

## Thomas Jefferson University Archives and Special Collections

### MS 010

### Henry L. Bockus Collection

5.5 linear ft. (14 boxes)

#### Biographical Note

Henry L. Bockus (1894-1982) was born on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Newark, Delaware. In 1913 he graduated with a BS from Central High School in Philadelphia and received his MD from Jefferson Medical College in 1917. Bockus interned at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem (PA) and served his residency in internal medicine at the Lennox Hill Hospital. During World War II Bockus joined the medical corps of the U.S. Marines and served in Cuba attached to the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment. Upon his discharge from the military in 1919, Bockus returned to New York for training. During this period he worked closely with Max Einhorn, who turned his interest to the field of gastroenterology. Then in 1921, Bockus embarked upon an association with the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania that would last for almost 40 years. By 1923, he had organized the Department of Gastroenterology. Other milestones at Penn included his appointment as Professor of Gastroenterology (1931); Chair Departments of Medicine and Gastroenterology (1949-1960); and Emeritus Professor (1960).

While at the Graduate School of Medicine, Bockus contributed to the training and education of several hundred physicians across the globe. In 1958, former students and residents formed the Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology to honor his contributions to the field. International in flavor, the society holds annual business meetings as well as hosting biennial scientific sessions all over the world. The Society also sponsors postgraduate courses with a "traveling faculty," which moves from one country to another. Bockus also helped organize the Subspecialty Board of Gastroenterology of the American Board of Internal Medicine. In 1961, he assisted in the creation of the Asian Gastroenterological Association in Tokyo and of the gastroenterologic societies in India, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, and Egypt.

During his tenure at the University of Pennsylvania, Bockus wrote his comprehensive three-volume study, *Gastroenterology*, first published in 1946. In 1965 a second edition was published and translated into Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian. By 1974, the work increased to four volumes (eventually spanning seven volumes) and served for many years as the standard reference in this specialty.

Although closely associated with the University of Pennsylvania, Bockus became one of the first two alumni trustees of the Jefferson Medical College Board of Trustees in 1965. Having alumni as trustees was a first for Jefferson and Bockus served in this capacity from 1965 to 1968. In addition he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Jefferson in 1958. Henry L. Bockus died suddenly on 3 April 1982 and was laid to rest in West Laurel Hills Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd, a suburb of Philadelphia.

## **Scope and Contents**

The collection consists of papers of Henry L. Bockus from ca. 1953-1981. Including correspondence, subject files, photographs, certificates, plaques, medals, books, and citations, the papers focus on gastroenterological topics and correspondence with physicians and organizations in other countries. Bockus' international correspondence was primarily with physicians in Central and South America and the Caribbean. Of particular interest is information on a civil action between Eli Lilly and Company, the FDA, and HEW regarding the drug Acidulin. The certificates, plaques, medals, and citations were awarded to Bockus in recognition of his work and activities in the United States, South America, and Central America.

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- 1.2 Colitis Lecture
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- 1.4 Regional Enteritis – Clinical Sites (1)
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- 1.6 Enterocolitis – Regional & Granulomatous Colitis – Esophagus
- 1.7 Photos From Enterocolitis 7 Granulomatous Colitis – Esophagus
- 1.8 Etiology – Crohn (1)
- 1.9 Etiology – Crohn (2)
- 1.10 Photos From Etiology – Crohn
- 1.11 Liver in IBD
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### **I. Correspondence**

#### **B. Subject Files**

- 2.1 Admonition for the Neophyte in medicine: 15 Guidelines to a Happy and Successful Career

- 2.2 American Board of Internal Medicine
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- 2.5 American College of Surgeons (NJ Chapter) & Medical Society of NJ Meeting
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- 2.12 Bockus U. S. Alumni Meeting – Philadelphia 1968
- 2.13 Bockus: His Life, His Work – Edited by William S. Haubrich
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- 2.16 Bockus – Personal (2)
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- 2.19 Brohee Lecture – Oct. 1974 (V World Congress)
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- 3.2 College of Physicians
- 3.3 Cuban Medical Association in Exile (Dr. Huertes, President)
- 3.4 Einhorn, Dr. Max
- 3.5 Examination Questions – Graduate Hospital - 1963, 1964, and 1965
- 3.6 Dr. Finklestein – Memoriam – GHUP – Tucker Audit. 2 February 1973
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- 3.15 Inter-American Gastroenterological Society
- 4.1 Jefferson
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- 4.7 National Foundation for Ileitis & Colitis, Inc.
- 4.8 Naval Hospital
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- 4.10 Paul Nemir, MD
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- 4.12 Johannes Pessel Memorial Lecture
- 4.13 Philadelphia College of Physicians (See College of Physicians of Philadelphia)
- 4.14 Philadelphia County Medical Society
- 4.15 Phoenix Arizona, Feb. 1969
- 4.16 Edwin O. Polish, MD – Deceased
- 4.17 Presbyterian – University of Pennsylvania Medical Center

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- 7.1 Acidulin Eli Lilly
- 7.2 Einhorn, Dr. Max – “The Einhorn Story”
- 7.3 Graduate Hospital (4) (from Box 3, folder 11)
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- 7.5 Graduate Hospital, Medical Services Schedule (7) (from Box 3, folder 14)
- 7.6 Brazil
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- 12.1 Presentation Introduction by Board of Trustees for Dr. Henry L. Bockus
- 12.2 Article from Internal medicine News (from Correspondence – Subject Files, Box 1 – Folder 9 - “Etiology – Crohn” (2)
- 12.3 “Image” Newsletter (from Graduate Hospital (6) (from Box 3, Folder 13)

**II. Plaques and Memorabilia**

- 8 Distinguished Service Award – Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation, 1971  
Distinguished Lecture Award – American College of Gastroenterology, 1973
- 9 Annual Alumni Achievement Award, 1969 (Silver Tray)  
Outstanding Alumnus of the Year - Chi of Phi Chi, Class of 1917  
Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology – (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Society), Mexico, 1947

**III. Medals**

- 10 American Medical Association – Distinguished Service Award, 1970  
Philadelphia County Medical Society – J.P. Struttmatter Award, 1951  
University of Bologna – Medal of Honor, 1970  
Pennsylvania Medical Society – Distinguished Service Award, 1978  
American Gastroenterological Association – Julius Friedenwald Award, 1962  
Belo Horizonte – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration – Medal of Honor, 1967  
American Roentgen Ray – Society – Caldwell Lecturer, 1950  
Belfast – Royal Victoria Hospital – Sir Thomas & Lady Edith Dixon – Memorial Lecturer  
Fifth World Congress of Gastroenterology – Mexico, 1974 – Georges Brohee Medal  
Mexico – National Academy of medicine – Gold Medal
- 11 Republic of Venezuela – Order de Andres Bello (w/letter from Director of Protocolo to COUNSUL de Venezuela en Filadelfia, 1969.  
Juan Pablo Duarte – Medal of Honor, Havana  
Republic of Chile – Medal of Honor  
Caracas, Central University of Venezuela – Medal of Honor  
Dominican Republic – Christopher Columbus – Medal of Honor with ribbon

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- 12.4 Bockus Portrait – (Charcoal) – MESA REDONDA
- 12.5 Bockus Portrait – “Doctors at Play”
- 12.6 Bockus Portraits – Rembrandt Studios, Inc., 1936
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  - Mexico
  - International Society for Correlative Biologic Study
  - Peru
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- 12.11 Phi Chi (JMC) 1917
  - American Board of Internal Medicine, 1937
  - American Gastroenterological Association, 1951
- 13.1 "Focus on Dr. Henry L. Bockus"
- 13.2 Alpha Omega Alpha, 1916
- 13.3 Alumni Trustee Citation, 1968
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## IV. Photographs

- 13.10 Bockus Portrait – By George E. Stringfellow, 1969
- 13.11 Bockus Portrait – Pencil
- 13.12 Slides (23) – Crohn's Disease, pathology, etc.

## VI. Books

- 14 *Gastroenterology, General Index*, Bockus, Henry L., et al., 1946
- Bockus: His Life, His Work*, Edited by Mr. & Mrs. Sarmiento, 1974 (2 copies)
- Postgraduate Gastroenterology: Postgraduate Medicine and Surgery*, Edited by Henry L. Bockus, MD, 1950
- Gastroenterology Vol. 1: Esophagus and Stomach*, Bockus, Henry L., MD, 1943
- Gastroenterology Vol. 2: The Small and Large Intestine and Peritoneum*, Bockus, Henry L., MD 1943
- Gastroenterology Vol. 3: The Liver, Biliary Tract and Pancreas, and Secondary Gastrointestinal Disorders*, Bockus, Henry L., MD 1943