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Inventory of the Ivan W. Brown papers, 1949 - 1996

Ivan W. Brown is a 1940 graduate of the Duke University School of Medicine and a former James B. Duke Professor of Surgery at Duke University Medical Center.

### Descriptive Summary

**Collection Title:** Ivan W. Brown papers, 1949 - 1996

**Creator:** Brown, Ivan W.

**Extent:** 0.5 linear feet 1 box

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### Biographical Note

Dr. Ivan W. Brown is a 1940 graduate of the Duke University School of Medicine and a former James B. Duke Professor of Surgery at Duke Medical Center. During World War II, he was the youngest member and a captain on the surgical Service of the 65th General Hospital, a Duke Army Reserve Unit. Dr. Brown has collected memorabilia and papers related to the 65th General Hospital.

Dr. Brown's accomplishments include developing a blood heat exchanger used during cardiopulmonary bypass surgery and designing and building Duke's hyperbaric chamber complex.

After leaving Duke, Dr. Brown became Chief of thoracic and cardiovascular Surgery at the Watson Clinic in Lakeland, Fla. Since his retirement in 1985, Dr. Brown has become a writer of articles on medical history.

### Collection Overview

This collection consists of information about Duke University Medical Center's Central Supply and Blood Bank, a retirement speech given by Clarence Ellsworth Gardner, and reprints of three of Ivan W. Brown's articles.

The materials regarding the Central Supply and Blood Bank include correspondence between Brown and Elmer L. DeGowin, a member of the Department of Internal Medicine at University Hospitals at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. This correspondence, dated June to August 1949, includes photographs of the Duke's Central Supply and Blood Bank, as well a print of the general floor plan of Central Supply.

Dr. Gardner's retirement speech was made at a testimonial banquet in his honor on 30 October 1964. During this speech, Gardner states one of his accomplishments as having "saved Ivan [Brown] from a career as a pathologist or as an internist and to have directed his talents into surgery and then to have kept him in our Department at Duke."

The three reprints are: "The Amazing Adventures of Wilburt C. Davison, Wilder G. Penfield, and Emile F. Holman While Rhodes Scholars in Medicine at Oxford During World War I, 1913-1917," reprinted from the

*Annals of Surgery*

, Vol. 211, No. 2, February 1990; "Will Camp Sealy: Surgical Innovator, Scholar, Exceptional Teacher, and True Georgian," reprinted from the

*Annals of Thoracic Surgery*

, Vol. 58, 1994; and "Toward Further Reducing Wound Infections in Cardiac Operations," reprinted from the

*Annals of Thoracic Surgery*

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, Vol. 62, 1996. Brown wrote these articles while working in the Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the Watson Clinic in Lakeland, Fla.

### [Online Catalog Headings](#)

Blood banks -- United States.

Brown, Ivan W.

Davison, Wilburt Cornell, 1892-

DeGowin, Elmer L., 1901-

Gardner, Clarence Ellsworth, 1903-

Holman, Emile, 1890-

Penfield, Wilder, 1891-1976.

Sealy, Will C. (Will Camp)

### [Related Material](#)

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**Ivan W. Brown papers, 1949-1996.**

**Box 1**

Central Supply and Blood Bank Correspondence, Photographs, and Floorplan, 1949

Clarence Gardner Retirement Speech, 10 October 1964

Reprints, 1990-1996

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