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Hannibal "Joe" Lucas Jaworski Papers. Inclusive: 1895-1987, undated, Bulk: 1942-1953, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Jaworski, Dr. Hannibal "Joe" Lucas, 1902 - 1999
Extent (quantity/size)	7 document boxes and 1 oversized box
Language	English
Abstract	The Hannibal "Joe" Lucas Jaworski Papers include correspondence, literary productions, books, and photographic materials related to his service in World War II and his response to the Waco Tornado of 1953.

Subjects

Hospitals, Military -- history -- Texas. / McCloskey General Hospital (Temple, Tex.) / Physicians -- Texas. / Tornadoes -- Texas -- Waco. / Waco (Tex.) -- History -- 20th Century. / World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, American. / World War, 1939-1945.

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Scope and Content

The Hannibal "Joe" Lucas Jaworski Papers were acquired in two transactions. The first was a transfer from the Baylor University Institute for Oral History in 1994. The second was a gift from Hannibal Jaworski at an unknown date.

This collection begins in 1895 and ends in 1987. The Photographic Materials series is the largest in the collection. It contains pictures pertaining to Jaworski's service in World War II as well as the Waco Tornado of 1953. There are also several photos of 1940s celebrities as they visited patients at McCloskey General Hospital. The Literary Productions and Correspondence series include a wide range of documents relating to World War II, especially Jaworski's work as a surgeon.

Administrative/Biographical History

The Hannibal "Joe" Lucas Jaworski Papers provide unique insight into the life of Hannibal Jaworski, United States army surgeon during World War II, long-time Waco surgeon, and witness to the Waco Tornado of 1953 May 11. Hannibal "Joe" Lucas Jaworski was born on 1902 April 19 in Germany to Rev. Joseph and Marie Mra Jaworski. The family soon moved to Waco, Texas where his brother, Leon Jaworski, the famed Watergate lawyer, was born. Hannibal received his B.A. from Baylor University in 1921, and then went on to receive his M.D. from the Baylor Medical School in 1926. His medical residency and internship were both completed at Hillcrest Hospital in Waco.

After establishing himself as a surgeon at Hillcrest, Hannibal enlisted in the U.S. Army at the start of World War II. He was assigned to the new McCloskey General Hospital in Temple, Texas, where he eventually became Director of the Surgical Staff and achieved the rank of Colonel. During the war McCloskey was one of the Army's largest hospitals and it was known for its outstanding orthopedic surgery, amputations, and neurosurgery. McCloskey was also a popular place for Hollywood stars to visit wounded troops. Many of the photographs, literary productions, and correspondence included in these papers were produced at McCloskey. Near the end of the war, Jaworski was transferred to the Philippines to begin preparing for an invasion of Japan. The invasion was called off after the atomic bombs were dropped. Jaworski took many photos while in the Philippines and included them in the photo album that is part of this collection.

After the war Jaworski returned to Waco and Hillcrest where he eventually became Chief of Staff. He met his future wife, Madge McReynolds when he performed successful surgery on her. The two were soon married and, despite Madge's continual ill health, remained married for 38 years. They had no children. In 1950 Jaworski received the Carnegie Award for Heroism after rescuing a man who was drowning in the lake behind his house. At the time of the Waco Tornado, Madge and Hannibal were at his practice in downtown Waco. They were some of the first on the scene and rushed to the hospital to alert the staff of the disaster. "Dr. Joe," as his patients called him, stayed in the hospital for nearly 24 hours treating patients. Before rushing to the hospital, Jaworski was able to take photographs of the damage that are included in these papers.

After her long illness, Madge died on 1985 December 5. By then Hannibal Jaworski was a well-known figure in the Waco community, having received from Baylor the Outstanding Service Award and the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He died on 1999 November 13. Jaworski was well respected in the community and left a legacy of care for his community and his patients. His papers will be valuable to anyone interested in studying medical care during World War II or the aftermath of the Waco Tornado.

Related Resources

Related citations

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Archival Arrangement

Prior to this finding aid, the Hannibal "Joe" Lucas Jaworski Papers had no organization except for one photo album. The photos were removed from the book but the original order was retained.

Currently, the Hannibal "Joe" Lucas Jaworski Papers are arranged in four series: I. Correspondence, II. Literary Productions, III. Books, and IV. Photographic Materials.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1942-1946, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains correspondence relating to Hannibal Jaworski's time as an Army surgeon during World War II. It contains letters, telegrams, and memoranda. This series is in good condition.

Item List

- Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: Military, 1942 June 21-October 24
- Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: Military, 1943 May 26-1946 May 7
- Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: Military: Telegrams, 1942 September 20, undated
- Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: Military: Memoranda, 1942 April 21- September 7
- Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: Military: Memoranda, 1942 September
- Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: Military: Memoranda, 1942 October 1- 1945 May 21
- Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: Military: Memoranda, undated

Series 2: Literary Productions. 1942-1987, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series includes literary productions pertaining to Hannibal Jaworski's time as a surgeon at McClonskey Hospital during World War II, his work with the Salvation Army during and after the war, and his experience seeing the Waco Tornado. Included are issues of the Salvation Army's "The War Cry" magazine and an unpublished copy of the McClonskey General Hospital Rules and Regulations from 1942. This series is in average to good condition.

Item List

- Box 1. Folder 8. Literary Productions: Military Records: Hannibal Jaworski, 1942 May 25- 1944 December 4, undated
- Box 1. Folder 9. Literary Productions: World War II: General, 1945, undated
- Box 1. Folder 10. Literary Productions: Publications: McClonskey Hospital, 1942
- Box 1. Folder 11. Literary Productions: Publications: McClonskey Hospital, 1943
- Box 1. Folder 12. Literary Productions: Medical Notes: General, 1943-1944
- Box 1. Folder 13. Literary Productions: Medical Notes: General, undated
- Box 1. Folder 14. Literary Productions: Medical Notes: Abdominal Injuries, undated
- Box 1. Folder 15. Literary Productions: Medical Essays, undated
- Box 2. Folder 1. Literary Productions: Surgery Listings, 1942-1943
- Box 2. Folder 2. Literary Productions: Manuals: General Rules and Regulations: McClonskey General Hospital (1 of 8), 1942
- Box 2. Folder 3. Literary Productions: Manuals: General Rules and Regulations: McClonskey General Hospital (2 of 8), 1942
- Box 2. Folder 4. Literary Productions: Manuals: General Rules and Regulations: McClonskey General Hospital (3 of 8), 1942
- Box 2. Folder 5. Literary Productions: Manuals: General Rules and Regulations: McClonskey General Hospital (4 of 8), 1942
- Box 2. Folder 6. Literary Productions: Manuals: General Rules and Regulations: McClonskey General Hospital (5 of 8), 1942
- Box 2. Folder 7. Literary Productions: Manuals: General Rules and Regulations: McClonskey General Hospital (6 of 8), 1942
- Box 2. Folder 8. Literary Productions: Manuals: General Rules and Regulations: McClonskey General Hospital (7 of 8), 1942
- Box 2. Folder 9. Literary Productions: Manuals: General Rules and Regulations: McClonskey General Hospital (8 of 8), 1942
- Box 2. Folder 10. Literary Productions: "The War Cry", 1951 January 6
- Box 2. Folder 11. Literary Productions: "The War Cry", 1954 May 1
- Box 2. Folder 12. Literary Productions: "The War Cry", 1954 October 16
- Box 2. Folder 13. Literary Productions: "The War Cry", 1960 January 23
- Box 2. Folder 14. Literary Productions: "The War Cry", 1961 April 22
- Box 2. Folder 15. Literary Productions: "The War Cry", 1973-1979
- Box 2. Folder 16. Literary Productions: Printed Materials: Salvation Army, 1943-1982, undated
- Box 3. Folder 1. Literary Productions: Clippings, 1943-1944, undated
- Box 3. Folder 2. Literary Productions: Clippings, 1944-1945, undated
- Box 3. Folder 3. Literary Productions: Clippings, 1967-1969, undated
- Box 3. Folder 4. Literary Productions: Clippings, 1972-1987, undated
- Box 3. Folder 5. Literary Productions: Programs: Dachau Concentration Camp, undated
- Box 3. Folder 6. Literary Productions: Printed Materials: Waco Tornado, 1953 May 22-1981 May 10
- Box 3. Folder 7. Literary Productions: General, 1942-1975
- Box 8 OVZ. Folder 1. Literary Productions: Publications: "The Yank Army Weekly": VE Issue, 1945 June 1

Series 3: Books. 1895-1964**Administrative/Biographical History**

This series contains books from Hannibal Jaworski's library. It includes a signed copy of *Memoirs of James A. Bethea* and an annotated copy of *English Essays* by Walter C. Bronson. This series is in good condition.

Item List

Box 3. Folder 8. Books: *English Essays* by Walter C. Bronson, annotated, 1905
 Box 3. Folder 9. Books: *A New History of Texas* by Percy V. Pennybacker, 1895
 Box 3. Folder 10. Books: *Memoirs of James A. Bethea* by James A. Bethea, 1964
 Box 3. Folder 11. Books: Loose Materials: Christmas Letter: James Bethea, 1964

Series 4: Photographic Materials. 1944-1953, undated**Summary Information**

Media 35 mm slide; Photographic print; Portrait photograph

Administrative/Biographical History

This series, the largest in the Hannibal "Joe" Lucas Jaworski Papers contains pictures pertaining to Jaworski's service in World War II as well as the Waco Tornado of 1953. Included in the war photos are many pictures of the McClonskey General Hospital surgical ward, surgeries in progress, soldiers on a transport train, and wounded soldiers with various movie stars of the 1940s (see list of stars below). Most of these photos were removed from a large undated photo album exclusively containing war photos. The tornado photos are unique in that they were taken in the immediate aftermath of the storm and the slides are rare color images of the destruction.

Stars Included in Photo Album-
 Name: Photo Album Page Number

Betty Alexander: 120
 Gene Autrey: 46-49
 Leslie Brooks: 118
 Ginny Simms: 54
 Trudy Marshall: 119
 Lynn Merrick: 120
 Harold Russell: 98-100, 124
 Frank Sully: 118

This series is in good condition.

Item List

Box 4. Folder 1. Photographic Materials: Medical Photos, undated
 Box 4. Folder 2. Photographic Materials: McClonskey Hospital: Surgical, 1944 January 25, undated
 Box 4. Folder 3. Photographic Materials: McClonskey Hospital: General, undated
 Box 4. Folder 4. Photographic Materials: Army Transport Train, undated
 Box 4. Folder 5. Photographic Materials: Military Group Pictures, undated
 Box 4. Folder 6. Photographic Materials: Military (1 of 2), undated
 Box 4. Folder 7. Photographic Materials: Military (2 of 2), undated
 Box 4. Folder 8. Photographic Materials: Waco Tornado (1 of 2), 1953 May 11
 Box 4. Folder 9. Photographic Materials: Waco Tornado (2 of 2), 1953 May 11
 Box 4. Folder 10. Photographic Materials: Color Slides: Waco Tornado, 1953 May 11
 Box 4. Folder 11. Photographic Materials: Shirley Temple Stock Photo, undated
 Box 4. Folder 12. Photographic Materials: General, undated
 Box 5. Folder 1. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 1-2, undated
 Box 5. Folder 2. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 3-4, undated
 Box 5. Folder 3. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 5-6, undated
 Box 5. Folder 4. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 7-8, undated
 Box 5. Folder 5. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 9-10, undated
 Box 5. Folder 6. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 11-12, undated
 Box 5. Folder 7. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 13-14, undated
 Box 5. Folder 8. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 15-16, undated
 Box 5. Folder 9. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 17-21, undated
 Box 5. Folder 10. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 22-27, undated
 Box 5. Folder 11. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 28-33, undated
 Box 5. Folder 12. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 34-37, undated
 Box 5. Folder 13. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 38-41, undated
 Box 5. Folder 14. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 42-45, undated
 Box 5. Folder 15. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 46-49, undated
 Box 5. Folder 16. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 50-53, undated
 Box 5. Folder 17. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 54-57, undated
 Box 5. Folder 18. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 58-61, undated
 Box 6. Folder 1. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 62-65, undated
 Box 6. Folder 2. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 66-69, undated
 Box 6. Folder 3. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 70-73, undated
 Box 6. Folder 4. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 74-77, undated
 Box 6. Folder 5. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 78-81, undated
 Box 6. Folder 6. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 82-85, undated
 Box 6. Folder 7. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 86-89, undated
 Box 6. Folder 8. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 90-93, undated
 Box 6. Folder 9. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 94-97, undated
 Box 6. Folder 10. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 98-101, undated
 Box 7. Folder 1. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 102-105, undated
 Box 7. Folder 2. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 106-109, undated
 Box 7. Folder 3. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 110-113, undated
 Box 7. Folder 4. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 114-117, undated

Box 7. Folder 5. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 118-121, undated
Box 7. Folder 6. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 122-125, undated
Box 7. Folder 7. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 126-129, undated
Box 7. Folder 8. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 130-133, undated
Box 7. Folder 9. Photographic Materials: Photo Album: Page 134-138, undated
Box 8 OVZ. Folder 2. Photographic Materials: McClonskey Reunion Officer's Club, undated
Box 8 OVZ. Folder 3. Photographic Materials: Unidentified Indigenous Austronesian in Traditional Garb, undated
Box 8 OVZ. Folder 4. Photographic Materials: Aerial Photo of McClonskey General Hospital, undated
Box 8 OVZ. Folder 5. Photographic Materials: McClonskey Reunion, undated