



# **Guide to the Josiah C. Trent papers, 1852-1869, 1919-1961, 1997, bulk 1934-1956**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Josiah C. Trent papers, 1852-1869, 1919-1961, 1997, bulk 1934-1956

**Creator:**

Trent, Josiah C. (Josiah Charles), 1914-1948

**Abstract:**

Josiah Charles Trent (1914-1948) was an American thoracic surgeon and rare book and manuscript collector. This collection primarily documents his medical education and training apart from his career at Duke University Hospital, as well his collecting activities, through his coursework, subject files, and writings. It was acquired as part of the History of Medicine Collections.

**Extent:**

4.9 Linear Feet (Nine boxes and one oversize folder.)

**Language:**

Material in English.

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**Preferred Citation**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

This collections includes correspondence, photographic reproductions of historical medical texts and illustrations, subject files, and drafts of published and unpublished writings, much of which concern Trent's activities and publications as a collector and historian of medical practice, particularly surgery and epidemiology. This collection also includes printed material, a

card file (possibly of his personal library), lecture notes and photographs taken during his medical education and training, and diplomas and certificates.

Correspondence in the Subject Files series documents Trent's rare book and manuscript collecting, involvement with various professional organizations, and relationships with prominent figures in medical history (John Fulton, Henry Sigerist, and W. W. Francis), book collecting (Henry Schuman), and Duke University (Wilbur C. Davison and Lenox D. Baker). Some folders contain an index of the contents.

The Writings series reveals Trent's wide interests in surgery, medicine in general, medical history in particular, and the humanities. There is also material related to his wife (Mary Duke Biddle Trent), his death, and the subsequent donation of his large rare book, artifact, and manuscript collection to the Duke University Medical Center Library.

These files were largely kept in Trent's medical office and mostly relate to his medical education, training, and career outside of Duke. Files on his medical career at Duke can be found in the Medical Center Archives, while files on his personal life with his wife and children can be found in the Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans family papers.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Josiah Charles Trent (1914-1948) was born on 7 August 1914 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma to Josiah Charles Trent (1868-1920), a merchant from Arkansas, and Mary Kennon Simpson Trent (1876-1967), a music teacher from Mississippi. His father came to Indian Territory around 1879 because his uncle had opened a mercantile store in Okmulgee; he went on to become a successful small business owner himself and was civic-minded. His mother was descended from Dr. William Simpson (1780-1816), an Irish surgeon and soldier who was banished to the US in 1807 and the cousin of Sir James Young Simpson (1811-1870), who was appointed one of Queen Victoria's physicians for Scotland in 1847. Trent's parents married in 1898 and had four children: Helen, Elizabeth, Clarke, and the younger Josiah.

Trent graduated from high school at age 16 and enrolled at Duke University, where he studied English, German, history, and premedical subjects. He graduated in 1934 at age 19 and enrolled in medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1938, interned at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, then returned to Durham to complete his medical residency at Duke University Hospital. A surgeon, he eventually chose to specialize in surgery of the chest (thoracic surgery) and committed to spending two years at the University of Michigan training under Dr. John Alexander in preparation for leading a new department at Duke. This training was cut short in late 1946 when lymphoma (originally diagnosed in 1941) returned and spread to his head. Surgery and X-ray therapy extended his life until late 1948, when the cancer

spread throughout his entire body. He died in Durham on 11 December 1948 at age 34 and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery next to his wife.

While at Duke, he established the hospital's department of thoracic surgery and served as chairman of the hospital's library committee and as an executive committee member of the Friends of the Duke University Library. Outside of Duke, he served as a trustee of Lincoln Hospital (Durham's hospital for African Americans due to segregation), honorary consultant to the US Army Medical Library, secretary of the American Medical Association's medical history section, editorial board member of the North Carolina Medical Journal (where he edited the column "Thumbnail Sketches of Eminent Physicians" from 1944-1947), and he was a founding member of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (announced after his death).

Trent met Mary Duke Biddle (MDBTS; 1920-2012) the day before he graduated from Duke in 1934 after her grandmother Sarah P. Duke had a university contact essentially arrange a double-date for the visiting 14-year-old girl and a friend. The two quickly developed a close relationship and took two trips to the American West in 1935 and 1937, but Trent's mother insisted that they wait to marry until he finished medical school (Biddle would have also needed permission from her father due to her age). The couple eventually married in a small ceremony on 24 June 1938 at her mother's Durham home "Pinecrest" and had four children: Mary Duke Trent (born 1940), Sarah "Sally" Elizabeth Trent (born 1941), Rebecca Gray Trent (born 1942), and Barbara Biddle Trent (born 1944).

MDBTS was personally and financially instrumental in building their rare book and manuscript collection, and they were assisted by Detroit antiquarian booksellers Henry and Ida Schuman, who specialized in the history of medicine and science and became close friends. They donated a collection of Walt Whitman material to Duke University Libraries and furnished a room for it circa 1943 before MDBTS later donated their collection on the history of medicine to the Duke University Medical Center Library in 1956. This latter collection was transferred to the university in 2010 and became part of the Rubenstein Library's History of Medicine Collections, which were named in Trent's honor in 2026 after a donation by Rebecca Gray Trent Kirkland.

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## Arrangement

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The Josiah C. Trent papers are arranged into five series: Medical Education and Training, Subject Files, Writings, Photographs, and Personal.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

### Acquisition Information

The Josiah C. Trent papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library as transfers from the Medical Center Library in 2011, Rachel Ingold in 2022, and the Semans family papers in 2023.

### Processing Information

Processed by Willeke Sandler, May 2012; Paula Jeannet, April 2017; and Leah Tams, May 2023.

Encoded by Paula Jeannet and Willeke Sandler, May 2012.

Box 9 transferred from Semans family papers by Zachary Tumlin, December 2023.

Accessions described in this collection guide: 2011-0936 and 2022-0198.

### Use Restrictions

The copyright interests in this collection have not been transferred to Duke University. For more information, consult the Rubenstein Library's Citations, Permissions, and Copyright guide.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

Josiah C. Trent papers, Medical Center Archives, Duke University.

Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans family papers, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Duke University.

Correspondence with Josiah C. Trent, Henry and Ida Schuman papers, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Duke University.

Photo album, William S. Turman Jr. papers, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Duke University.

Interest in his rare book and manuscript collection should be directed to the Curator of the Josiah C. Trent History of Medicine Collections.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Book collecting -- North Carolina
- Epidemiology -- History
- History of Medicine
- Manuscripts -- Collectors and collecting -- North Carolina
- Medical illustration
- Medicine -- Study and teaching -- United States
- Negatives (photographs)
- Photographic prints
- Surgery -- History
- Thoracic surgeons -- United States -- Correspondence
- Duke University. Medical Center
- Semans, Mary Duke Biddle Trent
- Trent, Josiah C. (Josiah Charles), 1914-1948
- University of Pennsylvania. School of Medicine

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## Collection Inventory

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### Medical Education and Training, 1934-1948

Arranged chronologically.

#### Scope and Contents

Chiefly lecture notes, exams, and diplomas and certificates from Trent's medical education and training at the University of Pennsylvania and Henry Ford Hospital. Also includes a few medical licenses and society membership certificates/cards, including one for his wife Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans.

Lecture notes, circa 1930s-1940s	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5x8 and 4x7-inch notecards housed in four-flap enclosures.	
Embryology notes, circa 1934-1938	Box 9
Medical school notes, 1935	Box 9
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Medical school notes, 1936-1937	Box 9
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Examinations, 1937-1938	Box 1
Ford Hospital appointment, 1937-1938	Box 9
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence.	
Medical school notes, 1937-1938	Box 9
The Scope, 1938	Box 9
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
University of Pennsylvania Medical School yearbook; Trent is pictured on page 44.	
Diplomas and certificates, 1938-1947	Box 9
<b>Physical Description:</b> 9 items	
North Carolina medical license, 1940	Oversize-folder 1

Notebook, 1939	Box 9
The Scope, 1940	Box 9
<b>Scope and Contents</b> University of Pennsylvania Medical School yearbook.	
Autopsy reports, 1941	Box 9
Michigan appointment, 1946	Box 9
Clipping, 1947 February 9	Box 9
<b>Scope and Contents</b> Durham Morning Herald; Trent pictured.	
Membership cards, 1948	Box 9

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### **Subject Files, 1852-1869, 1919-1961, 1997, bulk 1934-1957**

Arranged alphabetically by title.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Chiefly correspondence, notes, and papers relating to Trent's activities as a collector of rare books and manuscripts, and the dedication of the Trent Collection at the Duke University Medical Center Library in 1949. There is also a folder of material on his death, a folder concerning his wife Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans, and some financial information. Some folders contain an index and folder description within.

A library card file is also housed in this series, most likely relating to titles in his library.

100 Most Influential Medical Books, 1946	Box 2
Accessions since 1944, circa 1940s	Box 2
American College of Surgeons certificate, 1948	Box 2
American Medical Association Historical Section panel, 1947-1948	Box 2
Angina pectoris, surgical treatment of, 1949	Box 2

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Appraisal, 1956-1961	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Remainder of Trent Collection.	
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Army Medical Library, 1944-1951	Box 9
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
One folder contains three letters and a certificate for Mary Duke Biddle Trent as an Honorary Consultant after Josiah's death.	
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Army Medical Library News, 1947-1948	Box 2
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Bibliographical notes	Box 2
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Bibliography, 1946	Box 2
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A Bio-Bibliography of Andreas Vesalius event, 1943	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Invitation, program, and ephemera related to an event celebrating the publication of Dr. Harvey Cushing's book A Bio-Bibliography of Andreas Vesalius.	
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Book orders/bookdealers, 1944-1948	Box 2
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Bookstore, 1949	Box 2
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Bronchiectasis	Box 2
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Bronchoscopies, figures on, 1946-1947	Box 2
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Bronchoscopy, 1934, 1948	Box 2
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Card catalog inquiries, 1943	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Replies to inquiries from Trent about the possibility of acquiring cards from institutions and inquires to Trent asking about his own cards.	
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Death of Josiah C. Trent, 1948-1949	Box 2

**Scope and Contents**

Includes clippings and printed material.

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Dedication of Trent Room, 1949-1957 Box 2

**Scope and Contents**

Includes clippings and printed material.

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Dealers' descriptions, 1951 Box 3

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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Door sign Box 3

**Physical Description:** Metal.

**Scope and Contents**

"Dr. Trent."

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Duke hospital wards and the eminent men for whom they are named, 1931 Box 3

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Ephemera, 1919, 1938-1952 Box 3

**Scope and Contents**

Includes American Association for Thoracic Surgery Annual Meeting program, Medical Society of London syllabus, Yale Medical Library invitation, Cartier receipt, and Pennsylvania driver's license.

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Esophagus, cancer of, 1929-1941 Box 3

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Films, War Department Box 3

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Hospital of San Hipólito Box 3

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Income tax, 1947-1948 Box 3

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Ivory manikins, 1949, 1958 Box 3

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Johnston, Christopher, 1950 Box 3

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Liability policy, 1948 Box 3

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Library card file Box 8

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**Scope and Contents**

Cards are contained in one box and probably derive from Trent's personal library.

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Library cards Box 6

**Physical Description:** 3x5-inch notecards in four-flap enclosure.

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Lithography Box 3

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New Gould's Medical Dictionary, 1945 Box 3

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Notes Box 3

**Physical Description:** Handwriting.

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Osler series, 1949-1950 Box 3  
Box 4

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Pestalozzi Foundation membership certificate,  
1947 October 1 Oversize-folder 1

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Pharmacy jars Box 4

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Selected Readings in Historical Medicine, 1947 Box 4

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Spurzheim portrait, presentation of, 1927 Box 4

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Subscription project, 1949-1950 Box 4

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Trent, Mary Duke Biddle, 1949-1958 Box 4

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Trent Collection, 1944-1958 Box 9

**Scope and Contents**

Includes clippings and printed material.

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Trent family, 1852-1869, 1947-1959 Box 4

**Scope and Contents**

The older items are two small certificates (complete with wax seal) recognizing the elder Josiah Trent as a Deacon then Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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The US Quarterly Book List, 1947 Box 4

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Whitman, Walt, 1940-1955	Box 4
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Includes clippings and printed material.	

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Writings by others, 1936-1948, 1997	Box 4
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## **Writings, 1941-1949**

Arranged alphabetically by title.

### **Scope and Contents**

Notes, drafts, and reprints of articles, publications, and presentations written and given by Trent. Most are related to historical studies of medical practices, particularly surgery and epidemiology. Unless noted, items are undated.

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Anesthesia	Box 4
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Editorial notes.	

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Benjamin Rush in Edinburgh	Box 4
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Benjamin Waterhouse	Box 4
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Bibliomania	Box 4
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Book reviews, 1945-1948	Box 4
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Chapters in the History of Thoracic Surgery	Box 4
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An Early New Jersey Medical License	Box 4
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An Endobronchial Balloon for the Control of Secretions During Lobectomy and Pneumonectomy	Box 4
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An Evaluation of Extrapleural Pneumonolysis with Lucite Plombage	Box 4
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Evolution of the Aseptic Principle in Surgery, 1945-1946	Box 4
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Five Letters of Marcus Aurelius to . . . John Houghton, 1942	Box 4
Historical Aspects of Aseptic Surgical Techniques, 1946	Box 5
History of Yellow Fever, 1948	Box 5
John Coakley Lettsom and His Literary Friends, 1948	Box 5
Ligation of the Innominate Artery, 1946	Box 5
Medical Supplies in the Confederate Army	Box 5
Obstetrics and Gynecology in America, 1947	Box 5
Problems of Civil and Military Emergencies, 1941	Box 5
Some Comments Upon the Use of Barbiturates . . .	Box 5
Surgical Classics	Box 5
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Outline.	
Surgical Therapy of the Patent Ductus Arteriosus	Box 5
Thumbnail Sketches of Eminent Physicians, 1945-1949	Box 5
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
First series and correspondence with Trent and Mary Duke Biddle Trent.	
Walt Whitman--A Case Study	Box 5

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## Photographs, 1930s-1956

**Physical Description:** Photographic prints and film negatives housed separately in 7.5 x 5.5 and 9 x 12-inch envelopes. Unless otherwise noted, files include both prints and negatives.

Arranged alphabetically by author or title.

**Scope and Contents**

Primarily reproductions of 16th-20th century medical illustrations and texts, many of which are from German sources, with some housed in the Bettmann Archive (originals date from as far back as 1536).

There is also one file on Trent's medical education and training that includes surgical procedures in an operating theatre and group portraits, plus one file on the dedication of the first Trent Room at Duke.

Anatomical figurine, syphilis, front view	Box 6
Anatomical figurine, syphilis, right side view	Box 6
Anatomical figurine, syphilis, left side view	Box 6
Anatomical figurine, syphilis, rear view	Box 6
Antiseptic operation	Box 6
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
From Cheyne. "Antiseptic Surgery."	
Appert. "The Art of Preserving . . . ", 1811	Box 6
Arconville. "Essai pour servir à l'histoire de la putrefaction . . . ", 1766	Box 6
"Awakening call to the children of New England"	Box 6
Bard, S. "A compendium of the history and practice of midwifery . . . ", 1807	Box 6
Bergman operating	Box 6

**Physical Description:** Print only.

**Scope and Contents**

From The Bettmann Archive.

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Bigelow. "Insensibility during surgical operations . . . ", 1846	Box 6
Billroth operating	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> Print only.	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
From The Bettmann Archive.	
Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, 1846 November 18	Box 6
Dedication of Trent Room, 1956 April 20	Box 9
Deweese. A compendious system of midwifery . . . , 1828	Box 6
Dutertre. Histoire generale des Antilles, 1667	Box 6
Finlay. "El mosquito hipoteticamente considerado como agente . . . "	Box 1 > Folder 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> Prints in 7.5x10.5-inch envelope.	
Gersdorff. Feldtbuch der Wundt-Artzney, 1551	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 6 envelopes, prints only.	
Gorgas. "A few general directions . . . ", 1904	Box 6
Guenther. "Institutions", 1536	Box 6
J. Guiteras. "Experimental yellow fever . . . ", 1901	Box 6
Halsted. "Ligature and suture material . . . ", 1913	Box 6
Halsted operating, 1904	Box 6
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
From Mac Cullom's Halsted.	
Harvey. "Exercitatio anatomica . . . ", 1628	Box 6
Heister, Laurence. Pre-antiseptic operation, 1731	Box 6

Hester, J. "A hundred and foureteene experiments . . . ", 1596	Box 6
Holmes. "The contagiousness of puerperal fever" <b>Physical Description:</b> Negatives only.	Box 6
Hunter, J. "A treatise on the venereal disease", 1786	Box 6
Innominate artery . . . , figure 1	Box 6
Innominate artery . . . , figure 2	Box 6
Innominate artery . . . , figure 3	Box 6
Innominate artery . . . , figure 4	Box 6
Innominate artery . . . , figure 5	Box 6
"Institutionum anatomicarum secundum Galeni . . . " <b>Physical Description:</b> Prints in 7.5x10.5-inch envelope.	Box 1 > Folder 1
"Institutionum anatomicarum secundum Galeni . . . " <b>Physical Description:</b> Mounted print in 9x12-inch envelope.	Box 1 > Folder 2
Jenner, E. "An inquiry into the causes and effects of the variolae vaccinae", 1798	Box 6
Koch, Gaffky, and Loeffler. "Versuche über die Verwerthbarkeit heisser Wasserdämpfe . . . "	Box 6
Leeuwenhoek <b>Physical Description:</b> 4 envelopes, negatives and prints.	Box 6
Lister. "On a new method of treating compound fracture . . . ", Lancet, 1867 June	Box 6
Massachusetts General, operating amphitheater, 1888 <b>Physical Description:</b> Print only.	Box 7

**Scope and Contents**

From The Bettmann Archive.

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McBurney operating Box 7

**Physical Description:** Print only.

**Scope and Contents**

From The Bettmann Archive.

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[Trent's] Medical education and training,  
1934-1948 Box 9

**Scope and Contents**

Includes at least one surgical procedure in an operating theatre, group portraits, and contact sheet-like strips of 35 millimeter film prints.

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Meigs, Charles D. portrait Box 7

**Physical Description:** Negatives only.

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Morgan. "A discourse upon the institution of  
medical schools . . . ", 1765 Box 7

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Mott, Valentine portrait by James Henry  
Shegogue Box 7

**Physical Description:** 2 envelopes, negatives only.

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Mott, Valentine portrait by James Henry  
Shegogue, verso Box 7

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Mott, V. Reflections on securing . . . Box 7

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Mott, V. Reflections on securing . . . , figure 1 Box 7

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Mott, V. Reflections on securing . . . , figure 2 Box 7

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Moynihan and Keen. Surgical masks, 1920 Box 7

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From Moynihan. Abdominal operations, 2nd ed. and Keen and DaCosta.  
Surgery, vol. V.

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Neuber. "Anleitung zur Technik der  
antiseptischen Wundbehandlung . . . ", 1883 Box 7

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Neuber. "Die aseptische Wundbehandlung . . . ", 1886	Box 7
Neuber. "Kurz Beschreibung der aseptische Wundbehandlung", 1892	Box 7
Nott, J. "On the cause of yellow fever"	Box 7
Oliver. "A present to be given to teeming women . . . ", 1694	Box 7
Pasteur. "Etudes sur le vin"	Box 7
Patent ductus, figure 1 <b>Physical Description:</b> Negatives only.	Box 7
Patent ductus, figure 2 <b>Physical Description:</b> Negatives only.	Box 7
Pean operating <b>Physical Description:</b> Print only. <b>Scope and Contents</b> From The Bettmann Archive.	Box 7
Pringle. "Appendix, containing experiments upon septic . . . "	Box 7
Pringle. "Appendix, containing experiments and observations . . . "	Box 7
Redi. Experimenta, 1671 <b>Physical Description:</b> 4 envelopes, prints and negatives.	Box 7
Reed et. al. "The etiology of yellow fever . . . ", 1900	Box 7
Reed, W. "Experimental yellow fever", 1901 <b>Physical Description:</b> Negatives only.	Box 7
Rush, B. "An account of the bilious remitting yellow fever"	Box 7
Rush, B. Letter to Dr. John Redman Coxe, 1804	Box 7

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From Mitchell, John. "On yellow fever in Virginia," 1741 and 1742.

Sachs. "Ein Gesprach"	Box 7
Schimmelbusch. "Anleitung zur aseptischen Wundbehandlung", 1892	Box 7
"Ein schon geystlich liedt von dem Todt . . . " <b>Physical Description:</b> Print in 7.5x10.5-inch envelope.	Box 1 > Folder 1
"Ein schon geystlich liedt von dem Todt . . . "	Box 7
Semmelweis. "Die offenen Briefe . . . ", 1899	Box 7
Severinus portrait <b>Physical Description:</b> Mounted print in 9x12-inch envelope.	Box 1 > Folder 2
Severinus. "Zootomia Democritæa . . . ", 1645 <b>Physical Description:</b> Mounted print in 9x12-inch envelope.	Box 1 > Folder 2
Severinus. Letter to John Houghton, 1640 <b>Physical Description:</b> Mounted prints in 9x12-inch envelope.	Box 1 > Folder 2
Severinus. De recondita, 1632	Box 7
Severinus. Letter to John Houghton, obverse, 1640	Box 7
Severinus. Letter to John Houghton, reverse, 1640	Box 7
Severinus portrait	Box 7
Severinus. "Zootomia Democritæa" <b>Physical Description:</b> 4 envelopes, negatives and prints.	Box 7
Smythe letter, 1773	Box 7
Spencer, Dr. T. Rush and staff, 1862 <b>Physical Description:</b> Print in 9x12-inch envelope.	Box 1 > Folder 2
Sternberg. "Report on the etiology and prevention of yellow fever", 1890 <b>Physical Description:</b> Negatives only.	Box 7

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Sterns, J. Letter to Mr. S. Akerly, 1807	Box 7
<b>Physical Description:</b> Negatives only.	
Struck. "Mittheilungen aus dem kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamte", 1881	Box 7
Theodoric of Cervia	Box 7
Unidentified portrait	Box 7
<b>Physical Description:</b> Negatives.	
Unidentified sculpture, undated	Box 9
Vesalius	Box 1 > Folder 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> Print in 7.5x10.5-inch envelope.	
Vesalius	Box 7
<b>Physical Description:</b> Prints only.	
Watts, Mott, and Stevens. "The Medical and Surgical Register", 1818	Box 7

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## **Personal, 1920-1948**

Arranged chronologically.

### **Scope and Contents**

Material unrelated to Trent's medical career and rare book and manuscript collecting. A highlight is a series of letters from 10-year-old Trent to his mother while on a trip to visit his older brother.

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Grade school, 1920-1932	Box 9
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### **Scope and Contents**

Includes report cards, a perfect attendance certificate, and a commencement program.

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Correspondence, 1924 October 8-1924 November 7	Box 9
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**Scope and Contents**

From Trent to his mother while visiting his older brother Clarke in California.

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National Rifle Association diploma, 1929 August  
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Box 9

**Scope and Contents**

Junior rifle corps pro-marksman.

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Fishing, 1937, 1948

Box 9

**Related Material:**

The registration card lists Trent's "temporary address" as the Wrightsville Marina. This aligns with the "Trent boat" photograph file in the Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans family papers that shows a boat docked there.

**Scope and Contents**

1937 Wyoming Non-Resident Fishing License and registration card for 3rd Annual (1948) Southeastern NC Beach Association Fishing Rodeo.

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Passport, 1938

Box 9

**Scope and Contents**

Includes almost a dozen different stamps.

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Stationary, circa 1945

Box 9

**Scope and Contents**

Includes bookplates and letterhead.

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Okmulgee telephone directory, 1946

Box 9

**Scope and Contents**

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