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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 Tandler, 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

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00007: American Academy of Dermatology, 1985-1986
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00003: American Medical Association Cosmetics Legislation Information, 1974-1978
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
00007: Braille Prescription Label, Children’s Hospital
00008: American Medical Association, 1958-1967
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00001: Commission on Licensure, Healing Arts Practice Act-Framed License
00002: Continuing Medical Education
00003: Contributions
00004: Controlled Substances Renewal Application
00005: Cosmetic Ingredient Review
00006: Court Case-Branch vs. Mennen Company, 1971
00007: Court Case-Revlon vs. Gober, 1961-1962
00008: Court Case-Tubbs vs. CECO, 1979-1980, Dermatology Foundation
00009: Certificate of Membership, Lifetime, 1975
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Classification Committee, 1956-1959
Citizens Council for a Clean Potomac, 1963
Medical Women’s International Association Report on the XIVth Congress, 1974
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00003: Southern Medical Association, 69th Annual Scientific Meeting, 1975
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00004: Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology. July 1976, vol. 6, no. 1
00007: May 1970, vol. 6, no. 5. Naomi Kanof, Guest Editor
00012: Autobiography
00016: Schafer, June Carol, Obituary, Journal of the American Medical Women’s Association
00017: “Careers...in Dermatology”
00018: Correspondence re. special issue on Dermatology
00020: “Cosmetics, the Physician and the Consumer.” Reprint from October 1972, v. 27, n. 10
00021: Curth, Helen O., 1967
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
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
00014: “Gold Leaf in the Treatment of Cutaneous Ulcers.” Reprint from Nov 1964, v. 43, n. 5
00016: *Journal of the American Medical Women’s Association*, March 1986
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
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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
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Box 017:

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
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