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Dear Dr. Richard Berg,

Thank you for your  
letter of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. I'm sorry  
that I have no presidential  
address to send you. I don't  
remember in the early years  
of the NSH that we actually had  
a Ples. Address.

The year I was Pres. I was  
depressed with pneumonia and  
was unable to attend. Dr. McCall  
from Peoria was V.Pres. & Dr.  
W. Schmidt who was my partner  
handled the meeting. I do remember  
the guest speakers we had for  
the Bill Hollidge memorial lecture.  
I will try to make the '07  
meeting.

Sincerely,

James Grogan



# The Warren H. Cole Society

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Dear Dr Berg,

Thank you for your letter of Jan 23, 2007. I have the same 1st name as my father but he passed away on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 1970. Per your request for history and presidential addresses I have scoured the house looking for items pertaining to the formation of the Midwest Surgical Association and his presidential addresses. He was the president in 1958 and 1959. So far I have been unable to locate these but I have found multiple letters from that time pertaining to the formation and goals of the society which I will copy and forward to you. My father was a very unassuming gifted surgeon and he probably did not save his remarks but I will keep looking. Not only was he president of the MSA in 1958 and 1959 but he was instrumental in founding the Warren H. Cole Society and served as president from 1959-1961. Both societies prosper to this day. And I am anxious to see him recognized even 37 years after his death. Only fairly recently

did I know the importance of the MSA  
and his role in its formation when  
Jim Debois wrote and forwarded  
to me a copy of "The History of  
the Midwest Surgical Association."  
I am a member of the Warren H. Cole  
society only because of the legacy  
of my father, having trained  
elsewhere. There are also probably  
photographs in this house of those  
early times and I will keep  
searching for items for you that  
may possibly be used in the  
upcoming meeting in August.  
Thank you for the letter. I  
think you will find the early  
correspondence very interesting.

Sincerely,  
Felix R. Neefrick MD FACS

Please advise me which address is  
preferable for reaching you St Clair  
or Rochester.



PROGRESS NOTES

DATE

Feb. 13, 2007

Dr Bug,

Enclosed are historical items relating to the very beginning of the MSA.

I have written you a letter explaining it was my father who was president in 1958 and 1959. Still trying to find his address and pertinent photographs.

Sincerely,

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