

# Guide to the James Dowling Trask Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1339

**CREATOR:** Trask, James Dowling, 1890-1942

**TITLE:** James Dowling Trask papers

**DATES:** 1837-1945

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of personal papers, memorabilia, photographs and medals of James Dowling Trask (1890-1942), his father and grandfather (1821-1883), also named James Dowling Trask. The bulk of the collection is related to James Dowling Trask (1890-1942).

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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 Historical Medical Library, 1980.

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## Biographical / Historical

James Dowling Trask was born in Astoria, New York on August 21, 1890. After receiving his Ph.B. from Yale College in 1913, Trask went to Cornell Medical College from which he received an M.D. in 1917. Following service in the army and medical research, Trask returned to Yale in 1921 to become an instructor at the School of Medicine. That same year, he married Phyllis Hayden Randall, with whom he would have one daughter, also named Phyllis. Specializing in pediatrics, Trask focused his research on pneumonia, scarlet fever and streptococcal infections. He died in the spring of 1942 of septicemia and peritonitis.

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged by family member.

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## Collection Contents

### James Dowling Trask (1890-1942)

b. 1, f. 1	Bellevue Hospital and U.S. Army	1917-1921
b. 1, f. 2	Biographical and family information	Circa 1876-circa 1934
b. 1, f. 3	Clippings on polio and Trask's death	Circa 1930s-circa 1940s
b. 1, f. 4	Cornell University Medical College, correspondence	1916-1917
b. 2, f. 1-2	Cornell University Medical College, notebooks on bacteriology and clinical laboratory methods (2 notebooks)	1914-1915
b. 1, f. 5	Correspondence to his father	1918
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence and conference ephemera	1934-1942
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence, including with Julia H. Trask (Trask's mother)	Circa 1930s-circa 1940s
b. 1, f. 8	Correspondence, last letters	1942 May
b. 1, f. 9	Correspondence relating to Dr. Trask's death	1942
b. 1, f. 10	Discharge from the Army	1918
b. 1, f. 11	Grace-New Haven Community Hospital memorial opportunities booklet	1951
b. 1, f. 12	Great Britain, mostly official correspondence	1929-1930
b. 1, f. 13	Journal	1941-1942
b. 1, f. 14-15	Juvenalia, sketchbook and reports from Lawrenceville School	1900-1907
b. 1, f. 16	Liberty ship James D. Trask, correspondence, photographs, and printed ephemera	1943-1944
b. 1, f. 17	Long Island College of Medicine anniversary	1940
b. 1, f. 18	Memoria and tributes	1942-1945
b. 1, f. 19	Nu Sigma Nu fraternity citation	1917
b. 1, f. 20	Obituaries and resolutions	1942
b. 1, f. 21	Photograph and sketch album	Circa 1890-circa 1910
b. 2, f. 3	Photographs of James Dowling Trask	1895, 1908
b. 2, f. 4	Photographs, mostly portraits of James Dowling Trask	1908-1942
b. 1, f. 22	Polio, articles from popular magazines	1934-1961
b. 1, f. 23	Printed ephemera, passports, memberships, and other documents,	Circa 1919-1942

b. 2, f. 5	Printed ephemera, "The Doctor"	Circa 1920
b. 1, f. 24	Public health posters	1940s
b. 1, f. 25	Research data	1927
b. 1, f. 26-27	Rockefeller Institute appointment and correspondence	1919-1920
b. 2, f. 6	Scarlet Fever by James D. Trask	1940
b. 1, f. 28	Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, grades and class bulletins	1909-1939
b. 2, f. 7	Tintype, Trask family	1900
b. 1, f. 29	Trask Room, New Haven Hospital	1942
b. 2, f. 8	War and medical decorations and realia	Circa 1917-circa 1942
b. 1, f. 30	World War II, War Department correspondence and orders	1935-1936
b. 1, f. 31	Yachting notebook	Circa 1931-circa 1941
b. 1, f. 32	<i>Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine</i> , James Dowling Trask Memorial Number (vol. 16, no. 5)	1944
James Dowling Trask (Senior)		
b. 2, f. 9	Financial records, correspondence, and printed ephemera relating to his medical practice	Circa 1876-circa 1901
b. 2, f. 10	Physicians diary	1880-1890
b. 2, f. 11	James Dowling Trask (Senior) and James Dowling Trask (1820-1883), public health and medical practice manuscripts and memorabilia	Circa 1880s-circa 1940s
James Dowling Trask (1820-1883)		
b. 2, f. 12	Amherst College student notebook	1837
b. 2, f. 13-14	Public health and medical practice manuscripts and memorabilia	Circa 1860s-circa 1880s

## **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

### **Names**

Trask, James Dowling, 1890-1942