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## Otis Historical Archives

### OHA 322.05 Suraci Collection

**Date of Records:** 1911-1993

**Size:** 4 boxes

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**Biographical Note:** Alfred J. Suraci (1911-1993) was chief of plastic surgery at Providence Hospital, Prince George's Doctor's Hospital, and Sibley Memorial Hospital. Suraci received his M.D. from George Washington University Medical School in 1936, interned at Providence Hospital from 1936 to 1937, then spent three years as a surgical resident at various hospitals and one year as a pathology resident at Sibley. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he began private practice in Washington D.C. in 1948. Suraci published several articles on surgical techniques. He was president of the Washington Medical and Surgical Society; a founder of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons; and founder and president of the Washington Metropolitan Area Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. Suraci received a commendation from Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk and several Gold Headed Cane awards.

**Scope/Series Description:** The collection includes photograph albums and case histories of World War II patients; reprints and lectures; a pathology laboratory notebook from George Washington University Medical School; and biographical information, service records, a small amount of correspondence, certificates, motion pictures, and memorabilia. There are also Suraci Collection artifacts in Historical Collections. A portfolio of prints called "Sutures in Ancient Surgery," produced by Davis & Geck, Inc., was removed from the collection and added to the General Medical Products Information collection.

## BOX AND CONTENT LIST

### Box 001:

00001: "Agenesis of Vagina - Plastic Reconstruction" (Script of Motion Picture by Suraci)

00002: Agreement between Medical Service of D.C. and Suraci

00003: Reprint: Homer, Oscar B.—"The Clinical Pathologist—His Relation to the Physician and



Surgeon”

- 00004: “Quaint Charleston or Shoot the Sherman to ‘Em Herman”
- 00005: Birth Report and Certificate, 1911
- 00006: Certificates, The American Legion and The Association of Military Surgeons
- 00007: "Cleft Lip Repair" Directions
- 00008: Clippings and Articles About Suraci
- 00009: Correspondence, 1942-1946
- 00010: Correspondence, 1986, 1988
- 00011: I.D. Cards
- 00012: *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the Transplantation Bulletin* (April 1959)
- 00013: *Alumni Bulletin of the Sibley Memorial Hospital Alumni Association* (1960)
- 00014: Lecture Materials, Related Correspondence, and Final Examination in Plastic Surgery
- 00015: Memorabilia
- 00016: National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, Maryland (Donations, 1980s)
- 00017: Obituaries
- 00018: Pathology Lab Notebook [1 of 2]
- 00019: Pathology Lab Notebook [2 of 2]
- 00020: Photo album, Unidentified (Clinical)

**Box 002:**

- 00001: Photos, Miscellaneous
- 00002: Photos of Patients
- 00003: Photos of Suraci
- 00004: *Pill Pusher* newsletter, Stark General Hospital, Charleston, 1943-1944
- 00005: "Reconstruction of External Ear," Article
- 00006: Reprints With Photographs
- 00007: Resumes and Biographies
- 00008: Service and Veteran's Administration Records
- 00009: Speech on D.C. Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons
- 00010: World War II Case Histories [1 of 2]
- 00011: World War II Case Histories [2 of 2]

**Box 003:**

- 00001: Certificates—Oversized
- 00002: *Life* magazines with World War II Plastic Surgery Articles
- 00003: Photo of Col. DuFrenne, Commander of Stark General Hospital
- 00004: Photos of Suraci—Oversized

**Box 004:**

- 00001: Two boxes of 8mm motion-picture film footage (unidentified)
- 00002: Photo albums of World War II patients (one boxed; two unboxed)