

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

### **MS 085**

### **Francis J. Sweeney Jr. Papers, 1961-1988**

#### **Biographical Note**

Francis J. Sweeney Jr. obtained his BA degree from the University of Virginia in 1947 and his MD from Jefferson Medical College in 1951. He interned at Jefferson (1951-1952) and took his residency in internal medicine there (1952-1953, 1955-1957; Chief Medical Resident, 1957-1958). In 1956 he joined Dr. Robert Wise in his research in the Division of Infectious Diseases of the Department of Medicine at Jefferson. In 1958 he was appointed Instructor in Medicine and continued as a member in the Division of Infectious Diseases until his assumption of the position of Jefferson Hospital Director (1967). In 1972 he was promoted to Vice-President for Health Sciences and Hospital Director.

As a senior officer of Thomas Jefferson University, Dr. Sweeney worked particularly closely with President Peter A. Herbut and appears to have been one of the key policy makers for the university in the area of academic protocol (the arrangement of formal academic ceremonies such as commencement, convocation, and inauguration).

In 1984 Dr. Sweeney left Jefferson to become Vice-President for the Health Sciences Center of Temple University. In June 1986 he became Vice-President for Professional Affairs and Medical Director of Mercy Catholic Medical Center.

#### **Awards and honors:**

- 1963 Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching
- 1978 Presentation of portrait, Thomas Jefferson University
- 1983 Jefferson Annual Alumni Achievement Award
- 1984 Jefferson Winged Ox Award
- 1985 Special Presidential Citation, American College of Physicians
- 1985 Laureate Award Medal, American College of Physicians

#### **Scope and Contents**

The collection consists of materials of John Sweeney from 1961-1988. Types of materials include correspondence, subject files, and programs documenting academic protocol in various academic institutions in the U.S., the University Art Collection, particularly the statue of Samuel D. Gross by Alexander Calder and a painting commissioned by Wyeth Laboratories "Osler at Old Blockley." The collection also contains a group of slides documenting faculty, trustees and students of Jefferson Medical College, hospital departments, building construction and demolition, the history of antibiotics, Temple University, and other medical subjects.

## **Organization and Arrangement**

### **I. Papers on academic protocol**

From a large binder of papers documenting the history and significance of various academic ceremonies in the U.S.

### **II. Academic ceremonial practices - U.S. universities**

Programs and related material from academic ceremonies presumably attended by Dr. Sweeney, 1961-1984, and kept for reference purposes.

### **III. Thomas Jefferson University art collection**

Correspondence and other papers documenting the acquisition and history of two items in the University art collection, the statue of Samuel D. Gross by Alexander Calder and the painting "Osler at Old Blockley" commissioned by Wyeth Laboratories.

### **IV. Slide collection, ca. 1830-1986 (bulk 1960-1980)**

Slides maintained by Sweeney for a variety of purposes, documenting faculty, trustees and students of Jefferson Medical College, hospital departments, building construction and demolition, the history of antibiotics, Temple University, and other medical subjects.

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## Container List

### I. Papers on Academic Protocol

- 1.1 Academic ceremonies - general
- 1.2 General academic heraldry and costumes
- 1.3 Caps & hoods; Faculty colors; Degrees
- 1.4 Academic procession; Commencement ceremony
- 1.5 Convocations; Inauguration ceremonies
- 1.6 Coats of arms; Academic seals and flags; Other ceremonial functions

### II. Academic Ceremonial Practices at Other Universities

- 1.7 Commencement - Boston College - 1984
- 1.8 Commencement - Cornell University - 1989
- 1.9 Commencement - DePauw University - 1967
- 1.10 Commencement - Drexel University - 1979
- 1.11 Commencement - Georgetown University - 1979
- 1.12 Commencement - Georgetown University Law Center - 1981
- 1.13 Commencement - Hahnemann - 1961, 1980
- 1.14 Commencement - Rutgers University - 1960, 1966
- 1.15 Commencement - Temple University - 1977, 1985
- 1.16 Commencement - Temple University - 1984
- 2.1 Commencement - University of Pennsylvania, 1970, 1985
- 2.2 Commencement - University of Virginia, 1977
- 2.3 Commencement - Villanova University, 1974
- 2.4 Commencement - Woman's Medical College of Pa., 1970
- 2.5 Convocation - Jefferson Medical College, 1969
- 2.6 Convocation - American College of Cardiology, 1971
- 2.7 Convocation - American College of Physicians, 1982
- 2.8 Convocation - Temple University, 1986
- 2.9 Convocation - University of Virginia, 1976
- 2.10 Inauguration - Catholic University of America, 1982
- 2.11 Inauguration - St. Joseph's College, 1968
- 2.12 Inauguration - Temple University, 1982

### III. Thomas Jefferson University Art Collection

- 2.13 JMC Alumni Assoc. - Gross statue, 1969-1988
- 2.14 JMC Alumni Assoc. - "Osler at Old Blockley" (painting), c. 1977-1986
- 2.15 Miscellaneous (letter to FJS, Temple University, 1986, re. writing citation for K. Sturgis; photo removal notices)

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