



Guide to the Marcel Montassut Papers, 1914-1975

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Summary

Collection Title:

Marcel Montassut papers, 1914-1975

Creator:

Montassut, Marcel

Source:

Josiah Charles Trent History of Medicine Collections (Duke University)

Abstract:

Psychiatrist of Villejuif and Moisselles, France. The collection (300 items; dated 1914-1975) contains the papers of Marcel Montassut, a noted French psychiatrist who worked in the Hôpital Psychiatrique de Villejuif as Médecin-Chef from 1942 to 1960. Montassut's papers are primarily research-oriented and include several of his publications, notes on particular subject areas, and reviews of work in the field of psychiatry. Also present are civil and military documents pertaining to Montassut, as well as correspondence between colleagues, including the noted French psychiatrist Léon Chertok. The bulk of his research is founded in studies on depression, melancholia, and epilepsy. Additionally, the papers include documents related to his professional involvement as interim director at the Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique de Moisselles and as president of the Société Française de Médecine Psychosomatique.

Extent:

2 Linear Feet

Language:

Materials in French.

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Preferred Citation

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Background

Scope and Content

The collection documents the work of noted French psychiatrist Marcel Montassut, and includes his correspondence, writings, research notes, and official civil and military documents. Of particular note are Montassut's letters with noted French psychiatrist Léon Chertok and the revised transcript of his book, "La dépression constitutionnelle." The bulk of his research materials pertain to depression, melancholia, and epilepsy. The collection also includes documents related to his professional involvement as interim director at the Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique de Moisselles and as president of the Société Française de Médecine Psychosomatique. Acquired as part of the History of Medicine Collections.

Biographical/Historical

Dr. Marcel Montassut, a French psychiatrist, was born on August 14, 1897. Professionally, Montassut worked in the Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique de Moisselles as an interim director in 1940, as well as at the Hôpital Psychiatrique de Villejuif as Médecin-Chef from 1942 to 1960. During World War I and World War II, he served as a medical assistant and doctor. Montassut also held the presidency of the Société Française de Médecine Psychosomatique in 1960. He married in 1937 and spent much of his career in Villejuif. During his lifetime, Montassut published many articles on depression, epilepsy, fatigue, and psychosomatics. He worked closely with Léon Chertok, a well-known French psychiatrist. Montassut died in 1975.

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Arrangement

Organized into the following series: Personal files, Writings, and Subject files. Arranged alphabetically.

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research. Certain documents with patient information have been restricted until 2034. Redacted photocopies can be found in respective folders. Restricted items are found in a folder at the end of the collection in Box 2.

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Acquisition Information

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Names and Subjects

- History of Medicine
- Villejuif (France)
- Psychiatry -- History
- Certok, Léon
- Montassut, M. (Marcel)
- Société française de médecine psychosomatique
- Josiah Charles Trent History of Medicine Collections (Duke University)

Collection Inventory

Personal Files, 1914-1975

Scope and Contents

Series includes materials related to Montassut's involvement in professional organizations, as well as his identity documents, correspondence, and an obituary. Some files with patient information are restricted until 2034; however, redacted photocopies of this material have been made available.

Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique de Moissellesm,
1940

Box 1

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, clippings, and files during Montassut's interim service as Médecin-Capitaine at the Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique de Moisselles.

Cirriculum Vitaes, 1956-1958

Box 1

Civil/medical identity documents, 1975

Box 1

Scope and Contents

Syndicat de la Presse Scientifique; Fiche individuelle d'etat civil et de nationalité française

Compagnie Nationale Air France, 1961-1965 Box 1

Correspondence, 1926-1974 Box 1

Scope and Contents

General correspondence, including during Montassut's presidency of the Société Française de Médecine Psychosomatique, with the Préfecture de Police, and one letter with L. Chertok, a noted French psychiatrist.

Hôpital Psychiatrique de Villejuif, 1942-1960 Box 1

Scope and Contents

From Montassut's work as Médecin-Chef at the Psychiatric Hospital in Villejuif. Includes a list of assistant attachés and interns, correspondence, files on the projet du service libre, and annual reports.

Military identity documents, 1917-1961 Box 1

Scope and Contents

Includes carte d'identité de sanitaire, travel documents, and summaries of service.

Obituary, 1975 Box 1

Premier Congres de Médecine Psychosomatique, 1960 Box 1

Scope and Contents

Includes address given by Montassut at the conference.

Société Française de Médecine Psychosomatique, 1960 Box 1

Scope and Contents

From the time Montassut served as President. Includes letterhead, statutes, founder lists, and member lists.

Postal Work, 1914 Box 1

Scope and Contents

From Montassut's first job in Postal Administration.

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Writings

Scope and Contents

This series contains writings and lectures by Marcel Montassut, including a revised transcript of his book "La dépression constitutionnelle." Also includes two binders that housed Montassut's personal collection of his publications in chronological order. A title list is provided for each binder.

Binder 1, 1922-1926

Box 1

Scope and Contents

"Délire systématisé fantastique à base d'imagination et d'hallucinations," 1922 "Délire d'imagination," 1923 "Tics respiratoires et troubles mentaux au cours d'une encéphalite épidémique fruste," 1923 "Désagrégation de la personnalité au cours d'un délire d'influence chez une dégénérée," 1924 "Un cas de 'syndrome des sosies' chez une délirante hallucinée par interprétation des troubles psycho-sensoriels," 1925 "Le traitement des états anxieux par le gardéal à doses réfractées," 1925 "La constitution paranoïaque," 1925 «Un délire de compensation," 1924 "L'hyperpnée dans la diagnostic de l'épilepsie psychique," 1925 "Note sur les modifications sanguines au cours de l'hyperpnée volontaire," 1925 "La compensation idéo-affective," 1925 "Épreuve de l'hyperpnée dans les psychoses," 1925 "Psychose intermittente atypique simulant la démence précoce," 1925 "Léon Bloy, Pélerin de l'absolu," 1926 "Délimitation de la paranoïa légitime," 1926 "Présidence de M. Henri Claude," 1926 "Sur le rôle de l'alcalose dans l'épilepsie convulsive," 1926 "Les troubles de la cénesthésie," 1926 "Cénesthopathie et périodicité," 1926

Binder 2, 1927-1930

Box 1

Scope and Contents

"Hépatisme et fatigue," 1927 "Action des chocs sur des chiens porteurs de lésions rolandiques," 1927 "Action préventive du choc anaphylactique sur les convulsions des chiens 'épileptisés' à la strychnine," 1927 "Épilepsie et choc anaphylactique," 1927 "Interprétation délirante d'actes automatiques comitiaux," 1927 "Rythme paradoxal de la sensation de fatigue et de l'asthénie dans une forme particulière de neurasthénie," 1928 "Rythmes quotidiens de fatigue au cours des asthénies," 1928 "Amélioration d'une psychose hallucinatoire sous l'influence du traitement pyrétique et anti-infectieux," 1929 "Neurasthénies syphilitiques," 1929 "Neurasthénie et oxalémie," 1930 "Etude Clinique et nosologique de la dépression

psycho-musculaire chronique avec émotivité constitutionnelle," 1930 "Emotivité, potassium et calcium plasmatiques," 1930 "Sédation d'une exoitation maniaque par ingestion de Cacl," 1930 "Epilepsie et accidents hypoglycémiques chez un Parkinsonien traité à l'insuline," 1930 "Le magnésium chez les déprimés émotifs," 1930 "La fatigue du neurasthénique," 1930 [unpublished]

Biology of Melancholia Box 1

Scope and Contents

Montassut's undated writings and notes on the biology of melancholia.

"Formes mineures de la mélancolie périodique", undated Box 1

History and criticisms of Melancholia, undated Box 1

Scope and Contents

Montassut's undated writings and notes on the history and criticisms of melancholia research.

"Investigations psychiatriques en urologie", 1951 Box 2

"La dépression constitutionnelle", 1931-1965 Box 2

Scope and Contents

Includes three publications under same title: 1931, 1935, 1965.

"La dépression constitutionnelle," revisions, undated Box 2

Scope and Contents

Revised original manuscript by Montassut.

Lecture notes, 1928-1936 Box 2

Scope and Contents

Files include lectures given and attended by Montassut.

"Les manics chroniques", undated Box 2

Psychogenesis of Melancholia Box 2

Scope and Contents

Montassut's undated writings and notes on the psychogenesis of melancholia.

"Traitement du delirium tremens et des états mélancoliques", undated Box 2

"Valeur pratique de la médecine psychosomatique", undated Box 2

Scope and Contents

Published with L. Chertok.

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Subject Files

Scope and Contents

Includes Montassut's notes on various topics in the field of psychiatry, as well as his comments on scholarly publications by other well-known psychiatrists.

Associated psychoses, undated Box 2

Ethiologie et Pathogenie, undated Box 2

"Étude sur l'hibernation", 1938 Box 2

"Hommage à J. H. Schultz", 1959 Box 2

"La neuro-psychiatrie dans le cadre de la réforme hospitalière et hospitalo-universitaire", undated Box 2

"Syndrome de Cotard", 1920 Box 2

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