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John L. Keeley, M.D., papers

Dates: 1960-1988

Creator: Keeley, John L. (1904-1992)

Extent: .5 linear feet

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Administration Information

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Provenance: The John L. Keeley, M.D. papers were gifted to the University Archives on July 15, 1996.

Separations: One button labeled "Trauma, when seconds count, Foster G. McGraw Hospital" has been placed in the University archive memorabilia collection; two photographs of various medical school alumni have been placed in the Loyola University Photograph archives under Medicine, Stritch School of, Alumni; one photograph of doctors celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Stritch School of medicine has been placed in the University Photograph archives under Medicine, Stritch School of, Golden Jubilee; programs from the Cardinal's dinner and the Annual Award dinner have been placed with the other programs under Annual Award Dinner Programs; a manual labeled "Pre-operative manual for surgical patients" has been placed under Medical Center, Foster G. McGraw Hospital.

See Also: Stritch School of Medicine Annual Award Dinner records; Stritch School of Medicine records.

Biographical Sketch

Doctor John L. Keeley was born in Streator, Illinois in 1904. After spending his early years in Ottawa, he went to Loyola University where he received his B.S. in 1927 and his M.D. in 1929. From 1931 to 1933, Dr. Keeley was an assistant physician in the department of Student Health at the University of Wisconsin, and from 1933 to 1936 he was a resident in surgery at the Wisconsin General Hospital. The opportunity to combine surgery and teaching came in 1938 when he was offered an academic appointment at Louisiana State University.

In 1941, Dr. Keeley returned to his alma mater as an assistant clinical professor in the surgery department, of the Stritch School of medicine. Four years later he was named a full professor. While at Loyola, Dr. Keeley was one of the early thoracic (chest) surgeons whose work laid the groundwork for the new field of heart surgery. By doing operations near the heart on the adjacent blood vessels, Dr. Keeley was doing pioneer work.

In 1958, Cardinal Stritch was hospitalized in Rome with a blood clot in his right arm, and Dr. Keeley was called in as a consultant. Despite the trauma of losing his arm,

the Cardinal personally inducted Dr. Keeley into the knights of St. Gregory, a special honor reserved for those laymen who have rendered unique service to the Catholic Church.

The highlight of Dr. Keeley's professional career arrived in 1976 when he became a recipient of the 1976 Stritch medal for his work in the medical community. Dr. Keeley passed away on November 25, 1992 at the age of 88.

Scope and Content

The Doctor John L. Keeley papers comprise of .5 linear foot spanning the years 1960 to 1988 and include several autographed annual award dinner programs from 1963 and 1966, medical school alumni newspaper articles and a certificate identifying Loyola University medical center as an official trauma center.

Subjects:

Keeley, John L.
Stritch School of Medicine
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Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Autographed Dinner Programs	1963, 1966
1	2	Autographed Copy of Patron's Quarterly	1968
1	3	Medical School Alumni Newspaper Articles	
1	4	Invitations	
1	5	Trauma and Pediatric Trauma Center Certificates	1986-1988