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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Melick, Dermont W.

Collection Name Dermont W. Melick Collection,

Inclusive Dates: c. 1920-1985

Physical Description 12 linear feet (13 boxes)

Abstract Collection consists of Dermont W. Melick's personal family

files, correspondence, certificates, genealogy, medical correspondence, medical articles, medical institutions, personal research and writings pertaining to family, Mormons, and Lilo Perrin, medical research pertaining to Melick's Thesis and career, as well as photographs and photo albums of family, friends, medical procedures, medical events, and

plaques and awards.

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Biographical Note

Dermont Wilson Melick was born March 3, 1910 to Prince Albert and Cora Melick. He grew up in Williams, Arizona where his father helped establish the Williams Hospital. He attended the University of Arizona in 1931, obtaining his BS. He then attended University of Pennssylvania, where he obtained his MD in 1935, MSc in 1941, and DSc in 1945. He practiced medicine, specializing in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. He practiced surgery in Phoenix from 1945-1967. From 1967 to 1977, Melick taught at the University of Arizona as a professor of surgery. He participated in several medical committees, institutions, and foundations at both the regional and national levels such as: Western Interstate Commission

for Higher Education, Arizona Medical Association, and the Sahuaro Medical Arts Foundation. He was asked by President Johnson to help construct a medical insurance program, which became the Medicare Bill signed on July 30, 1965. He returned to Phoenix in 1977 to continue practicing surgery. Throughout his life, Melick sought out his family history. He used his long familial line of medical professionals to write on the history of medicine within his family. Other writings that he authored concerned medicine, as well as his hobbies. He married Dorothy Helen Marvel in 1943; together they had three children: Richard Wilson, John Wilson, and Penelope Ann Wilson. He died on July 20, 1985.

Scope and Content

The manuscript materials consists of the following series: Biographical; Professional; Personal Research, Writings, and Publications; Medical Research, Writings and Publications; Photographs; and Plaques and Awards. The Biographical series include personal correspondence, family correspondence, family history, legal documents, certificates, and newspaper articles. The Professional series includes medical correspondence, medical institutions, continuing education credit information, medical foundations, and medical studies. The Personal Research, Writings, and Publications series include research on family history, the Mormon religion, Lilo Perrin, Lot Smith, Polytronix, and personal writings. The Medical Research, Writings, and Publications series include research on medical procedures, medical diagnosis, medical diseases, various notes on medical diagnosis, medical school theses, medical publications, and medical conferences. The Photographs series includes photos of Dermont W. Melick's family, Prince Albert Melick's family, various hunting and fishing trips, various medical events, and three Photo Albums pertaining to Dermont W. Melick's early life. The plaques and awards are items that Melick obtained through both personal and medical endeavors.

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