

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY
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U.S. ARMY, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL: Medical Records of
Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1911-69

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The official medical records of Dwight D. Eisenhower, which document primarily the last fourteen years of his life, include reports of routine as well as promotion physicals; X-ray, dental and other diagnostic photographs; and hospital records relating to major illnesses, 1955-69. The hospital records, which comprise the bulk of these materials, include clinical records, laboratory reports, medical narratives and narrative summaries, doctors' and nurses' progress notes, electrocardiographic records (tapes), and other items.

The Eisenhower Library obtained these records in October 1985 with the assistance of Dr. Thomas Mattingly who prepared a narrative health history of Eisenhower which he deposited in the Eisenhower Library in 1988 (see the finding aid to the Thomas Mattingly Medical History of Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1911-69 and 1987). In searching for Eisenhower's official records, Mattingly finally located them in 1983 at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology where they had resided since 1969. In order to facilitate his using the records, Mattingly persuaded the Surgeon General's Office to transfer them temporarily to Moncrief Army Hospital, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, as the Army base was near Mattingly's Columbia home. After Mattingly completed his study he arranged with the Surgeon General's office to deposit the records in the Eisenhower Library so that Eisenhower historians could make maximum use of the materials.

While utilizing the records, Mattingly discovered that they contained no documents dated prior to 1955, the year of Eisenhower's first reported heart attack. In order to supplement the 1955-69 records with copies of all extant medical documents concerning Eisenhower, Mattingly first contacted the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. The NPRC provided him with copies of the small quantity of medical records found in the microfilm copy of Eisenhower's military personnel ("201") file. These records, which cover only the period 1911-43, were filed by Mattingly at the front of the Surgeon General's records concerning Eisenhower. Immediately after this folder Mattingly placed a folder of copies of records of Eisenhower's 1954 hospitalization at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center. Mattingly obtained copies of these items by duplicating records found in the papers of Howard McCrum Snyder, Eisenhower's personal physician. (The Snyder papers are deposited in the Eisenhower Library). The whereabouts of the official earlier records remains a mystery. Mattingly, other historians, and the staff of the Eisenhower Library have been unable to account for the missing records as of the date of this writing. Especially interesting is the lack of records from the period 1943-55, a time during which Eisenhower suffered from numerous health problems discussed in such other sources as the Mattingly and Snyder collections.

While Mattingly was using the records for the preparation of his study of Eisenhower's medical history, he arranged the collection chronologically, prepared folder content lists, and numbered the folders consecutively, 1 through 68. This arrangement and numbering system was preserved when Eisenhower Library staff processed the records, although folder titles were modified to make them simpler and more consistent. The folder numbers assigned by Mattingly were retained and placed on the upper right-hand corner of the archival folders. Please note that folder Number 33 was not found among the records received by the Library. Also, because the EKG tapes found in the last eight boxes were received unarranged, no numbers were applied to them. Finally, researchers should note that some of the records contain underlining as well as marginal notes; these are presumed to be jottings made by Mattingly during the course of his review of the records.

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