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Biographical

Robert H. Williams (1909-1979) was the first chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Washington, from 1948 to 1963. An endocrinologist, Dr. Williams graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School and had internships and residencies at Harvard and Vanderbilt University. He was on the faculty at Harvard from 1940 to 1948, before joining the faculty of the University of Washington. Dr. Williams directed the Department of Medicine in its formative period, supervising the development of its programs. He was the founder and president of a number of medical associations, among them the Association of Professors of Medicine, which brought together the chairmen of departments of medicine in a model later followed in other specialties.

Dr. Williams conducted his early work on thyroid disorders. His later research concentrated on diabetes, particularly insulin secretion and metabolism and its interaction with other hormonal substances. Dr. Williams established the Diabetes Research Institute and the Diabetes Center at the University of Washington. He also studied problems of obesity, atherosclerosis, and lipid metabolism.

Dr. Williams wrote the widely used *Textbook of Endocrinology and Diabetes*. As a physician, he was particularly concerned with issues of life and death and wrote a book, *To Live and Die: When, Why, and How?*, which addressed the issues of euthanasia, suicide, population planning, organ transplantation, body-mind-soul interrelations, and the afterlife.

Scope and Content

The papers were donated in 1981 by Mrs. Williams. They include an autobiography by Dr. Williams, detailing his early career and material which he gathered for a history of the University of Washington Medical School. There is also biographical material and testimonials concerning Dr. Williams. The correspondence is arranged by correspondent. Subgroups include: the Association of Professors of Medicine, the Research Societies Council; the Western Association of Physicians, and the Medical Intersociety Council; all of which Dr. Williams founded; and the Endocrine Society, of which he was president. Others include University of Washington Hospital committees, the Diabetes Research Center, and the Clinical Research Center.

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