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#### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Howard Christian Naffziger, M.D.

Born Nevada City, California, May 6, 1884

Graduate Nevada City High School 1900

Graduate Berkeley High School 1901

University of California: B.S. 1907, M.S. 1908, M.D.1909

Intern and Resident, University of California Hospital 1909-1911

Assistant Resident Surgeon, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, 1911-1912

Faculty, University of California Medical School, 1912-1951

Professor of Surgery and Chief Surgeon, University of California

Medical School and Hospital; Professor of Neurological Surgery 1947-1951

Professor Emeritus 1951-1961

Regent of the University of California 1952-1961

Died, San Francisco, California, March 21, 1961

#### Medical Organizations and Positions Held

San Francisco County Medical Society- Director- President

California State Medical Association

California Academy of Medicine- President

Pacific Coast Surgical Association- President

American Medical Association

American Surgical Association- President and Councillor

American College of Surgeons- Regent 16 years- President

American Neurological Association- Vice President- President

Society of Neurological Surgeons- President

Western Surgical Association

San Francisco Neurological Association- President

International Surgical Association International Neurological Association

Society of University Surgeons- Honorary Member

American Association of University Professors

**Cushing Society** 

Howard C. Naffziger Surgical Society of Former Residents- Honorary Member

World Medical Association

American Board of Surgery- Founder, Member and Diplomat

American Board of Neurological Surgery- Founder, Member and Diplomat, Chairman, 1939-1949

Franklin H. Martin Foundation –Director and Trustee

Northern California Chapter of American College of Surgeons-Founder

#### Consulting Surgeon Positions Held

San Francisco City And County Hospital
Langley Porter Clinic
United States Army Letterman General Hospital
United States Navy Hospital Mare Island
United States Navy Hospital Oakland
St. Mary's Hospital
United States Veterans' Facility Hospital
United States Public Health Marine Hospital
Children's Hospital

#### Editorial and Advisory Boards of Journals

Journal of Neurosurgery
American Journal of Surgery
Journal of Geriatrics
Annals of Surgery
Western Journal of Surgery
Journal of Surgery

#### Military and Government Service

#### World War I Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps

Served in the United States of America Army Expedition Forces, France Served in the Surgeon General's Office Chief of Surgical Service United States Army Letterman General Hospital United States Army Reserve Colonel. Medical Corps

#### World War II

Served on the National Research Council, 1940-1945
Sub-committee on Neurological Surgery- Chairman
Surgical Committee of National Research Council- Member
Office of Scientific Research and Development- Consultant
For the National Research Council: Visited the British Isles (June-August, 1943) and the Mediterranean Theater of War
(August-September, 1943)
Attended first penicillin conference, Tripoli, September, 1943

#### Korean War

Winter 1950 and 1951- civilian consultant

#### Other Service

1954-1957 Civilian Consultant for the Surgeon General – visited military hospitals in Western Germany and France

Awarded Certificate of Appreciation by the Secretaries of the Army And Navy, 1948

Library of the Surgeon General- honorary consultant

#### Public Service

Chairman- Medical Mission to Poland for Unitarian Service Committee under the auspices of the United Nations N.R.A.,1946

Chairman- Medical Mission to the Philippines for Unitarian Service Committee under the World Health Organization. 1948

Visiting Professor-Taiwan National Defense Center and University of Taiwan Medical School under the auspices of the American Bureau Medical Aid to China, 1952

Advisory Board- American Red Cross San Francisco Bay Area Community Chest

## Lectureships

Arthur Dean Bevan Lecture- Chicago Alpha Omega Alpha Lecture- St. Louis Hodgens Lecture- St. Louis Hunterian Lecture- Royal College of Surgeons, England, 1952 William H. Keller Lecture to the Armed Services, 1956

#### Honors

F.R.C.S.- Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons, awarded at the Centennial, 1943

F.P.C.S.- Fellowship in the Philippine College of Surgeons, 1948

Fellowship in the Royal of Medicine, England

Honorary Member- Philadelphia Academy of Surgery

Honorary Member- Society of University Surgeons

Honorary Member- Chicago Surgical Society

Honorary Member- St. Louis County Medical Society

Honorary Member- Howard C. Naffziger Surgical Society organized by former residents of the University of California Hospital

Honorary Member- The Athens (Greece) Surgical Association

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Honorary Member- Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Neurochirurgie

Honorary Member- The Southern Surgical Association

Honorary Member- Australian Neurological Society

Festschrift Special Birthday Volume- published by the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases, 1944

Congratulatory 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday issues of:

Zentralblatt fur Neurochirurgie, May 1954

Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases, May 1954

Brain and Nerve Journal (Japan), May 1954

Actas Luso, Espanola, De Neurologia Y Psiquatria,

February, 1955

Archivos de Neurocirugia (Argentina), September-October, 1955 British Journal of Surgery, May 1954

## Family Members

Wife: Louise McNear Naffziger
Daughters: Marion Naffziger Orrick (Mrs. William H. Orrick, Jr.)
Jean Louise Naffziger Thacher (Mrs. Nicholas G. Thacher)
Elizabeth Naffziger Stern (Mrs. Walter Eugene Stern)

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT OF COLLECTION

Dr. Naffziger's collection is a potpourri of papers that spans several years on both sides of two World Wars.

The first highlight of his personal life is the log of a fishing trip that he and other physicians made to Montana. It was one of many learning experiences that were an important part of his many faceted life. He wrote several other diaries. The most important of are those dealing with his war experiences and travels, and which display a descriptive genius that livened such somber subjects as gas warfare.

There are many eye-catching items, such as: 1) a certificate of registration in the Arabian Horse Club Registry of America, 2) menus of private dinner parties, 3) a handmade blue and gold clown head name tag for a University of California class of 1907 reunion.

His "In Memoriam" files are interesting and include letters written to Mrs. Naffziger by Admiral Nimitz, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court Earl Warren, and Dean Witter.

The World War I is extensive, because he kept everything. The collection of his military orders is complete. A cartoon drawn by those who served under him hints at a near fatal occurrence. There are even records of uniform purchases.

The outstanding wartime files are those containing the notes of notes of his surgical patients: a separate piece of paper for each man. There are some photographs of his neurosurgical cases and the elaborate French manor-house ballrooms that were converted into surgical wards. Some cases are noted by Base Hospitals #8 and #69. The 30th General Hospital of the University of California was evidently manned during both World Wars.

Dr. Naffziger's World War II experience was more of an advisory nature and served as a springboard for his consolatory services in several foreign countries (see series #5).

Since Dr. Naffziger is the only Doctor of Medicine to serve as a Regent of the University of California, his professional in this collection include many aspects of and reach out to several campuses of the University. Of special note are the files dealing with the Howard C. Naffziger Laboratories for Neurological Research, correspondence with Earl Warren (then Governor of the State of California), and the problems of funding a trip to England for the UCSF Medical Illustrator, Ralph Sweet.

#### Series 1: Personal Life

Subseries 1.1: Bibliography, Biography, Autobiography

Subseries 1.2: Personal items, The Log of the Fishing Trip,

Personal correspondence, Family Correspondence.,

**Subseries 1.3: Pension, Burial** 

Subseries 1.4: Grace Cathedral, Olympic Winter Games (Squaw

Valley)

**Subseries 1.5: Lecture notes, History of Medicine notes** 

Subseries 1.6: UC class of 1907

Subseries 1.7: Congratulation notes, Sympathy notes, Memorial reprints

#### **Series 2: Military Service**

Subseries 2.1: World War I(of special note: surgical case notes)

Subseries 2.2:World War II Subseries 2.3: Post World War II

## Series 3: University of California

**Subseries 3.1: University of California at San Francisco** 

Subseries 3.2: University of California at Davis: diabetic camp Subseries 3.3: University of California at Los Angeles: plans Subseries 3.4: University of California: term as Regent

Subseries 3.5: University of California at San Francisco: misc.

## Series 4: Committee work on the Problems of Nursing: national and international

Series 5: Foreign Trips and Service (of special note: medical service in Poland, The Philippines, Taiwan)

Series 6: Society and Association Memberships

Series 7: Mrs. Naffziger as co-worker

Series 8: Miscellaneous and oversized items.

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION/CONTAINER LIST

#### SERIES 1: PERSONAL LIFE, 1907-1960

Carton 1. Folders 1-47

### Subseries 1.1: Folders 1-4.

Curriculum vitae, bibliography, autobiography and items dealing with his early life in Nevada County.

#### Subseries 1.2: Folders 5-13

#### Personal items

The Log of the Fishing Trip in Idaho entitled The Midsummer Cruise of the Alforkis Club (date unknown). A Song Of the Harkness Pavilion. Some personal letters spanning from 1929 to 1960. Newspaper clippings. Family correspondence. Photographs.

#### Subseries 1.3: Folders 14-15

Papers dealing with his pension and burial.

#### Subseries 1.4: Folders16-19

Papers dealing with Grace Cathedral and the plans to complete the building. Papers dealing with the Winter Olympics of 1960 at Squaw Valley, California, stressing the roles of the medical group and the ski patrol. A letter dealing with the future of Pacific House after the closing of the 1939-1940 Golden Gate Exposition at Treasure Island.

#### Subseries 1.5: Folders 20-25

Lecture notes.

A statistical summary of his sympathectomy surgical cases for treatment of hypertension. An index of punch cards for splanchnicectomy cases. Correspondence with S. Seymour Thomas, 1937-1938. There are also holographic medical notes and some papers and clippings dealing with the history of surgery. There are some miscellaneous items of unknown origin.

#### Subseries 1.6: Folder 26-

University of California Class of 1907.

Carton 1: Folders 27-47 Carton 2: Folders 48-56

#### Subseries 1.7: Folders 27-56

Congratulatory notes written to Dr. Naffziger, sympathy notes written to Mrs., Naffziger, memorial reprints, and in memoria including information regarding the endowment of the Naffziger Laboratories. There is information from the University of Washington: "The Psychology of Habit Formation" and "The Original Equipment of Babies".

Carton 2

#### SERIES 2: DR. NAFFZIGER'S MILITARY LIFE, 1917-

#### Subseries 2.1: Folders 57-65

#### World War I.

All of his military orders are extant. His personal items of interest are: his Bureau of War Risk insurance card, his vaccination register, the "soldiers' mail" postcards to his mother, a cartoon depicting an incident during which he presumably almost drowned, and various military forms. There are five folders dealing with surgical cases at several base hospitals.

#### Subseries 2.2: Folders 65-70

#### World War II.

There are mostly a mixture of papers, including ration books, and several handwritten diaries.

## Subseries 2.3: Folders 71-72

#### Post World War II.

Dr. Naffziger did some work at Letterman Army Hospital (San Francisco) and at the U.S. Naval Hospital (Oakland). There is a list of "Societies Cooperating with the National Research Council". There is also correspondence with the U.S. Surgeon General.

Carton 2: Folders 73-92 Carton 3: Folders 93-107

## **SERIES 3: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, 1920-1966**

### Subseries 2.4: Folders 73-92

#### University of California at San Francisco Administration, 1939-1956

This group of folders contains personal papers and rarely deals with day-to-day affairs. There are brochures from Johns Hopkins Hospital celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding (1889-1939). There is a brochure and financing memorandum from Franklin Hospital (formerly German Hospital, now Davies Hospital). There are manuals of the U. C. Academic Senate. There are folders dealing with university politics and finances: the problem of fulltime vs. private practice, the Guggenheim and Kaeding funds, the funding for the Hooper Foundation, the Langley Porter Clinic (contents of the cornerstone, the agreement of the operation of the clinic), Dr. Hans Lisser's portrait, the medical staff by-laws and membership list (1955-1956), the endowment of and donations to the Naffziger Laboratories, the Proctor Foundation Trust, Research and Development Laboratories, and travel funds for Ralph Sweet. There is personal correspondence with Governor Earl Warren and Dr. Charles Wilson (Chairman of the Neurology Department succeeding Dr. Naffziger).

There are several sets of plans.

#### Carton 3

#### Subseries 2.5: Folder 93

#### **University of California at Davis (College of Agriculture)**

This material deals with the Whitaker Forest Committee and the diabetic youth camp.

#### Subseries 2.6: Folder 94

#### University of California at Los Angeles Medical School.

This material deals with capital improvements, and the relationship with the city of Los Angeles. Plans are included. There is an interesting paper entitled "What is Psychiatry?".

#### Subseries 2.7: Folders 95-101

### Dr. Naffziger as a Regent.

There is a loose-leaf bound report "The University of California Development Program Study" prepared by G. A. Brakeley & Co. Inc., November 1957. There is a "confidential" file dealing with student grades and former professor's salaries at UCSF. The reasons for professorial resignation are noted.

#### Subseries 2.8: Folders 102-106

The miscellaneous correspondence starts with a 1920 schedule for surgical interns, proceeds with a "Long Range Development Plan" map of UCSF, and ends with a 1966 letter from the U.C.D.W. President. There are also aerial views of the campus and a few Alumni-Faculty Association Bulletins.

Carton 4

## SERIES 4; NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE WORK ON THE PROBLEMS OF NURSING, 1947-1958

Subseries 4.1: Folders 128-129

Holographic notes and a typed article "The Nursing Problem, The Viewpoint of the Surgeon" by Dr. Naffziger.

Subseries 4.2: Folders 130-132

Nursing information and legislation.

Subseries 4.3: Folder 133 1946 correspondence.

Subseries 4.4: Folder 134

The nursing questionnaire of 1946.

Subseries 4.5: Folders 135-138 1947 correspondence.

Subseries 4.6: Folders 139-141

1948 correspondence from Dr. Murdock and others.

Subseries 4.7: Folders 142-143 1955-1956 correspondence.

Subseries 4.8: Folder 144 1957-1958 correspondence.

Subseries 4.9: Folders 145-147

Joint Committion (and committee) On (and for) Improvement of the Care of the Patient.

Folder 148 contains reprints of articles written by Dr. Naffziger

Carton3: Folders 107-127

## SERIES 5: FOREIGN TRIPS and SERVICE, 1925-1957

#### Subseries Australia: Folder 107

This was a stop during a six weeks tour of Asia and the South Pacific in 1956. It is believed that the Naffzigers attended the Olympics.

#### Subseries Austria: Folder 108

There is a short series of letters from Dr. Urban, a former pupil from Innsbruck. A postcard drawing of the Psychiatrisch-Neurologische Universitatsklinik of Innsbruck and a photograph of Dr. Urban are included.

#### Subseries Belgium: Folder 109

The booklet for the Premier Congress International Des Sciences Neurologiques of 1957 is included. A letter from Dr. Graham of Washington University in Saint Louis states that the International Surgical Society has always been under the tight control of "the Belgian group". The rest of the papers deal with meetings in Belgium.

#### Subseries England: Folder 110

There are two photographs of the Naffzigers taken in England. The papers include material about the 15 million volt linear accelerator of the Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew.

#### **Subseries France: Folder 111**

The material includes material samples for a garment, an Itinerary of Pilgrimage to the Battlefields of the American Army (WWI), correspondence with William Cary (Associate Director For France, Unitarian Service Committee (1946) regarding dentistry for Czechoslovakia.

#### Subseries Germany: Folder 112

The correspondence includes letters from Mabel Nafziger (correct spelling) of Bensberg regarding vitamin B12 and clippings in German.

#### Subseries Greece: Folder 113

There are news clippings and a lengthy "Daily News Bulletin" form the Secretariat of State regarding politics (1949).

#### **Subseries India: Folder 114**

There is an autographed monograph "The Asian Members of the Commonwealth of Nations" by Arthur C. Turner of U. C. Riverside (1957,bound in Stockton, California) regarding India, Pakistan and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). There is a photograph presumably of an Indian village, an annotated message from the Nepalese Consulate General of Calcutta, and a telegram regarding a flight to Taipei care of Thatcher (Dr. Naffziger's son-in law), American Consulate Calcutta.

#### Subseries Ireland: Folder115

The only item is a letter of introduction to Thomas Ottiwell Graham, Esq., M.C., of Dublin.

### Subseries Japan: Folder 116

There is a preliminary report of a lecture by Prof. Yushi Uchimura, M.D. (1950), a report to General Douglas MacArthur of the Unitarian Service Committee on the Institutes on Medical Education (Tokyo and Osaka) and an article by Johns Hopkins graduate engineering student Masao Yoshida titled "Research Has Its Troubles in Japan" (post WWII\_.

Subseries Java: Folder117

A letter from Dr. I. A. Dubibsky (1925), permanent address: Amsterdam, Holland.

**Subseries Jordan: Folder 118** 

Letters from the Khamis' of Jerusalem.

**Subseries Philippines: Folders 119-121** 

Dr. Naffziger was appointed Chairman of the Unitarian Service Committee Medical Mission to the Philippines. There are extensive correspondence, reports, and news clippings. Dr. Naffziger wrote "General Impressions of Manila (post WWII), and a handwritten personal diary. There are cards and photographs.

#### Subseries Poland: Folder 122

Dr. Naffziger was assigned to the Unitarian Service Committee Medical Teaching Mission to Poland (post WWII). Included is a reprint of "What Hitler Means in 'Mein Kampf'" by Merrill Moore, Major M.C., A.U.S. (1943), an article by Dr. Naffziger entitled "Russia in Poland", a short biography of Anna Netty Gordzialkowska Baroness Konopka (a 1947 resident of Berkeley, California), a reprint of the Congressional Record of 1946 regarding the Yalta Conference, and other correspondence and clippings.

**Subseries Russia: Folder 123** 

Dr. Naffziger's "Memorandum of Observations Made In Hospitals in Russia".

Subseries Scotland: Folder124

A picture of the University of Glasgow and a letter from the Department of Surgical Neurology, Edinburgh (1943).

**Subseries Switzerland: Folder 125** 

An autographed reprint of "La Chirugie des Goitres Toxiques" by Paul Campiche, and a European itinerary.

Subseries Taiwan: Folders 126-127

There is correspondence including the American Bureau for Medical Aid To China, Inc., and several reports dealing with Taiwan of the early 1950s. Dr Naffziger's involvement was with the National Taiwan University.

Carton 5

### SERIES 6: SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Subseries 6.1: Folders 149-151

Organizations and journals notified of Dr. Naffziger's death, 1969

Subseries 6.2: Folders 152-210

American Academy of Neurological Surgery
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American College of Surgeons
American Medical Association
American Neurological Association
American Surgical Association
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland

**Barristers Club** 

Bay District Surgical Society of Los Angeles

California Medical Association: Dr. Campbell's Committee (Problems of Aging)

California Professional Service Associations

Clinical Club (St Paul, Minnesota)

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Deutsche Gesellachaft fur Neurochirurge

**Excelsior Surgical Society** 

Greenbrier Clinic

Harvey Cushing Society

Howard C. Naffziger Surgical Society

International Federation of Surgical Colleges

International Surgical Society

Interstate Post Graduate Medical Association of North America

Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease

Linn County Medical Society (Iowa)

Mid-South Post Graduate Association

Miscellaneous

Monterey Academy of Medicine

National Cancer Institute

Neurological Society of Australasia

Northern California Society of Neurology and Psychiatry

Nu Sigma Nu

Pacific Coast Oto-Ophthalmological Society

Pacific Coast Surgical Association

Pacific Northwest Medical Association

Pan-Pacific Surgical Congress

Philadelphia Academy of Surgery

Philippine College of Surgeons

Placer County Medical Society

Psi Upsilon

Rocky Mountain Medical Conference

Rotary Club

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

Royal College of Surgeons of England

Royal Society of Medicine

San Francisco Center

San Francisco Medical Society

San Francisco Neurological Society

Santa Clara County Medical Society Society of Neurological Surgeons Society of University Surgeons Southern Surgical Association

Vicious Circle Medical Dinner Society

World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies World Medical Association

#### Carton 6

#### **SERIES 7: MRS. NAFFZIGER AS A COWORKER, 1944-1983**

## Subseries 7.1: Folder 211

#### 1960-1961 Anti-Communist Literature

Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce resolution regarding a medical school for Orange County Personal correspondence

Change of Address notices after Dr. Naffziger's death

## Subseries 7.2: Folders 212-222

### Mrs. Naffziger's personal correspondence and notes.

Her sophomore hop class of 1914 dance card A postcard of Aswan: the Nile River and Elephantine Island. Alphabetical files starting with "G".

Subseries C: Folder 223

**Correspondence with Elizabeth Naffziger Stern (daughter)** 

Subseries D: Folder 224

Correspondence with the UC Hospital Auxiliary

Subseries E: Folder 225

Correspondence with UC Hospital 1944-1961

Subseries F: Folder 226

Correspondence with UC Hospital 1962-1983

Subseries G: Folder 227

Correspondence with UC Hospital Child Care Center

Subseries H: Folder 228

**Correspondence about the Wilmington Trust Suit** 

Subseries I: Folder 229

Memorials and reflections about others

Subseries J: Folders 230-234

Newspapers

Subseries K: Journals and Miscellaneous booklets 235-253

#### SERIES 8: MISCELLANEOUS AND OVERSIZED ITEMS

Subseries A: Carved figures of physicians from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Austria. and other items. These are on the computer list of archive artifacts starting with #1051.

#### Subseries B:

Framed FACS certificate (needs help)

Certificate and correspondence: Regents Memorial Certificate

UCSF plans (2 separate plans)

Membership certificate: American Neurological Association

Photograph by Karsh of Ottawa

Labeled Nu Sigma Nu photograph 1907 0r 08

Photocopy of Dr. Naffziger's portrait with the negatives

Photograph of the Society of Neurosurgeons 1937

Photograph of the Pan-Pacific Surgical Conference 1929

Photograph of Dr. Naffziger's bronze bust

Photographs of other M.D.s: Martin, May, Luce

Photograph of WWI hospital staff: Fort McHenry, Maryland

Photograph of WWI base hospital staff: Vichy, France

Certificate of the Academiae Chirurgiae Phildelphiensis

Certificate from Alpha Omega Alpha

Folder of photos and correspondence of the neuro. staff 1920-1951

Souvenir booklet about the building of Memorial Stadium (UCB)

Dr, Naffziger's x-rays and reports.