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Wallace H. Graham WWII Trauma Photographs Collection

Date of Records: ca. 1940s

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Biographical Note: Wallace Harry Graham was born in Highland, Kansas on October 9, 1910 to James W. Graham, M.D and Betty M. Graham. After graduating from Paseo High School in Kansas City in 1928, he continued his education at Missouri University, Central Missouri State University and the University of Wisconsin. In 1936, he received his M.D. from Creighton University. He also married Velma Ruth Graham in 1936 and they had three children. He obtained additional surgical training at the University of Vienna, University of Budapest, and the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland

Dr. Graham served during WWII in the Medical Reserve Corps where he was Chief of the 24th Evacuation Hospital from 1942-1945. He served with the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions and saw combat in Normandy, Holland, Rhineland, and the Ardennes. For his conduct he was given the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Medal (Great Britain), Croix de Guerre (Belgium), Croix de Guerre with Palm and Legion of Honor (France), Order of Orange Nassau (Holland), and numerous other awards and decorations. He eventually achieved the rank of Major General in the Air Force. In 1945 he was assigned to be Chief of Surgery at Walter Reed Hospital, and became the personal physician for President Truman and his wife. In this position, he also treated numerous heads of state around the world between 1945 and 1953. He joined his father in private practice in 1953, but remained the Trumans' physician throughout their lives. He passed away on January 4, 1996.



Series/Scope and Content Note: These are photographs Dr. Graham requested from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Medical Illustration Service. The rest of his papers can be found at the Metropolitan Medical Society of Kansas City, MO. They can be contacted by letter or phone at:

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BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001:

- *Manuscript Material*
 - Obituaries and biographical information

- *Photographs*
 - Non-medical Photographs
 - Amputation and Prosthetic Limb Photographs
 - Arterial Reconstruction, Case history, CA44-687, Simonetti
 - Chart; Graph (Lantern Slide)
 - Hand Wounds with Records, Valley Forge General Hospital
 - Skin Diseases, Color Positive Transparencies, *see also*: Stereoscopic Skin Clinic Card Set
 - Trauma Photographs, alphabetized by name
 - Trauma Photographs, alphabetized by subject
 - Trauma Photographs, requisition forms with patient information, some include photographs
 - Trauma Photographs, unidentified, 5x7 B&W

Box 002:

- *Photographs*
 - Trauma Photographs, Unsorted