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Summary information

Repository:	Arthur H. Aufses, Jr., MD Archives
Title:	George Baehr, MD collection of memorabilia
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

George Baehr was born in 1887 and graduated from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons at the age of 21. He began a rotating internship at The Mount Sinai Hospital in 1908, studied pathology and experimental pharmacology in Europe, and then returned to Mount Sinai. He maintained an affiliation with the Hospital until his death in 1978. In his early years, he had an appointment as Associate Pathologist in charge of General Pathology, as well as clinician on the ward staff. He eventually headed the First Medical Service of the Hospital, all while maintaining a busy private practice.

Dr. Baehr made significant research contributions in the areas of collagen disease, hematology, and the adrenal complications of heart disease. He also was a pioneer in public health, organizing the first group health plan in New York, and in 1947 he established the Health Insurance Plan of New York (HIP) at the request of his friend and patient, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. Baehr served on many government boards and committees at the local, state, and federal levels, including the New York City Board of Hospitals for 25 years and the State Public Health Council for more than 35 years. In 1945, the Surgeon General appointed him to the first NIH Scientific Advisory Board.

Baehr served in both world wars. In World War I, at the age of 30, he was the Commander of Base Hospital No.3, the Mount Sinai based hospital unit that was established in France. During their few months of active service abroad, the unit admitted over 9,000 patients, including over 1,000 a day at times. During World War II, Baehr was Chief Medical Officer of the U.S. Office of Civil Defense. Baehr retired from active service at Mount Sinai in 1951. After this, he was on Consultant status, and remained actively involved with the Hospital, helping Mount Sinai to establish a medical school in the

1960s and 70s. George Baehr received many honors and awards during his lifetime. He died in 1978 at the age of 91.

Scope and content

Includes: awards, citations, military insignia, Red Cross insignia (wife's); 1 file of letters.

Notes

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Restrictions on access

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Related material

Yale University has a large George Baehr Collection donated by his daughter.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full

Access points

- Mahler, Gustave (subject)
- Schaffner, Fenton, 1920- (subject)
- Libman, Emanuel, 1872-1946 (subject)
- Mount Sinai Hospital (New York, N.Y.). Associated Alumni
- Willkie, Wendell L. (Wendell Lewis), 1892-1944 (subject)
- Military Medicine (subject)
- Jacobi Medallion (subject)
- Awards and Prizes (subject)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
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AA136.B001.F001	File - Award; Distinguished Service Citation, Public Health Council	1/28/1972	1 folder
AA136.B001.F002	File - Captain's Epaulets (4), Public Health Service		1 folder
AA136.B001.F003	File - Clippings	circa 1940-1949	1 folder
AA136.B001.F004	File - Contemporary, documents-Programs, Reprints	1934-1975	1 folder
AA136.B001.F005	File - Insignia Army, Navy, PHS		1 folder
AA136.B001.F006	File - Insignia Army, Navy, PHS		1 folder
AA136.B001.F007	File - Letters, Speeches <i>Scope and content:</i> Includes G. Mahler Material	1942-1978	1 folder
AA136.B001.F008	File - PHS Identification	1942	1 folder
AA136.B001.F009	File - Red Cross Insignia		1 folder
AA136.B001.F010	File - Schaffner Investiture as Baehr Professor [inscribed leather binder]	1973	1 folder
AA136.B001.F011	File - Sinai Alumni & Faculty Endowment Fund (SAFE) Patriot Award	1977-1978	1 folder
AA136.B002.F001	File - American Public Health Association Sedgwick Memorial Medal for Distinguished Service in Public Health [Bronze medal]	1967	1 folder
AA136.B002.F002	File - DeWitt Clinton Alumni Assn. Award [bronze plaque]	1935	1 folder
AA136.B002.F003	File - Distinguished New Yorkers Award, the 75th Anniversary of the City Club of New York, 1892-1967 [Bronze medal in Lucite]	circa 1967	1 folder
AA136.B002.F004	File - Dr. Hermann M. Biggs Memorial Award, NY State Public Health Association [Lucite]	1961	1 folder
AA136.B002.F005	File - Mount Sinai Hospital Medal In Commemoration of the Patriotic Service of the Physicians, Surgeons and Nurses Comprising The Mount Sinai Hospital Unit Base Hospital Number Three, during the World War 1917-19 [Bronze medal in Lucite]		1 folder
AA136.B002.F006	File - Mount Sinai School of Medicine Medal In Appreciation and Gratitude for Exceptional Philanthropy toward the establishment and growth of the School of Medicine	1963	1 folder
AA136.B002.F007	File - New York Academy of Medicine Award for outstanding service [bronze medal in Lucite]	1961	1 folder

AA136.B002.F008	File - Two hundredth Anniversary, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University 1767-1967 [Silver medal in Lucite]	1967	1 folder
AA136.B002.F009	File - Unidentified medal; reads: Good Will Towards Men/Pursuit of Happiness [bronze medal]		1 folder
AA136.B002.F010	File - Jacobi Medal, Associated Alumni, MSH	1956	1 folder
AA136.B003.F001	File - Awards, Citations <i>Scope and content:</i> Honorary Membership Presented by the American Hospital Association, September 16, 1943 Citation Presented Upon His Admission to Honorary Membership in the American Hospital Association, by President James A. Hamilton at the Annual Convention in Buffalo, New York, September 16, 1943 Award of Appreciation Awarded by the Sydenham Hospital Fund, July 30, 1944 Public Service Award of Merit Presented by the Civil Service Leader, 1951 Designated as Chairman of the Public Health Council Presented by State of New York Executive Chamber, Albany; April 21, 1955 Hermann M. Biggs Memorial Award Presented by New York State Public Health, 1961 Testimonial Presented by Association of Medical Record Consultants, October 7, 1963 In Recognition of Outstanding Service Presented by the New York Academy of Medicine, 1964 Honorary Fellow Presented by the American Public Health Association, October 1967 The MSMC of the City of New York to the historic and memorable Dedication of MSSM of the City University of New York and the Inauguration of the First President of the MSMC in the capacity of GRAND MARSHALL, Sunday, October 20, 1968 Physician leader in public health and advisory to government, Presented by The LaGuardia Hospital, November 21, 1970 Appreciation for the dedication and inspired leadership he demonstrated while serving as a member of the Board of Hospitals of the New York City Department of Hospitals Presented by New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, February 11, 1971 A Tribute Presented by State Communities Aid Association upon the occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary, June 22, 1972 In recognition of the efforts of the members of the Board of Trustees Presented by the Community Service Society which expressed its appreciation upon the Celebration of its 125 Years of Service to the City of New York, December 1973 In recognition of thirty years of distinguished service as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, May, 1974	1943-1974	1 folder
AA136.B003.F002	File - Recognition Presented by The Medical Board of the MSH of NY, April 1, 1951 for over 40 years of service. [framed]	4/1/1951	1 folder
AA136.B003.F003	File - [?]	1916	1 folder
AA136.B003.F004	File - Appointed Member of the Public Health Council Presented by The People of the State of New York	1/4/1936	1 folder
AA136.B003.F005	File - Certified that Baehr was Chairman, Executive Committee, Regional Conference on Nomenclature of Diseases, New York, was designated a Delegate on the part of the U.S. to the Meeting of the International Commission for the Decennial Revision of the International Nomenclature of Diseases that was held in Paris, France (October 3, 1938) Presented by the Department of State	7/5/1938	1 folder
AA136.B003.F006	File - Participated as a Professor of the First Regional Institute of	1/29/1944	1 folder

	Hospitals' Administrators (Asociacion Interamericana de Hospitales) Organized by the Assistant Secretary of Public Health Mexico, D.F.		
AA136.B003.F007	File - An Appointive Member of the Public Health Council Presented by The People of the State of New York	5/22/1951	1 folder
AA136.B003.F008	File - An Appointive Member of the Public Health Council Presented by The People of the State of New York	5/2/1957	1 folder
AA136.B003.F009	File - Appointed Member of the Board of Hospitals Presented by John V. Lindsay, Mayor of the City of New York	7/6/1966	1 folder
AA136.B003.F010	File - Distinguished Service Award During a medical career that has spanned 62 years Presented by Group Health Association of America, Inc.	10/28/1970	1 folder
AA136.B003.F011	File - Appointed Member of the Public Health Council Presented by The People of the State of New York	1/12/1971	1 folder