. In 1933, he returned to Yale as instructor of surgery and rose through the ranks to become the William Carmalt Professor of Surgery in 1948. Lindskog chaired the department from 1948 to 1966. In 1971 he retired but remained active in the Yale community. During World War II, he served for four years as a commander in the Navy Medical Corps and was stationed part of the time at the Philadelphia Naval Yard. In 1943, he worked with Louis S. Goodman and Alfred Gilman on the development of chemotherapy at Yale. They used nitrogen mustard in the treatment of a patient with lymphosarcoma. Lindskog was widely recognized for his contributions to thoracic surgery. He pioneered in the surgical resection of chronic pulmonary abscess. In addition to his many research articles, he was co-author with Averill Liebow and William Glenn on three editions of a major textbook of thoracic surgery, *Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery with Related Pathology* (1953, 1962, 1975). He died at the age of 99 in 2002.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection contains reports of the Thoracic Service at Yale, 1938-1946; statistics of various other surgical operations at Yale; lists of surgical residents; typescripts of lectures before various groups; medical illustrations by Armin Hemberger and others, and photographic illustrations from some of his papers; manuscripts of possibly unpublished papers; other miscellany; and reprints of Lindskog's articles. The restricted boxes contain Lindskog's descriptions of his surgical operations on named patients.

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## Arrangement

Organized in seven series: 1. Yale University School of Medicine Department of Surgery. 2. Lectures before various groups. 3. Medical drawings and photographs for some of Lindskog's publications. 4. Miscellany. 5. Reprints of Lindskog's papers. 6. Notes on surgical operations (restricted). 7. Lindskog's history of surgery lectures at Yale.

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**Collection Contents**  
**Series I: Yale University School of Medicine Department of Surgery, 1938-1968**

Note: Series 6 (restricted) is related to Series 1.

b. 1, f. 1	Reports of the Thoracic Service, Department of Surgery, New Haven Hospital	1938-1946
b. 1, f. 2	Statistics of Hernia-Laparotomy Group, Extra-Abdominal Group, and "Minor operations"	1941-1942
b. 1, f. 3	Lists of Residents and Senior Assistant Residents in Surgery Also list of members of the "YNHH Society."	1948-1968

**Series II: Lectures before various groups, 1946-1987**

Titles transcribed from Lindskog's original folders. See Box 5 for history of medicine lectures at Yale.

b. 1, f. 4	"Bronchiogenic Carcinoma," presented at the American Surgical Association	1946 April 2
b. 1, f. 5	"Surgical Lesions of the Diaphragm," presented to the Utah Medical Society ("unpublished")	1948 September
b. 1, f. 6	"Problems and Results of the Surgery of Bronchiectasis," presented at the New England Surgical Society ("unpublished")	1948 October 1
b. 1, f. 7	"Collateral Respiration and Collateral Circulation in the Normal and Diseased Lung," presented at the Mayo Foundation	1949 March 17
b. 1, f. 8	"Collateral Respiration and Collateral Circulation in the Normal and Diseased Lung," presented at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Albuquerque, New Mexico	1950 April 24
b. 1, f. 9	"Tenth Anniversary Remarks at Resident's Party" Notes changes since Samuel C. Harvey retired ten years ago.	1958
b. 1, f. 10	"A Survey of Acute and Chronic Empyema Thoracis - Diagnosis and Treatment," presented at Medical Department Grand Rounds ("unpublished")	circa 1960
b. 1, f. 11	"Atelectasis: Its Causes and Treatment," American College of Surgeons, Atlantic City, Panel on Nontuberculous Infections of the Lungs and Pleura	1962 October 16
b. 1, f. 12	"Foreign bodies," Clinical Lecture, Waterbury Hospital	1972 April 15

## Series III: Medical drawings and photographs for some of Lindskog's publications

Illustrations and photographs are of anatomical preparations and occasionally of equipment.

b. 1, f. 13	Drawings by Armin Hemberger for <i>Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery &amp; Related Pathology</i> (1960)	
b. 1, f. 14	Original drawing for an undetermined publication	1946
b. 1, f. 15	Photograph for Lindskog and H. H. Bradshaw, "Collateral respiration: the chemical composition and volume of collaterally respired gases" Published in <i>American Journal of Physiology</i> , 108 (1934): 581-582	1934
b. 1, f. 16	Photographs for Lindskog, "The treatment of bronchiectasis by pulmonary lobectomy: summary of ten consecutive cases" Published in <i>Journal of the Connecticut State Medical Society</i> , 2 (July 1938): 320-324 plus two unpaginated leaves of photographs.	1938
b. 1, f. 17	Chart for Lindskog, "The diagnosis of bronchiogenetic carcinoma" Published in <i>Journal of the Connecticut State Medical Society</i> , 3 (Nov. 1939): 611-612.	1939
b. 1, f. 18	Photograph for Lindskog, "Pulmonary resection in the presence of localized empyema" Published in <i>Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine</i> , 15 (Jan. 1943): 495-506 plus 2 pages of illustrations.	1943
b. 1, f. 19	Photographs for Lindskog, "The surgical treatment of chronic pulmonary abscess" Presented at the meeting of the Society of University Surgeons, Nashville, Tenn., February 10-14, 1944, and published in <i>Surgery</i> , 15 (May 1944): 783-788. Includes typescript, two photographs, and two negatives.	1943
b. 1, f. 20	Photographs for Lindskog and Waltman Waters, "Surgical aspects of amoebic dysentery" Published in <i>Journal of the American Medical Association</i> , 131 (May 11, 1946): 92-95.	1946
b. 1, f. 21	Illustrations and manuscript of Lindskog, A. A. Liebow, and M. R. Hales, "Bilobectomy - surgical and anatomical considerations..." Published in <i>Journal of Thoracic Surgery</i> , 18 (1949): 616-629. Folder also includes manuscript and some correspondence. List of patients on whom the article was based was moved to Series 6, Box 3.	1949
b. 1, f. 22	Photograph and tables for Lindskog and R. D. Alley, "Bilateral bronchiectasis; an analysis of forty-three consecutive cases" Published in <i>Archives of Surgery</i> , 6 (1950): 465-472. Includes manuscript.	1950
b. 1, f. 23	Photographs and drawing for Lindskog, A. A. Liebow, H. Kausel, and A. Janzen, "Pulmonary arteriovenous aneurysm" Published in <i>Annals of Surgery</i> , 132 (1950): 591-610. Includes manuscript.	1950
b. 1, f. 24	Photographs for Averill Liebow, William Hales, Gustaf Liebow, and William Bloomer, "Plastic demonstrations of pulmonary pathology" Photographs show experimental equipment. With mimeograph manuscript. Unpublished?	n.d. (after 1946)

**Series IV: Miscellany**

b. 2, f. 1	Typescript for C. M. Van Allen and G.E. Lindskog, "Obstructive pulmonary atelectasis" and unpublished (?) paper, C.M. Allen, "Obstructive pulmonary emphysema"  Allen was working at Peking Union Medical College. Their joint paper was published in <i>Archives of Surgery</i> , 21 (1930): 1195-1213.	1930
b. 2, f. 2	Agreement with Appleton-Century-Crofts for publication of <i>Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery</i> , 3rd ed.	1970 July 10
b. 2, f. 3	Certificate from the American Medical Association recognizing Lindskog's service from 1946 to 1959 on the Editorial Board of <i>Archives of Surgery</i>	1959
b. 2, f. 4	"Our Hosts, Society of Clinical Surgery," 118th meeting-Durham, N.C. - November 15 & 16, 1968"  Two glossy sheets with photographs of surgeons, wives, and possibly women in other roles.	1968
b. 2, f. 5	Annotated reprints by others  Six reprints by Alfred Blalock, George S. Stevenson, Willard B. Soper, Sherwin B. Nuland, Edward A. Boyden, and William W. L. Glenn. William W. L. Glenn, "Some Reflections on the coronary bypass operation," <i>Circulation</i> , 14 (1972): 869-877, contains a letter from Glenn to Lindskog.	1935-1979



**Series V: Reprints of Lindskog's papers, 1930-1982**

Partial numbering is by Lindskog. Collection is incomplete.

b. 2, f. 6	Reprints	1930-1931
b. 2, f. 7	Reprints	1932-1934
b. 2, f. 8	Reprints	1935-1937
b. 2, f. 9	Reprints	1938-1940
b. 2, f. 10	Reprints	1941-1943
b. 2, f. 11	Reprints	1944-1946
b. 2, f. 12	Reprints	1947-1949
b. 2, f. 13	Reprints	1950
b. 2, f. 14	Reprints	1951
b. 2, f. 15	Reprints	1952-1953
b. 2, f. 16	Reprints The item numbered "70" by Lindskog is an undated typescript, rather than a reprint, of "Bronchiecstasis: an analysis of 215 cases," by Lindskog and David S. Hubbell." Both "69" and "71" date from 1954.	1954
b. 2, f. 17	Reprints	1955
b. 2, f. 18	Reprints	1956-1957
b. 2, f. 19	Reprints	1958-1961
b. 2, f. 20	Reprints	1962-1966
b. 2, f. 21	Reprints Several of these papers are historical.	1967-1971
b. 2, f. 22	Reprints On history of surgery.	1972-1979
b. 2, f. 23	Reprints On history of surgery.	1980-1986
b. 2, f. 24	Book Reviews	1958-1960
b. 2, f. 25	Book Reviews	1970-1980

## Series VI: Notes on operations performed (Restricted), 1929-1974

This series is restricted because the material contains patient names. Titles have been transcribed from Dr. Lindskog's original folders

b. 3, f. 1	Selected Operative Notes, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland Description of the operation procedure dictated by Lindskog, and retrospectively annotated by Dr. Lindskog in 1995. One sheet per case.	1929
b. 3, f. 2	Selective Operative Notes, Orthopedic Surgery These and the succeeding notes taken at Yale are onionskin copies of typed reports which include the name of the patient, the date, the room where the operation took place, the names of the operator and assistant operator(s), the diagnosis, the name of the operation, the type of anesthesia, a lengthy description of the surgical procedure, and a prognosis.	1930-1931
b. 3, f. 3	Selected Operative Notes, Urology	1930-1931
b. 3, f. 4	Selected Operative Notes, General Surgery	1932
b. 3, f. 5	Selective Operative Notes, General Surgery, A-L	1933-1934
b. 3, f. 6	Selective Operative Notes, General Surgery, L-Z	1933-1934
b. 3, f. 7	Selected Operative Notes There was no folder for 1935 January-June, but just a single item. There was a folder for July-December.	1935 January
b. 3, f. 8	Selected Operative Notes	1935 July-December
b. 3, f. 9	Selected Operative Notes	1936
b. 3, f. 10	Selected Operative Notes	1937
b. 3, f. 11	Selected Operative Notes	1938
b. 3, f. 12	Selected Operative Notes	1939
b. 3, f. 13	Selected Operative Notes	1940
b. 3, f. 14	Selective Operative Notes	1941
b. 3, f. 15	Selected Operative Notes	1942 January 1 -1942 June 30
b. 3, f. 16	Selected Operative Notes	1942 July 1 - 1942 December 30
b. 3, f. 17	Selected Operative Notes	1943 January 1-1943 June 30
b. 3, f. 18	Selected Operative Notes	1943 July 1-1943 December 31
b. 3, f. 19	Selective Operative Notes	1944 January-1944 April

b. 3, f. 20	Selective Medical Notes, U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia These were handwritten on U.S. Naval Hospital "Clinical Record" forms. Many pages contain summaries listing names and operations.	1944-1945
b. 3, f. 21	Selected Operative Notes & Reports, Alphabetic, A to E This series of notes, alphabetic by patient name, describes operations from 1960 to 1971. Notes are on carbon copies of forms from Grace-New Haven Community Hospital and Yale-New Haven Hospital. There are some interleaved copies of correspondence, usually to referring physicians, that date back to at least 1948.	1960-1971
b. 3, f. 22	Selected Operative Notes & Reports, Alphabetic, F to K	1960-1971
b. 3, f. 23	Selected Operative Notes & Reports, Alphabetic, L to R	1960-1971
b. 3, f. 24	Selected Operative Notes & Reports, Alphabetic, S to W	1960-1971
b. 3, f. 25	Lists of patients undergoing thoracic surgery Also list of patients with mediastinal tumors, 1948-1954.	1953-1965
b. 3, f. 26	List of patients undergoing bilobectomy Removed from Series 3, Box 1, folder 22.	1946-1949
b. 4, f. 1-23	Folders on individual patients These 23 folders, arranged alphabetically by name of patient, contain correspondence with patients, family, and other other physicians. Many cases are referrals and include a letter from the referring physician.	1949-1974

## Series VII: Lindskog's History of Surgery Annual Lectures, 1957-1987

These are texts of Gustaf Lindskog's annual or nearly-annual History of Surgery lectures. The Department of Surgery, sometimes joined by the Department of History of Science and Medicine, for many years sponsored a series of five history of surgery lectures held weekly in February and March. Usually they took place in the Beaumont Room or the Historical Library. The last in the series was the invited Samuel Clark Harvey Lecture named after a previous chairman of the Department of Surgery who retired in 1948. Most of these folders were found later and added to the Lindskog Papers as another series. Titles were transcribed from previous folders kept by Lindskog. Several of the lectures were published. See Lindskog's reprints in Box 2. See also other Lindskog presentations in Box 1.

b. 5, f. 1	"The History of Pulmonary Resection," Samuel Clark Harvey Lecture	1957 February 4
b. 5, f. 2	"Diagnostic Procedures," History of Surgery Course	
b. 5, f. 3	"Boerhaave at Leyden: The Renaissance of Clinical Teaching," presented in the Historical Library	1959 February 2
b. 5, f. 4	"History of Pulmonary Abscess and its Treatments in the 19th Century," History of Surgery Lecture	[1961]
b. 5, f. 5	"Halsted and Modern American Surgery," History of Surgery Lecture	1962 January 22
b. 5, f. 6	"Diaphragm and Diaphragmatic Hernia," History of Surgery Lecture	1965 February 1
b. 5, f. 7	"Surgery of the Sternum and Mediastinum," History of Surgery Lecture	1966 February 21
b. 5, f. 8	"Carolus Linnaeus," History of Surgery Lecture	1967
b. 5, f. 9	"American Physician-Botanists of the 19th Century"	1968 February 5
b. 5, f. 10	"The Life and Times of Guillaume Dupuytren," History of Surgery Lecture Folder contains a later version of the lecture intended for publication, titled "Guillaume Dupuytren: A Bicentennial Memoire," and correspondence with Arthur Baue, Chairman, Department of Surgery, and Martin C. Carey, Harvard Medical School, 1977.	1969 February 3
b. 5, f. 11	"Ferdinand Sauerbruch and His Contributions to Thoracic Surgery," History of Surgery Lecture	1970
b. 5, f. 13	"Remembrances of Former Things--Foreign Bodies," History of Surgery Lecture Includes a program listing a series of five lectures sponsored by the Department of Surgery and the Department of the History of Science and Medicine. Lindskog's was the first lecture to be presented on January 31, 1972. On successive weeks, lectures were to be presented by Ulrich H. Weill, M.D., Sherwin B. Nuland, M.D., H.C. Stansel, Jr., M.D., and finally the Samuel Clark Harvey Lecture to be given by George Rosen, M.D.	1972 January 31
b. 5, f. 14	"The Story of Tracheoesophageal Fistula," History of Surgery Lecture This lecture is in part autobiographical.	1973 February 5
b. 5, f. 15	"Oliver Wendell Holmes," History of Surgery Lecture Includes slides, program for the series of history of surgery lectures in 1974, and published version of the lecture.	1974 February 4

b. 5, f. 16	"History of Diaphragmatic Hernia," exhibit by Lindskog in the Cushing Rotunda of Yale Medical Library Includes typescript of a paper, "Diaphragmatic Hernia -- Historical Aspects" (unpublished?).	1976
b. 5, f. 17	"Albrecht von Haller (1708-1777)," History of Surgery Lecture	1977 February 14
b. 5, f. 18	"René Laennec: His Struggle Against Tuberculosis," History of Surgery Lecture Includes list of History of Surgery lectures for 1978.	1978 February 20
b. 5, f. 19	"Recollections of a Surgical Training," History of Surgery Lecture Plus list of History of Surgery lectures, 1980. In this autobiographical lecture, Lindskog recalls incidents from his training at Harvard Medical School, including his interaction with Harvey Cushing, and from his internship at Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland.	1980 February 18
b. 5, f. 20	"P.-C.-A. Louis (1787-1872) and the Rise of Medical Science in France," History of Surgery Lecture Plus list of History of Surgery lectures, 1981.	1981 March 2
b. 5, f. 21	"The Cosmopolitan Count Rumford: Scientist, Entrepreneur and Statesman," History of Surgery Lecture	1982 February 22
b. 5, f. 22	"The Three Doctors Bigelow of Boston and Harvard," History of Surgery Lecture With list of History of Surgery Lectures for 1982.	1982 March 1
b. 5, f. 23	"Paracelsus, Renaissance Physician and Robert Browning, Visionary Poet," History of Surgery Lecture Plus list of "Lectures in the History of Surgery," 1984.	1984 February 6
b. 5, f. 24	"Theodore Kocher, Pathfinder in Modern Surgery," History of Surgery Lecture Plus list of "Lectures in the History of Surgery," 1987.	1987 February 23

## **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**

Chest -- Surgery  
Diaphragmatic hernia  
Lungs -- Cancer  
Medicine -- History  
Operations, Surgical  
Residents (Medicine)  
Surgery -- History  
Tuberculosis -- Surgery

### **Genres / Formats**

Correspondence  
Drawings (visual works)  
Medical records  
Photographs

### **Occupations**

Surgeons -- Connecticut  
Thoracic surgeons -- Connecticut

### **Names**

Harvey, Samuel Clark, 1886-1953  
Hemberger, Armin B., 1896-1974  
Lindskog, Gustaf Elmer, 1903-2002

### **Corporate Bodies**

Grace-New Haven Community Hospital  
Harvard Medical School  
Lakeside Hospital (Cleveland, Ohio)  
New Haven Hospital (New Haven, Conn.)  
Yale-New Haven Hospital  
Yale University. Department of Surgery  
Yale University. School of Medicine