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Summary information

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Title:	Bernard Simon collection the Hiroshima Maidens
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Bernard E. Simon was born in 1912. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1937 and joined The Mount Sinai Hospital House Staff for his training (1937-42). He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and then returned to Mount Sinai. He rose through the ranks in the Department of Surgery and served as the second Director of the Plastic Surgery Division from 1965-1979, while maintaining a busy private practice. In 1955-56, Dr. Simon and his colleagues Arthur Barsky and Sidney Kahn were the surgeons on the Hiroshima Maidens Project that brought 25 women to Mount Sinai for surgery on the injuries received during the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. This project also trained Japanese surgeons in the latest techniques in plastic surgery, advancing that field in Japan. Dr. Simon spent over 60 years at Mount Sinai as a surgeon, teacher, and mentor. He died in 1999.

Custodial history

These files were originally in Dr. Simon's office.

Scope and content

There is a small amount of material on the selection of the women for treatment including some pre-surgery photographs. There is also a folder of letters from some of the 'Maidens' and Japanese doctors involved.

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