

## **Thomas Jefferson University Archives and Special Collections**

### **MS 081**

### **Thaddeus L. Montgomery Papers, 1937-1992 0.5 liner feet (1 Box)**

Provenance: Gift of J. Thomas Montgomery, May 1996. (# 96-9) [series I-III only]

#### **Biographical Note**

Thaddeus Lemert Montgomery (d. 1994), was a native of Illinois and a nephew of Dr. E.E. Montgomery of the Jefferson Medical College Department of Gynecology. Born in Macon (Illinois), Montgomery attended school in Decatur and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois. He then matriculated at Jefferson in 1916 and graduated in 1920. Dr. Montgomery was Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Temple University School of Medicine (1940-1946) and Jefferson Medical College, 1955-1961. Except for those six years at Temple, Dr. Montgomery spent his entire medical career at Jefferson. In 1961 Dr. Montgomery achieved emeritus status and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Jefferson. He received the Alumni Achievement Award from the JMC Alumni Association in 1970. He died in 1994.

#### **Scope and Contents**

The bulk of the collection consists of a 299-page typescript of Dr. Montgomery's memoir, "Living Through the Twentieth: A Story of One Man's Journey Through a Century of American Life." The memoir contains descriptions of growing up in Decatur, Illinois and southeastern Missouri, pre-medical education at the University of Illinois, twentieth century progress, medical education at Jefferson Medical College and other observations on everyday life. Complementing this text is an audiotape recording entitled "Decatur Days," which contains excerpts from the manuscript pertaining to his boyhood days, read by Dr. Montgomery in April 1992.

The collection also includes Dr. Montgomery's Presidential Address at the 1955 meeting of the American Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a typescript of Dr. Paul Bowers' introduction of Dr. Montgomery at the ceremony at which he was awarded the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Award in 1970, and some of Dr. Montgomery's papers on obstetrics. The papers include two mimeographed course outlines in "Obstetric Tactics" by Dr. Montgomery in the Dept. of Obstetrics at Jefferson Medical College, 1938 and n.d., and two papers: "The Public, the Profession, and Obstetrical Practice" (1937) and "The Placenta" (1946).

**Organization and Arrangement**

I. Address and Award

AAOG Presidential Address, 1955 and Paul Bowers' introduction of Montgomery at JMC Alumni Association's award ceremony, 1970

II. "Living Through the Twentieth": typescript, [1992?]

III. "Decatur Days": audiotape cassette (c. 40 min.), April 1992

IV. Papers on obstetrics, 1937-1946

**Restrictions on Use and Access**

Rights to publish "Living Through the Twentieth" have been retained by the donor, except for publication of the all or part of the manuscript in the JMC Alumni Bulletin or a similar in-house publication of Thomas Jefferson University.

## Container List

### I. Addresses and Awards

- 1.1 AAOG Presidential Address, 1955  
Bowers' introduction of Montgomery at JMC Alumni Association's award ceremony, 1970

### II. "Living Through the Twentieth Century"

- 1.2 [Part One]  
Chapter titles
  - "The Beginnings of a Family
  - The Turn of the Century
  - Decatur in 1900
  - A Role in Lincoln Land
  - Games and Play
  - Our Home and its Occupants
  - School Days
  - Sunday School and Church
  - The Fire Department Races
- 1.3 Chapter titles
  - Reunion at the Old Farm in Ohio
  - St. Louis and the World's Fair
  - High School
  - The Phonograph, Motion Pictures, The Automobile, The Aeroplane, etc.
  - The Young Business Man
  - Another Move in the Offing
- 1.4 Part Two  
Chapter titles:
  - An Early Look at Southeastern Missouri and the Little River Drainage District
  - First Weeks in Missouri
  - Converting the Old Farmhouse Into a New Home
  - Building a Farm
  - Student in Winter. Farm Hand in Summer. Back and Forth Through Historic Cairo, Illinois
  - We Planted It, Cultivated It, and Harvested It. God Made It Grow.
  - "Howdy"
  - Visitors
  - Farewell, Walnut Lane Farm
- 1.5 Part Three  
Chapter titles:
  - Off to the University
  - Illinois and the Land Grant Tradition in State Universities
  - Classes Begin
  - I Join a Fraternity

Poetry and Prose

The Big Ten and Athletics at Illinois

Part Four (pp. 252ff.)

Chapter titles:

A Visit to Edward Montgomery at Roscoe Village, Ohio

A Look Back at Decatur, Illinois

A Trip to Paris (Virginia)

Living Through the Twentieth: A Recontinuation (pp. 292-299)

[Describes Dr. Montgomery's association with Jefferson Medical College as student and faculty member.]

**III. "Decatur Days"**

1.6 Audiotape

**IV. Papers On Obstetrics**

1.7 JMC Department. of Obstetrics, "An Outline of Obstetric Tactics," prepared by TLM, [1938]

1.8 JMC Department. of Obstetrics, "An Outline of Obstetric Tactics," prepared by TLM, [n.d.]

1.9 "The Public, the Profession and Obstetrical Practice": typescript (read before the New Castle County Medical Society, 16 February 1937)

1.10 "The Placenta": typescript (Presented for the annual George A. Ulrich Memorial Lecture, Jefferson Medical College, 6 February 1946)

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