

# Guide to the Madeline Earle Stanton Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1482

**CREATOR:** Stanton, Madeline E. (Madeline Earle)

**TITLE:** Madeline Earle Stanton papers

**DATES:** 1916-1983

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4.75 linear feet (13 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers include correspondence, diaries, writings, memorabilia, and photographs documenting Madeline Stanton's bibliographic and administrative support of the work of Harvey Cushing and John Fulton, as well as her personal affairs.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Medical Historical Library, 1988; and gift of Ruth Judge, 1992 and 1994.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Madeline Earle Stanton was born on June 9, 1898, in Canton, Massachusetts. After receiving her B.A. degree from Smith College in 1919, she was secretary to Agide Jacchia, conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra. Beginning in 1920, Stanton worked with Dr. Harvey Cushing at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston and later at the Yale School of Medicine. After Cushing's death in 1939, Stanton collaborated with Yale Professor John Fulton on bibliographic works on Michael Servetus and Robert Boyle. She was appointed secretary of the Yale Medical Historical Library in 1941. In 1949, her title changed to librarian of the Yale Medical Historical Collections. From 1951-1961, she was also research assistant in bibliography in the Yale Department of the History of Medicine. She was an assistant editor of the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Science* from 1961-1972. Stanton died in Hamden, Connecticut on October 25, 1980.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers include correspondence, diaries, writings, memorabilia, and photographs documenting Madeline Stanton's bibliographic and administrative support of the work of Harvey Cushing and John Fulton, as well as her personal affairs.

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged in four series: Series I. Correspondence, 1921-1983. Series II. Personal Papers, 1916-1981. Series III. Projects, 1922-1971. Series IV. Audiovisual Materials, 1927-1962.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1921-1983

This series includes Madeline Stanton's correspondence with her family, John Fulton, his family and students, and professional colleagues. The files are arranged alphabetically by personal and corporate name. The papers suggest the mixture of the professional with the personal in Stanton's life. The correspondence documents bibliographic and publication questions and administrative issues associated with the Yale Medical Historical Library.

About twenty percent of the correspondence is from John Fulton. In his letters, Fulton describes many of the same conferences, trips, and other events which he recorded in his diaries. In treating Stanton as a confidante, Fulton expresses a more personal view of these events. The diaries, volumes of which are held in the Medical Historical Library, were widely shared with friends and relatives and, therefore, more circumspect.

Other correspondents include Charles D. O'Malley, an authority on the work of Vesalius, associates from Harvey Cushing's group at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital including William R. Henderson, Hugh Cairns and Julia Shepley, and associates of John Fulton including Oliver Hayward and William W. Francis. Some correspondents, Francis for example, addressed letters to Stanton and Elizabeth Thomson jointly. The correspondence is closely associated with similar files in the papers of John Fulton (MS 1236) and Elizabeth Thomson (MS 1623). Business letters that Stanton wrote on behalf of Fulton are filed, for the most part, with the Fulton Papers.

b. 1, f. 1	A	1933-1978
b. 1, f. 2 - 3	American Association for the History of Medicine	1950-1964
b. 1, f. 4	B	1930-1979
b. 1, f. 5	Bayne, Helen	1960-1961
b. 1, f. 6 - 7	Bell, Whitfield J.	1954-1983, undated
b. 1, f. 8	C	1927-1972
b. 1, f. 9	Cairns, Hugh	1928-1960
b. 1, f. 10	Castiglioni, Arturo	1944-1955
b. 1, f. 11	Cushing, E. H.	1936-1966
b. 1, f. 12	Cushing, Harvey	1921-1938, undated
b. 2, f. 13	Cushing, Henry K.	1949-1971
b. 2, f. 14	Cushing, Kate	1924-1948
b. 2, f. 15	Cutler, Elliott C.	1924-1931
b. 2, f. 16	D	1927-1975
b. 2, f. 17	E	1934-1973
b. 2, f. 18	F	1927-1975

b. 2, f. 19 - 21	Francis, William W.	1942-1959
	Fulton, John F. See also: <a href="#">Series IV: Audiovisual Materials, Box 13, Folder 2</a>	
b. 2, f. 22 - 26	1928 May-1929 February	1928 May-1929 February
b. 3, f. 27 - 41	1929 March-1938 April	1929 March-1938 April
b. 4, f. 42 - 55	1938 June-1952 August	1938 June-1952 August
b. 5, f. 56 - 65	1953-1959	1953-1959
b. 5, f. 66	Fulton, Lucia P.	
b. 5, f. 67 - 68	1930s and 1940s	1930s and 1940s
b. 5, f. 69	1950-1959	1950-1959
b. 6, f. 70	1960s, undated	1960s, undated
b. 6, f. 71	Fulton family	1941-1971
b. 6, f. 72	G-GI	1939-1978
b. 6, f. 73	Go-Gu	1930-1977
b. 6, f. 74	Ha-He	1931-1971
b. 6, f. 75	Hi-Hu	1935-1974
b. 6, f. 76 - 78	Hayward, Oliver S.	1957-1964
b. 6, f. 79 - 80	Henderson, William R.	1930-1940; 1969
b. 6, f. 81	Horrax, Gilbert	1933-1957
b. 6, f. 82	Huston, K. Garth	1954-1973
b. 6, f. 83	I	1952-1965
b. 6, f. 84	J	1921-1973
b. 6, f. 85	K	1936-1979
b. 6, f. 86	Keller, Deane	1936-1972
b. 6, f. 87	L	1934-1974
b. 7, f. 88	LeFanu, William R.	1948-1971
b. 7, f. 89	Leibowitz, Jeannette and Joshua	1957-1963
b. 7, f. 90	Light, Richard Upjohn	1932-1965

Livingston, Robert

See: [Series IV: Audiovisual Materials, Box 13, Folder 3](#)

b. 7, f. 91	Ma-Mc	1931-1975
b. 7, f. 92	Me-Mu	1939-1975
b. 7, f. 93	MacLean, Paul D. See: <a href="#">Series IV: Audiovisual Materials, Box 13, Folder 3</a>	1956-1970
b. 7, f. 94	Maddison, R. E. W.	1960-1964
b. 7, f. 95	Meagher, Richard	1931-1936
b. 7, f. 96	Minnesota Historical Society	1961
b. 7, f. 97	Muirhead, Arnold	1948-1966
b. 7, f. 98	N	1947-1973
b. 7, f. 99	O	1927-1973
b. 7, f. 100	Oldberg, Eric	1928-1977
b. 7, f. 101 - 102	Oldberg, Hilda	1931-1962
b. 7, f. 103	O'Malley, Charles D.	1949-1968
b. 7, f. 104	P	1939-1974
b. 7, f. 105	Poynter, F. Noel L.	1952-1966
b. 7, f. 106	Q	1960-1963
b. 7, f. 107	Ra-Re	1939-1980
b. 8, f. 108	Ri-Ru	1928-1981
b. 8, f. 109	Rankin, Leonard and Myra	1927-1929
b. 8, f. 110	Rose, John Keith	1954-1970
b. 8, f. 111	Sa-Sj	1938-1969
b. 8, f. 112	Sm-Su	1940-1975
b. 8, f. 113	Schullian, Dorothy	1947-1973
b. 8, f. 114	Schuman, Henry and Ida	1944-1977, undated
Shepley, Julia H.		
b. 8, f. 115	1921-1927	1921-1927
b. 8, f. 116 - 118	1933-1977, undated	1933-1977, undated
b. 8, f. 119	Smith College	1973

b. 8, f. 120	Soriano, Victor	1961-1977
b. 8, f. 121	Stevenson, Lloyd G.	1952-1975, undated
b. 8, f. 122	T	1929-1975
b. 9, f. 123	Thomas, Charles C.	1939-1951
b. 9, f. 124	Thomson, Elizabeth	1947-1962
b. 9, f. 125	V	1958-1961, n. d.
b. 9, f. 126	Wa-Wh	1927-1971
b. 9, f. 127	Wi-Y	1937-1977
b. 9, f. 128	Wagstaff, Donald [son of Donna and Joseph Wagstaff]	1974-1978
b. 9, f. 129	Wagstaff, Dorothy [daughter of Donna and Joseph Wagstaff]	1975-1981
b. 9, f. 130	Wagstaff, Heather [daughter of Donna and Joseph Wagstaff]	1976-1977
b. 9, f. 131	Weed, Lewis H.	1949-1950
b. 9, f. 132	Woodworth, Nancy R.	1974-1975
b. 9, f. 133	Y-Z	1940-1971
b. 9, f. 134	Unidentified	1923-1977, undated



**Series II: Personal Papers, 1916-1981**

This series is arranged by type of material. Of particular note are Stanton's handwritten diaries which contain personal reflections on family affairs and daily events in Cushing's unit at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and at Yale University from 1928-1939. In them, she records her observations on colleagues, doctors, and cases. The diary typescripts from 1948 and 1951 describe her trips abroad. This series includes files on Madeline Stanton's estate, genealogy and memorabilia. Biographical information is available in a copy of a library school thesis on Madeline Stanton, which also includes a bibliography of her writings.

Biographical information		
b. 14	Diploma and memorabilia	1920, 1929
b. 10, f. 1	General	1929-1981
b. 10, f. 2	"M. E. Stanton and the Historical Library of the Yale Medical Library" [thesis by Joelle R. Blankfort] English	1976
Diaries		
b. 10, f. 3	1916, 1926	1916, 1926
b. 10, f. 4	1928 English	1928
b. 10, f. 5	1929 English	1929
b. 10, f. 6	1930 English	1930
b. 10, f. 7	1931 English	1931
b. 10, f. 8	1932-1933	1932-1933
b. 10, f. 9	[Europe] English	1936
b. 10, f. 10	1939 English	1939
b. 10, f. 11	1948 English Typescript.	1948
b. 10, f. 12	1951 English Typescript.	1951
b. 10, f. 13	Estate [includes will; birth and death certificates]	1927, 1964-1965, 1980-1981
b. 10, f. 14	Genealogy	1940, 1953
b. 11, f. 15	Memorabilia	1925-1973

b. 11, f. 16

Notes [on music, literature, words]

1927-1928,  
undated

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**Series III: Projects, 1922-1971**

This series includes several files related to Stanton's writings about Cushing and the Yale Medical Historical Library. Additional files document projects relating to Stanton's association with Harvey Cushing. They include her notebook indexing Cushing's office files and her efforts to respond to requests for copies of the sculpture made of Cushing's hands. Correspondence concerning Stanton's work on the publication of the second edition of John Fulton's *Selected Readings in the History of Physiology*, particularly the illustrations used in the edition, is included.

## Cushing, Harvey

## Office files [notebook containing index]

b. 12, f. 1	1922-1924	1922-1924
b. 12, f. 2	1926-1934	1926-1934
b. 12, f. 3	Hand Correspondence re efforts to reproduce the original sculpture.	1933-1969
b. 12, f. 4	<i>Selected Readings in the History of Physiology</i> , 2nd ed. [illustrations, correspondence]	1963-1966

## Writings

b. 12, f. 5	Book reviews	1971
b. 12, f. 6	"A Bouquet for Bill" English	1956
b. 12, f. 7	"Harvey Cushing: Book Collector" [correspondence, draft] English	1965
b. 12, f. 8	"The Working Day of an Historical Library" [correspondence, draft] English	1964
b. 12, f. 9	"The Medical Historical Library on the Hundredth Birthday of Harvey Cushing" English	1969

**Series IV: Audiovisual Materials, 1927-1962, undated**

This series includes Soundscriber discs and photographs of Stanton. The Soundscriber discs include John Fulton's dictation responding to routine correspondence and Paul MacLean responding to Stanton's request for assistance in answering correspondence after Fulton's death. Of particular interest is the disc of Robert Livingston's discussion of Fulton's scientific work. This was made in response to Stanton's request for assistance in preparing an exhibition at the Yale Medical Library to honor Fulton after his death. Livingston had worked with Fulton in the Yale Laboratory of Physiology. Researchers must listen to the discs on equipment available in the Yale Historical Sound Recordings Room.

b. 13, f. 1	Photographs [Madeline Stanton, family, and friends]	1927-1962, undated
	Soundscriber discs	
b. 13, f. 2	Fulton, John F.	1940-1959
b. 13, f. 3	Livingston, Robert B., MacLean, Paul	1960

## **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**

Book collecting  
Librarians  
Libraries  
Medical libraries  
Medicine -- History -- Study and teaching  
Women

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Names**

Cushing, Harvey, 1869-1939  
Francis, William Willoughby, 1878-  
Fulton, John F. (John Farquhar), 1899-1960  
Light, Richard Upjohn, 1902-1994  
Schuman, Henry  
Stanton, Madeline E. (Madeline Earle)  
Stevenson, Lloyd G., 1918-  
Thomson, Elizabeth Harriet, 1907-

### **Corporate Body**

Yale Medical Library. Historical Library