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FRANCIS J. BRACELAND, M.D., RECORDS

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Administrative History

Francis James Braceland, M.D., was Dean of the School of Medicine from March 10, 1941, until June 3, 1942, when he was appointed to active service in the United States Navy. As outlined in the Plan of Organization of Loyola University School of Medicine, his duties were the following:

The Dean has charge of all matters involving educational policy, hospital arrangements, schedule, and curriculum. All nominations for departmental appointments, including suggestions for new positions, should be made to him. The Dean presides at meetings of the Council and of the Faculty. He appoints, subject to ratification by the Council, the members of all Council committees.

Born in Philadelphia in 1900, Dr. Braceland graduated from LaSalle College and received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He did advanced work in psychiatry in both Zurich and London. Before coming to Loyola in 1941, he was clinical director of mental and nervous diseases at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia and an associate professor of psychiatry in the graduate school of medicine of the University of Pennsylvania.

While serving in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II, Dr. Braceland was a consulting psychiatrist to the Surgeon General, later becoming Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Branch of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and a physician to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Following the war, he was a special witness in the Nuremberg trials.
testifying to the insanity of Rudolph Hess and thereby saving his life.

In 1945 Dr. Braceland joined the staff of the Mayo Clinic as consulting psychiatrist and head of its section on psychiatry. At the same time he also accepted a position as professor of psychiatry in the Mayo Foundation Graduate School of the University of Minnesota. Between 1951 and 1965 Dr. Braceland was chief psychiatrist at the Institute of Living in Hartford, Connecticut, and thereafter remained on the staff as a senior consultant and planning director until 1984. Also an educator, Dr. Braceland served as a clinical professor at Yale University from 1951 to 1968 and lectured on psychiatry at Harvard University from 1961 to 1966. Loyola University of Chicago honored him with its Stritch Medal in 1965.

During his career, Dr. Braceland served as president of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, the American Psychiatric Association, and the World Psychiatric Association. He edited a number of works in addition to writing scientific monographs, popular articles, reviews, and essays including Faith, Reason and Modern Psychiatry; Sources for a Synthesis (editor, 1955); Modern Psychiatry; A Handbook For Believers (1963); and Psychiatry, the Clergy, and Pastoral Counseling; the St. John's Story (edited with Dana Farnsworth, 1969).

Dr. Braceland died February 23, 1985 and was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

**Scope and Content**
The records of Francis J. Braceland, M.D. consist of 2.0 linear feet spanning the years 1938 to 1942 and include correspondence minutes, reports, and statistics.

**SERIES I: OFFICE FILES, 1938-1942 (Primarily, 1941-1942), BOXES 1-4**
This series contains correspondence, minutes, reports, statistics, and other materials relating to the day to day responsibilities of Francis J. Braceland, M.D., Dean of the Medical School. These records have been arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within each folder unless otherwise noted.
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