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Guide to the Francis H. McCullough Interview, 2005

Francis H. McCullough graduated from the Duke University School of Medicine's V-12 military program in 1943. He served as a physician during the Korean War after completing his residency in orthopedics at Duke.

### Descriptive Summary

**Collection Title:** Francis H. McCullough Interview, 2005

**Creator:** McCullough, Francis H.

**Extent:** 1 record storage box, 3 items, .25 linear feet

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### Biographical Note

Dr. Francis H. McCullough, Jr., was born in New Bern, N.C. He received his undergraduate degree from Columbia University, and graduated from Duke University School of Medicine in December 1943 as part of the first accelerated class under the V-12 military program, designed to speed up medical training so that physicians could be sent to war. After his graduation, McCullough completed his internship in New Jersey and went immediately to naval training. He returned to Duke in 1947 as an orthopedic resident and soon was sent to Korea. He remained in military service after the war ended, and was chief of orthopedic surgery at Great Lakes Hospital in Illinois as well as Camp Pendleton in California. He was commanding officer of a naval hospital in Twentynine Palms, Calif. McCullough entered private practice as an orthopedic surgeon and retired in 1987.

### Collection Overview

Contains audiotapes and transcript of an oral history interview with Francis H. McCullough, a 1943 graduate of the Duke University School of Medicine's V-12 military program, who served as a physician overseas during the Korean War.

### Online Catalog Headings

McCullough, Francis H.

Duke University. Medical Center.

Duke University. School of Medicine -- Alumni and alumnae.

Navy V-12 Program (U.S.)

United States. Navy.

Korean War.

Education, Medical.

Orthopedics.

World War II.

Oral histories.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

**Interview on 12 July 2005**

Dr. McCullough discusses his background; the persons who influenced his decision to go into medicine; his college education at Columbia University; the reputation of Duke University School of Medicine; the relative youth of Duke School of Medicine; his first impressions of campus; the difference between Duke and Columbia; the honor system at Duke University; his close relationship with Elizabeth Swett; Dr. Wilburt Davison; other influential people at Duke; medical student Dr. Alfred Gras's receipt of penicillin while ill at Duke; Dr. Joseph Beard's dog surgery class; being a part of the first accelerated class (due to the war), class 1943D; his family's attempts to defer his military service until after graduation; the V-12 program for medical students; aspects of Duke campus during wartime; differences in requirements for students in the army and the navy; other members of the class of 1943D; his internship in New Jersey following graduation from Duke; naval training after his internship; seeing Duke classmates on a naval ship in the Pacific; social activities at Duke; ingredients in a drink called "Purple Jesus"; the segregated nature of Duke wards; the syphilis clinic; his return to Duke for his fiftieth reunion; changes in campus; his return to Duke in 1947 as an orthopedic resident with Lenox Baker; Leonard Goldner as a fellow resident; compensation as a resident; being sent to Greensboro to assist with polio patients; the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital; working in Pennsylvania hospital; being called to go to Korea; remaining in the service after the war; his career after the war; his continuing relationship with Drs. Goldner and Baker in his further medical career; personal health issues; his Davison Club membership; and his membership in the Piedmont Orthopedic Society.

**Box 1**

Interview tapes [2 tapes (1 hour and 15 minutes total)]

Transcript [23 pages]