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## ■ ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS

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### Portrait of Paul M. Wood, M.D.



A native Hoosier, Paul Meyer Wood, M.D. (1894–1963), completed medical training in New York, and, following a heart attack, donated his anesthesia library and apparatus collection to the New York Society of Anesthetists (a precursor to the American Society of Anesthesiologists [ASA]). During most of World War II, Librarian-Curator Wood served as ANESTHESIOLOGY business manager and as secretary to both the ASA and the American Board of Anesthesiology. In 1963 Wood succumbed to a massive heart attack while planning his fourth visit to organize collections in Illinois for the newly transplanted ASA. An early champion for professionalizing the ASA, Wood is memorialized by the portrait above that proudly hangs in his namesake library-museum. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in color in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at [www.anesthesiology.org](http://www.anesthesiology.org).)

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