

# **Guide to the Ronald H. Fishbein Collection on the Nathan Smith Family**

**Ms Coll 24**



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Medical Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** Ms Coll 24

**CREATOR:** Fishbein, Ronald H. (Ronald Harrison), 1931-2015

**TITLE:** Ronald H. Fishbein collection on the Nathan Smith family

**DATES:** 1830-2005

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection contains materials collected by Ronald H. Fishbein (1931-2015) related to Nathan Smith (1762-1829) and his family. Nathan Smith was a physician, teacher, and author, who founded the Dartmouth Medical School and co-founded the Yale School of Medicine. Materials in the collection include family history manuscripts, newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence with Nathan Smith authors and biographers, and a typescript of an article by Fishbein.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0024>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0024>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Ronald H. Fishbein, 2007.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Ronald H. Fishbein Collection on the Nathan Smith Family. Historical Library, Harvey Cushing / John Hay Whitney Medical Library, Yale University.

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## Biographical / Historical

A surgeon and associate professor emeritus of general surgery at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Ronald H. Fishbein graduated from the Yale School of Medicine in 1957. His publications include "Nathan Smith and the Johns Hopkins Connection" published in the *Maryland Medical Journal* in 1989. He passed away on January 2, 2015.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection contains materials collected by Ronald H. Fishbein (1931-2015) related to physician Nathan Smith (1762-1829) and members of his family, notably those involved in the field of medicine. Nathan Smith was a well-known New England surgeon, teacher, and author who founded Dartmouth Medical School and co-founded the University of Vermont College of Medicine, the medical school at Bowdoin College, and the Yale School of Medicine. Collection materials include manuscripts of Nathan Smith family histories; newspaper clippings; photographs; Fishbein's correspondence with Nathan Smith authors and biographers Oliver S. Hayward and Constance Putnam; and a typescript of the article "Nathan Smith and the Johns Hopkins Connection" written by Fishbein.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in one series.

## Collection Contents

Smith, Emily A., "Dr. Nathan Smith" manuscript

Contains manuscript titled "Dr. Nathan Smith. The Story of the remarkable life and work of Nathan Smith, B.M., M.D. with his letters -- and a brief sketch of the life and professional work of his Son Dr. Nathan Ryno Smith and of his grandson Dr. Alan Penniman Smith. Pioneers from the dark ages to the dawn of the splendid era of modern medicine and surgery, 1787 to 1895." Also includes photographs and an original letter on Alan Penniman Smith. Dr. Fishbein believed these are materials that Emily Smith did not publish in her book *Life and Letters of Nathan Smith*. Given to Dr. Fishbein by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

b. 1, f. 1a	Bound manuscript	Circa 1914
b. 1, f. 1	Manuscript photocopy	Circa 1992
b. 1, f. 2	Smith family history	Circa 1992
b. 1, f. 3	Slides, photographs, and clippings	Circa 1989
b. 1, f. 4	Extra photographs and negatives	Circa 1989
b. 2, f. 5	Smith, Nathan (1762-1829)	1929, 1959-1997
b. 2, f. 6-7	Smith, Nathan Ryno (1797-1877)	1830-1910, 1963-1997
b. 2, f. 8	Smith, Alan Penniman (1840-1898)	1879-1898, 1971-1986
b. 2, f. 9	Lincoln, Nathan Smith (1828-1898)	Circa 1992
b. 2, f. 10	Theobald, Samuel (1846-1930)	1930-1931
b. 2, f. 11	Smith, Nathan Ryno, Jr. (1892-1972)	1972
b. 2, f. 12	Weisheit, J. Elmer, Jr. (1920-2005)	2005
b. 2, f. 13	Wehr, Fredrick Theobald (1926-2005)	2005
b. 2, f. 14	Hayward, Mary and Oliver, correspondence with	1967, 1986-1990
b. 2, f. 15	Putnam, Constance, correspondence with Includes a copy of "Nathan Smith's Gift to Maryland" typescript.	1997-1999
b. 2, f. 16	Fishbein, Ronald, "Nathan Smith and the Johns Hopkins Connection" typescript	1989
b. 2, f. 17	Hayward, Oliver, drafts of "A Life of Nathan Smith" Contains drafts of the first five chapters of Hayward's manuscript.	Circa 1988

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Medicine -- Biography  
Medicine -- History

### **Names**

Lincoln, Nathan Smith, 1828-1898  
Smith, N. R. (Nathan Ryno), 1797-1877  
Smith, Nathan, 1762-1829  
Theobald, Samuel, 1846-1930