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Biographical Note: Naomi Marilyn Kanof was born January 6, 1912 in Brooklyn, New York to Benjamin and Anne (Bernstein) Kanof. She received a B.A. from George Washington University in 1931 and her M.D. in 1934 from the Medical School. September 8, 1935, she married Max Tendler, also a graduate of George Washington University. She interned at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn, 1934-1935, and at the Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C., 1935-1936. Her residency was at the Skin and Cancer Unit of the New York Postgraduate School and Hospital of Columbia University, 1936-1938.

Dr. Kanof opened a private practice in dermatology in Washington, D.C. in 1938 and continued it until shortly before her death. She wrote extensively for medical journals and other publications on issues relating to dermatology, especially the gold leaf treatment she had developed for skin ulcers. Dr. Kanof was also editor of the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology* from 1949-1967 and the *Journal of the American Medical Women's Association* from 1972-1976. In addition, she was dermatology editor for the 1976 and 1982 editions of *Stedman's Medical Dictionary* and a member of the editorial board of the *Medical Annals of the District of Columbia* from 1963-1974.

In addition to her writing and editorial duties, Dr. Kanof was a member of the following professional associations: Baltimore-Washington Dermatologic Society; Washington Dermatological Society; The Medical Society of the District of Columbia and its section of Dermatology and Syphilology; George Washington University Medical Alumni Society; American Academy of Dermatology; American Medical Association; Jacobi Society; and the Society for Investigative Dermatology. She was Chairwoman of the Department of Dermatology at the Children's Hospital, a Clinical Professor of Dermatology at Georgetown University Medical School, and a lecturer on dermatology at Howard University Medical School. She served as Vice President of the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine at the Uniformed School of Health Sciences in Bethesda. She was also head of the D.C. Medical Board for Dermatology and Chairwoman of the American Medical Association Committee

on Cutaneous Health and Cosmetics as well as Assistant Secretary for the International Congress of Dermatology. Naomi Kanof died on June 26, 1988 at the George Washington University Hospital after a heart attack.

Series/Scope and Content Note: The papers document Naomi M. Kanof’s professional career as a dermatologist from 1939-1986. A large majority of the papers reflect her involvement in professional associations, and her writing and research. All series include correspondence relating to that specific topic.

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SERIES 001: CORRESPONDENCE, 1963-1983

This series is arranged chronologically and contains the correspondence mainly related to Dr. Kanof’s practice and her patients. As this series includes letters to and from patients, insurance companies, lawyers, etc., it has been restricted.

SERIES 002: PERSONAL FILES, 1948-1986

This series is arranged alphabetically by folder title, then chronologically, and contains personal correspondence and papers, biographical materials, a few photographs, and both personal and office financial information as well as personal office files containing insurance claims and patient files which have been restricted.

SERIES 003: PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES, 1952-1986

This series has been arranged alphabetically by association, then chronologically, and consists of correspondence, memos, bulletins, meeting minutes and a few publications collected by Dr. Kanof during her involvement in numerous professional associations throughout her career as a doctor of dermatology.

SERIES 004: PUBLICATION FILES, 1939-1981

This series has been arranged alphabetically by journal and folder title, then chronologically, and consists of articles and reprints of articles written by Dr. Kanof, and correspondence relating to them.

SERIES 005: REFERENCE AND RESEARCH FILES, 1941-1981

This series has been arranged alphabetically by folder title, then chronologically, and contains files on research conducted by Dr. Kanof on such things as gold leaf, body louse/typhus and the sensitization of bean plants, and materials collected for reference, such as magazine articles and pamphlets.

SERIES 006: OFFICE LOGS AND ACCOUNT BOOKS, 1939-1986

This series is arranged chronologically and contains the patient log books from her practice and account books. This series contains restricted material.

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00008: Annual Meeting, 1973: "Poisoning and Systemic Reaction" by Naomi M. Kanof
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- 00005: American Dermatological Association, Conference Brochures, 1968, 1974
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- 00007: American Dermatological Association Physician's Recognition Award, 1982, 1983,
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- 00002: American Med Assoc Cosmetics Information, 1973-1974-Cosmetics Labeling Legislation
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- 00004: American Medical Association Over the Counter Drug and Cosmetic Labeling, 1971-
1972, American Medical Women's Association
- 00005: Pamphlets, Association of Professors of Dermatology
- 00006: American Medical Association, 1966-1967
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- 00001: Commission on Licensure, Healing Arts Practice Act-Framed License
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- 00005: Cosmetic Ingredient Review
- 00006: Court Case-Branch vs. Mennen Company, 1971
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- 00008: Court Case-Tubbs vs. CECO, 1979-1980, Dermatology Foundation
- 00009: Certificate of Membership, Lifetime, 1975

00010: Annual Report, 1977
00011: Practitioner of the Year Award, 1982
00012: Directory, Supplies, Labs, Pharmaceuticals
00013: Drug and Cosmetic Industry, Food and Drug Administration
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00002: Galludet College, Peter J. Fine Student Health Service, 1981-1982
00003: Georgetown University School of Medicine Awards Banquet, 1978
00004: George Washington University Medical Society, 1954-1956
00005: Henry M. Jackson Foundation, 1985
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00007: History of Dermatology Society
00008: 10th Annual Meeting, 4th Samuel J. Zakon Lecturer, December 5, 1982, New Orleans,
International Congress of Dermatology-1962
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00002: Correspondence re. Concert Night, 1959-1962
00003: Meeting Programs, 1972, 1982
00004: International League of Dermatological Societies
00005: International Society for Tropical Dermatology, 1959-1960
00006: International Society for Tropical Dermatology, 1978
00007: International Society for Tropical Dermatology, Conference Program, 1982, The Medical
Society of the District of Columbia
00008: International Society for Tropical Dermatology, 1962-1966
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00011: Classification Committee, 1956-1959
00012: Citizens Council for a Clean Potomac, 1963
00013: Medical Women's International Association Report on the XIVth Congress, 1974
00014: Meetings NMK Plans to Attend
00015: Penn Academy of Dermatology, 1979-1982, Society for Investigative Dermatology
00016: Banquet, Atlantic City, April 1972
00017: Bicentennial Exhibit and Travel Exhibit, AAD & SID, 1975-1976, 1985
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- 00002: Society for Pediatric Dermatology, 1975-1985
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- 00003: "Careers in Medicine for High School Students"
- 00004: *Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology*. July 1976, vol. 6, no. 1
- 00005: *Current Medical Digest*. "Dermatologic Problems of Adolescence." Feb 1966, v. 33, n. 2
- 00006: *Current Therapy*. "Decubitus Ulcers." *Cutis*
- 00007: May 1970, vol. 6, no. 5. Naomi Kanof, Guest Editor
- 00008: "Cosmetic-A Definition in Law." Reprint from May 1970.
- 00009: "Eczematous Dermatoses of the Feet of Children." Reprint November 1966, v. 2, n. 11
- 00010: Correspondence, 1966-1967 re. Article "Eczematous Dermatoses of the Feet of Children."
- 00011: Guidance for Relatives of the Dying-pamphlet *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*
- 00012: Autobiography
- 00013: Autobiography-Responses, 1981
- 00014: "Cosmetics: Proposal for Redefinition." Reprint from July 1979, vol. 1, no. 1.
- 00015: "Of Lice and Men." Reprint from July 1980, vol. 3, no. 1.
- 00016: Schafer, June Carol, Obituary, *Journal of the American Medical Women's Association*
- 00017: "Careers...in Dermatology"
- 00018: Correspondence re. special issue on Dermatology
- 00019: "Cosmetics in Search of a Definition." Reprint from July 1974, vol. 29, no. 7.
- 00020: "Cosmetics, the Physician and the Consumer." Reprint from October 1972, v. 27, n. 10
- 00021: Curth, Helen O., 1967
- 00022: "Dermatology's Past and Present-day Participation in Medicine." Reprint from April 1967, vol. 22, no. 4.
- 00023: Goldleaf-Details about the application of

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- 00001: *Journal of the American Medical Women's Association*, Guest editor, Naomi M. Kanof, April 1967, vol. 22, no. 4
- 00002: Hu, Funan, M.D., 1967
- 00003: Introduction-Dr. Kanof, Special Issue on Dermatology
- 00004: MacDonald, Eleanor J., 1966-1967
- 00005: Rauschkolb, Ruth R., 1967
- 00006: "Recent Advances in Dermatology." Reprint from May 1959, vol. 4, no. 5.
- 00007: Roe, Daphne A., 1967
- 00008: Editorial: "Cosmetic or Drug." June 29, 1970, vol. 212, no. 13.
- 00009: Editorial: "Who Needs Hexachlorophene? Hospitals and Some People." Reprint from April 17, 1972, vol. 220, no. 3., *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*
- 00010: Editorial: "Allergic Sensitization of Plants (Bean) to a Simple Chemical (Copper Sulfate)." Reprint from 1967, vol. 48, no. 3.
- 00011: Cutaneous Ulcers: Treatment with Gold Leaf
- 00012: Editor Retirement Letters
- 00013: "Effect of Oral Steroid of Non-Inflammatory Scalp Ringworm." Reprint from September 1958, vol. 31, no. 3.
- 00014: "Gold Leaf in the Treatment of Cutaneous Ulcers." Reprint from Nov 1964, v. 43, n. 5
- 00015: Issue Honoring Naomi Kanof, M.D., July 1967, vol. 49, no. 1.
- 00016: *Journal of the American Medical Women's Association*, March 1986
- 00017: "Philosophy and Role of Organizations." August 1967, vol. 96.
- 00018: "Studies on Eczematous Sensitizations." June 1945, vol. 6, no. 3.
- 00019: Kanof quoted in articles
- 00020: MEDCOM 1972, Correspondence re. producing a slide series on eczematous diseases
- 00021: Postgraduate Medicine-Paper, 1963-1964

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- 00005: Stravon Publishers, Mr. Segal, 1963-1965
- 00006: Waverly Press Style and Type Manuals

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- 00007: Biographies of American Dermatologists
- 00008: Body Louse/Typhus Project
- 00009: Carl Herzog
- 00010: "Come Meet Mr. Jefferson," by Harry L. Wechsler, M.D., The Pittsburgh Bibliofiles, March 19, 1981
- 00011: Dr. Kanof's Experiments

00012: Gold Leaf

00013: Immunization, "Health Precautions for Foreign Travel" pamphlet

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00001: *Life* magazine article about the FDA - "Eat, Drink, and Be Wary," by John Neary, October 20, 1972, vol. 73, no. 16.

00002: Medical Reference Publications and Brochures pH Studies

00003: Naomi M. Kanof, M.D. - John C. Houck, Ph.D., 'pH Response of Infant's Skin to Soap and Detergent'

00004: Soap and Detergent Effects of Infants and Young Children

00005: Plant Sensitization Study, 1941 (includes photographs)

00006: Reporting Adverse Drug Reactions

00007: Research Notes

00008: *Science*, vol. 208, no. 4441, April 1980. Material Dr. Kanof used in writing paper "Cosmetics and Carcinogens," presented at the 1980 Annual Meeting of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, December 11.

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