# H. L. (HENRY LYTLE) HUMMONS PAPERS, 1902–1958

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### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 folders** 

COLLECTION DATES: 1902-1958

PROVENANCE: Helen H. Anderson, Griffith, IN, 6 May 1987.

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

**RELATED HOLDINGS: None** 

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#### HISTORICAL SKETCH

Henry Lytle Hummons, the son of Thomas and Mary Ellen Hummons was born February 25, 1873 in Lexington, KY. He received his early education at local schools. In 1896 he graduated from Knoxville College in Tennessee. He continued his schooling in Indianapolis and in 1902 he graduated from the Indianapolis Medical School. The following year after doing an internship at Shelbyville Hospital, he began his medical practice in Indianapolis. Also in 1903 he married a Shelbyville teacher who was from Springfield, Ohio. Four children were born to Hummons's union with Rose Elizabeth Dent. They were Helen, Henry, Thomas, and Francis. Following the death of Rose Hummons in 1946, Hummons married Myrtle Stilson of Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1949.

Hummons was instrumental in the founding of Indianapolis's first free tuberculosis clinic at Flanner House in 1919. In 1953 he was honored as a fifty year physician by the Indiana Medical Association. He was also a member of a men's prayer band that helped to establish the Senate Avenue Young Men's Christian Association in the city. He was a very active participant in that organization, serving on its board for 45 years. In 1958 the H. L. Hummons Memorial Wing was dedicated at the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church. Hummons is credited as an organizer of the church that was founded in 1907.

Hummons was a member of the Aesculapian Society; local, state, and national branches of the American Medical Association; the Hoosier State Medical Association; the Indianapolis Knoxville College Club; and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He died 5 April 1956.

Sources: Collection materials (Includes obituary and newsclippings).

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Henry L. Hummons (1873-1956) Collection (1902-1958) is comprised of four folders. The materials contained pertains to the life of an Indianapolis physician (1903-1956). Folder 1 consists of several items including congratulatory telegrams and a program from Hummons's 1956 funeral services. Folder 2 contains materials from the Hoosier State Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association, the Indianapolis Medical Society, and the Senate Avenue Young Men's Christian Association. The 50-year booklet, commemorating the 1896 class of Knoxville College, contains short biographies of the graduates. It is in Folder 3. Newspaper clippings dated between 1930-1956 are in Folder 4.

There are four pictures contained in the collection, three are progressively-aging photographs of Henry L. Hummons, beginning in 1902. The fourth is a group picture, including Hummons and his wife, taken at what may be a gathering of medical associates at the Indiana Roof in Indianapolis. The photographs are stored in Visual Collections, SC 2317.

## **FOLDER LISTING**

#### **FOLDER**

- 1. Correspondence and Funeral Program
- 2. Organizations
- 3. Knoxville College Booklet: "Fifty Years After"
- 4. Newspaper Clippings
- 5. (VC) Photographs

## **CATALOGING INFORMATION**

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- 2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
- 3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
- 4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 2317).
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