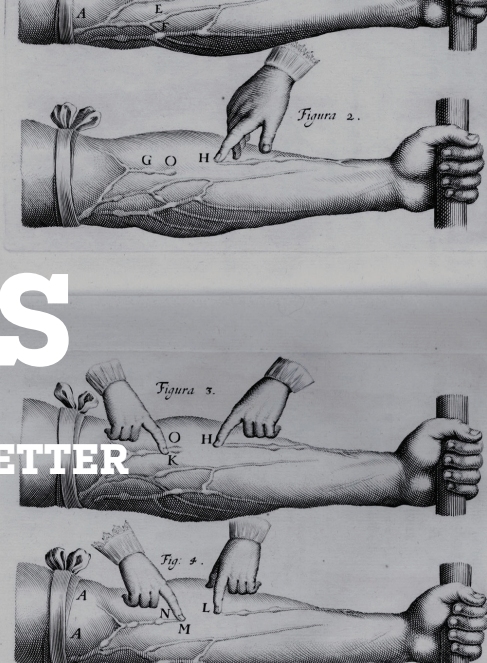




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## Historical Collections Gallery made possible thanks to Pappas family

We are pleased to share an exciting update on the Historical Collections gallery fundraising efforts. Dr. Dennis G. Pappas, Sr., (pictured) and Dr. Dennis G. Pappas, Jr., have donated a generous gift for the construction of the Historical Collections gallery. The gallery will be named in honor of Dr. Pappas, Sr., and plans are already underway to begin construction of the new space. Dr. Dennis G. Pappas, Sr., has been a long-time supporter, donor and friend of the UAB Libraries' Historical Collections.



In 2010, Dr. Pappas, Sr., donated 125 rare books related to the history of otolaryngology, which laid the foundation for the "Dennis G. Pappas Otolaryngology Collection." This collection of rare books, along with medical instruments donated by Dr. Pappas, has continued to grow over the years and is an invaluable historical resource as well as a testament of Dr. Pappas' ongoing care and support of the collections. In an introduction to the annotated bibliography to this collection, Dr. Pappas states: "Such books and instruments, never independent of the philosophy of its

age, were not considered antiques, but works of art, history, and culture, that have faced the challenge of the past and can give insights to rewarding findings of the future." The supportive role that Dr. Pappas has played over the years exemplifies his philosophy and his vision to see these collections preserved, celebrated, and promoted within the coming gallery space. Please join us in thanking Dr. Pappas and his son for their generous gift and for all the support given to the UAB Historical Collections throughout its rich history. Read more on the next page. ■

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Photo: Architecture Works

# Historical Collections Gallery Project Timeline and Fundraising Efforts

The image above shows an architectural rendering of the gallery space, and includes design elements and examples of a variety of exhibit pieces and technologies that will be included in the new space. Construction of the gallery

began in September, with the first exhibit installation scheduled for the RFHL Annual Lecture in February. Tours will be given to interested attendees on February 23 prior to the lecture by Dr. Jayme E. Locke (read more later in newsletter).

The first exhibit will feature items donated to UAB Historical Collections by Dr. Pappas and will explore the history of otolaryngology and associated disabilities. ■



## Timeline

- Start Date: **September 2023**
- Conclusion of Construction: **December 2023/ January 2024**
- Installation of Inaugural Exhibition: **Approx. late January 2024**
- Opening Inaugural Exhibition: **Late January/Early February 2024**
- Tours for Medical Alumni Association Weekend: **February 23**

## Interested in donating to the Gallery?



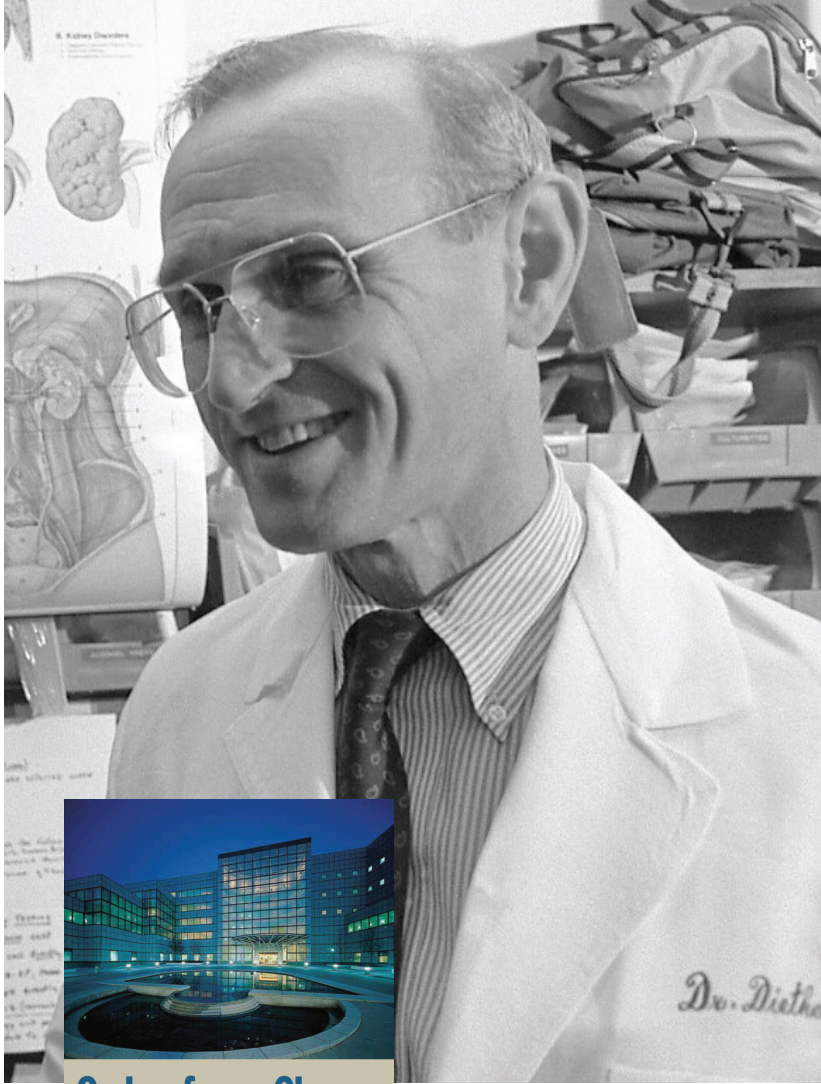
Scan the QR code  
or visit [go.uab.edu/hcg](https://go.uab.edu/hcg).

## Coming Soon: New book to highlight the history of surgery, contributions of Dr. Arnold G. Diethelm

Dr. Arnold G. Diethelm was a prominent surgeon who helped established the robust transplantation program at UAB. He also performed the first kidney transplant in Alabama. His new book, *Order from Chaos*, describes his time at UAB and the development of the UAB Department of Surgery. This highly anticipated posthumous work is coming soon. Please contact [wholman@uabmc.edu](mailto:wholman@uabmc.edu) to purchase a copy.

In addition to his important medical contributions, Dr. Diethelm was also a longtime supporter of Historical Collections. His generous donations led to the development of the Arnold G. Diethelm American Civil War Medicine Collection.

Additionally, his family donated his personal papers to University Archives and more than 800 important historical books to Reynolds-Finley Historical Library from his personal collections, which are currently being processed and cataloged. Please join us in celebrating the important contributions of Dr. Diethelm. ■



**Order from Chaos**  
*Surgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham  
School of Medicine, 1859-2012*  
**ARNOLD G. DIETHELM, M.D.**  
*Professor Emeritus  
Former Fay Fletcher Kerner Chair  
Department of Surgery*

*Diethelm performed the first kidney transplant—and the first transplant of any kind—in Alabama. Photo: UAB Archives*

## Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences now open during regular operating hours

Public walk-in hours:

noon-5 p.m.  
Tuesday-Saturday  
Lister Hill Library First Floor

**Admission is free!**





# Update: 2024 RFHL Annual Lecture

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jayme E. Locke will be giving the 51st Annual Reynolds-Finley Lecture on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 4 p.m.

Dr. Locke is the Director of the UAB Comprehensive Transplant Institute and the Arnold G. Diethelm Endowed Chair in Transplantation Surgery. More details about this event and her lecture topic to follow. ■



# University Archives featured material for coronation of King Charles III

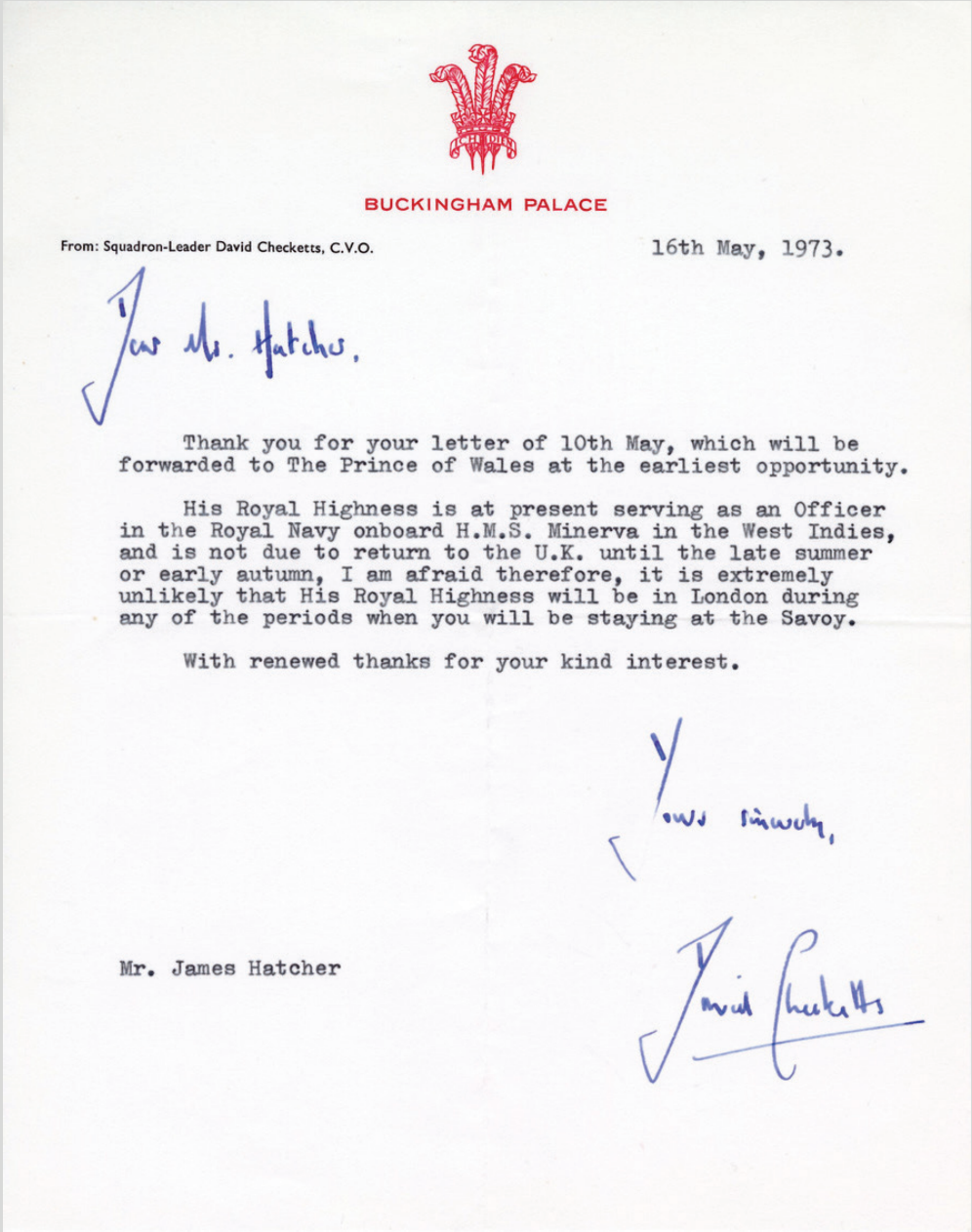
Archives staff pulled together material from several collections to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

On May 6, 2023, Charles III was crowned in Westminster Abbey in London, the 40th monarch to be crowned in the Abbey. While a UAB connection would seem to be rather unlikely, there are materials directly related to the king and his family in several archival collections.

In the collection of Dr. Joseph F. Volker are 1940s photographs of Buckingham Palace and of Westminster Abbey from Volker’s travels in post-war Europe as part of the medical teaching missions of the Unitarian Service Committee.

Another collection that has an interesting item is that of Dr. Emmett B. Carmichael, chair of the biochemistry department and one of the founders of University Libraries’ Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences. Carmichael acquired a first-day-of-issue commemorative stamp created for the investiture of Charles as the 21st Prince of Wales on July 1, 1969; the accompanying commemorative envelope was postmarked that day at Caernarvon, Wales, location of the investiture ceremony.

But the collection which has the most material is that of James F. “Jimmy” Hatcher, a member of the university faculty for four decades (Department of Theatre) and the founding director of the UAB Town and Gown Theatre. Hatcher took several trips to Britain, and his collection includes a vast amount of



A response to longtime faculty member Jimmy Hatcher arrived on official Buckingham Palace letterhead.

material about and items acquired during those trips — tourist pamphlets and brochures from various sites visited in England, Scotland, and Wales, for instance.

As shown in the accompanying photo, Hatcher received a response on official Buckingham Palace letterhead in 1973 from one of the assistants of the then-

Prince of Wales after he had written requesting the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness during a trip to London. The prince was unable to meet with Hatcher.

These and other related items were displayed in May on the first floor near the HUB desk and in the archives on the third floor of Lister Hill Library. ■

## Highlights from the Collections

The Reynolds-Finley Historical Library continues to add to its robust and diverse collections pertaining to the history of the health sciences.

An early work on the history of women’s health was acquired, titled *I secreti Della Signora Isabella Cortese...* (1584), which is an alchemical work attributed to a female author, providing advice to women on health and hygiene.

Additionally, *De medicina Aegyptiorum libri quatuor* (1645), by Prospero Alpini, was purchased for the library and is the first European work on Egyptian medicine.

There also was an important work (along with several others) added to the recently established African American Medical Collection. *Let there be life: the contemporary account of Edna L. Griffin, M. D.* (1947), by Helen Kitchen Branson, traces the hard journey of the first Black female physician in Pasadena, California, as she and many of her patients navigated racial discrimination. These are just some of the additions to the ever-growing collections. ■

*De medicina Aegyptiorum libri quatuor* (1645), by Prospero Alpini





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## New Positions in Historical Collections

### UAB Archivist

A search committee has been formed to recruit a new faculty member for University Archives. The position will report to the University Archivist and will be a member of the HC team. The Archivist will participate in all aspects of the daily activities in University Archives and will work closely with the Digitization and Digital Preservation staff within UAB Libraries. The search committee is comprised by members of the HC team and by employees from across University Libraries; the University Archivist is the committee chair.

### AMHS Collections Manager

This fall, the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences will begin the process of hiring a Collections Manager. A museum collections manager implements collections stewardship policies, practices, and procedures in accordance with the ethics and guidelines of the American Alliance of Museum. This new position will be an integral member of the team supporting the day-to-day management of the collection and museum. ■



*Students walk into Tidwell Hall, home of the College of General Studies, 1966. Photo: UAB Archives*