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Abstract Arno Benedict Luckhardt, 1885 – 1957, physiologist. The papers contain professional and personal correspondence; speeches and papers by Luckhardt on medical and historical subjects, including the William Beaumont Collection at the University of Chicago; and photographs and memorabilia. The material dates from 1918 to 1954.

Information on Use
Access
The collection is open for research.

Citation
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Biographical Note
Arno Benedict Luckhardt (1885-1957) was a physiologist trained at the University of Chicago and at Rush Medical College (1909-1912). While a professor at the University of Chicago (1912-1947), Luckhardt’s research interests included gastric and pancreatic secretion, the function a parathyroid glands, and the use of ethylene as a surgical anesthetic. Luckhardt was also an historian of early American medical history who was particularly interested in the discoveries of Dr. William Beaumont. Luckhardt was instrumental in arranging the gift of the William Beaumont Collection to the University of Chicago Library.

Scope Note
The papers of Arno B. Luckhardt comprise one-half linear foot of material, including professional and personal correspondence; speeches and papers of Luckhardt on medical and historical subjects, including the William Beaumont Collection at the University of Chicago;
and photographs and memorabilia. The Luckhardt papers were part of the John Crerar Library’s manuscript collections and came to the University of Chicago Library with the merger of the two institutions in 1981.

The collection has been organized into three series. Series I, Correspondence, contains 138 letters arranged alphabetically by sender. Many are responses to a facsimile of a letter from William Beaumont that Luckhardt had printed as a Christmas greeting in 1938. Series II, Speeches and Articles, contains 27 holograph or typescript drafts of Luckhardt’s speeches and papers, covering a range of medical and historical subjects. Series III, Photographs and Memorabilia, is composed of photographs related to Luckhardt’s medical research; and additional memorabilia, including historical material concerning William Beaumont.

**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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**Subject Headings**

- Luckhardt, Arno B. (Arno Benedict), 1885-
- Beaumont, William, 1785-1853
- Medicine
- Photographs

**INVENTORY**

**Series I: Correspondence, 1930s**

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**Series II: Speeches and Articles**

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Folder 5: Speeches and Articles
Box 1
The Beginnings of Physiology, manuscript, 1933

Box 1
The Beginnings of Physiology, manuscript, 1934

Box 1
Biological Reactions to Ethylene Anaesthesia, manuscript, 1935.

Box 1
A Brief Description of the Principal Ornamental and Historical Figures of the Buildings
Devoted to Physiological Chemistry, Physiology, Pathology, Medicine and Surgery,
manuscript, undated

Box 1
Folder 6
Speeches and Articles
• The Council on Dental Therapeutics, reprint, 1934.
• The Council on Dental Therapeutics, manuscript, undated
• Digestion, manuscript, 1934.
• The William Beaumont Collection, manuscript, undated
• Medical History Collections in the United States and Canada, reprint, 1939

Box 1
Folder 7
Speeches and Articles
• Effects of Certain Drugs on Cutaneous Tactile and Pain Sensitivity, manuscript,
undated
• Foreword, manuscript, manuscript, undated
• The Hierarchy of Dentistry, manuscript, undated

Box 1
Folder 8
Speeches and Articles
• "Historical Highlights and Shadows in the Discovery of General Anesthesia," by ABL.
Typed draft, 19 pp.
• "The Honey Bee," by ABL, handwritten notes, 2 pp.
• "Medical and Philosophical Intelligence for the Eclectic Repertory," by ABL. Typed ms,
3 pp.
• "Members of the COngress of Anesthetics, Friends, and Visitors," by ABL. Typed draft,
2 pp.
• "Official 'Edict' by the City of Zurich, Switzerland, 1766 A.D. on the Methods of
Resuscitation to be Employed on Drowned or Asphyxiated Persons, with a Brief
Introduction," by ABL. Typed draft, 6 pp.
• "On THought in Medicine, by Hermann von Helmholtz, with an Introducion," by
ABL. Typed draft, 4 pp.

Box 1
Folder 9
Speeches and Articles
• "Physiology of the Teeth," by ABL, mimeograph copy, 3 pp.
• "Presentation Remarks at the Unveiling of the Portrait Bust of Anton Julius Carlson," by ABL. Handwritten ms, 2 pp.
• "Progressive Medicine: A Plea for the Concerted Efforts of the Clinician and the Laboratory Worker," by ABL. Typed draft, 10 pp.
• "The Relation of the Council on Dental Therapeutics to the Profession and the Public," by ABL. Typed draft, 7 pp.; handwritten ms, 6 pp.

Box 1
Folder 10
Speeches and Articles
• "Texts and Documents: Account of a New Mode of Extracting Poisonous Substances from the Stomach, by Philip Physick," by ABL. Typed draft, 3 pp.; handwritten ms, 3 pp.

Box 1
Folder 11
Speeches and Articles
• Untitled, handwritten ms, p. 1
• "Texts and Documents: Several Medical Historical Facts and Oddities," by ABL. Typed draft, 5 pp., with attached printed illustration
• "Texts and Documents: Urinalysis Including Uroscopy," by ABL. Typed draft, 6 pp.
• Untitled, handwritten ms, 4 pp.

Box 1
Folder 12
Three charts depicting William Beaumont genealogy, in ABL's hand

Series III: Photographs and Memorabilia

Box 1
Folder 13
Certificate naming ABL fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, December 30, 1920; Electromicrograph of liver, spleen, and lung tissue, 4 pp.

Box 1
Folder 14
Four photographs of pages 94-97 of an unknown book containing Beaumont’s account of Alexis St. Martin’s treatment; Magazine reproduction of Dean Cornwell’s painting "Beaumont and St. Martin"