

Finding Aid to the Charles McHugh papers, 1966-2001

Collection Overview

Creator: McHugh, Charles (1937-2022).

Dates: 1966-2001

Extent: 0.2 Linear Feet (1 box)

Language: English

Abstract:

Charles McHugh served as a physician with the Peace Corps between 1965 and 1967 and contributed to a medical examination during the 1966 murder trial of Peace Corps Volunteer William Kinsey in Tanzania. This collection includes Charles McHugh's records and personal notes, correspondence, testimonies, communications, in addition to collected newspaper clippings, related to his work on the medical examination of a deceased Peace Corps Volunteer.

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Custodial History

This collection was donated to the AU Archives & Special Collections on date by Anne McHugh as part of the Peace Corps Community Archive in March 2023.

Processing Information

Collection was processed by JJ Kresky, Peace Corps Community Archive Fellow and completed February 2025. During processing the original order was maintained as much as possible using donor provided documentation.

Related Materials

Related materials at AU Archives & Special Collections include other collections donated to the Peace Corps Community Archives.

Collection Access & Use Information

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research use.

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Administrative Information

Finding Aid Date: 02-2025

Finding Aid Author: Finding aid created by JJ Kresky, February 2025.

Description Rules: Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Language of Description: English

Collection Description

Biographical Note

Charles McHugh (1937-2022) was born in New Jersey and graduated from Wesleyan University with degrees in Biology and History in 1960. He later earned his MD from Albany Medical College in 1964 and interned at the University of Chicago Hospital. After finishing his internship, he served as a doctor and surgeon for the Peace Corps between 1965 and 1967 in Tanzania. During his service in Tanzania, McHugh contributed to the medical examination of the deceased Peace Corps Volunteer Peverley Kinsey as part of the 1966 murder trial of Peace Corps Volunteer William Kinsey. McHugh later served as Vice President for Medical Education at Columbus Cuneo Cabrini Medical Center in Chicago between 1972 and 1979 and had a private General Surgery and Family Medicine practice until his retirement in 1986.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection includes Charles McHugh's records and personal notes, correspondence, testimonies, communications, newspaper clippings, and medical notes documenting his work on the medical examination of the deceased Peace Corps Volunteer Peverley Kinsey during the 1966 murder trial of Peace Corps Volunteer William Kinsey in Tanzania. McHugh also aided the local doctor in his examination for the trial. The collection includes the autopsy and notes, copies of official reports given to the police and the courts, and the correspondence related to the trial are between Charles McHugh and the Peace Corps, the local law enforcements, and the parents of William Kinsey.

Arrangement

Collection is organized into an inventory and arranged chronologically.

Collection Contents

Box Number	Folder Number	Folder Titles
1	1	Resume and Biography, 1966
1	2	Testimony Transcripts and Case Reports, 1966
1	3	Medical Examination Notes, 1966
1	4	Medical Examination Reports, 1966
1	5	Journal and Newspaper Clippings, 1966
1	6	Correspondence, 1966-1989
1	7	Memorandum Photocopies, 2001