

James Henry Stebbings (1937-2021) was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 5 November 1937. He was married in 1989. From 1955 to 1966, he attended St. Louis University where he received his Bachelors of Science degree in Geography in 1960. In 1969, Stebbings received his Doctorate of Science in epidemiology from The Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. James Stebbings' professional employment included the following. He began his career in 1963 as a Research Assistant in Epidemiology at the University of Buffalo, New York. In 1967, he became the Project Director of a Respiratory Disease Study at the Medical and Health Research Association of New York City until 1970. Dr. Stebbings was an Assistant Professor from 1970 to 1973 in the Division of Epidemiology at the School of Public Health in the University of Minnesota. In 1974, he became an Epidemiologist in the Air Pollutants Branch at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in North Carolina until 1977. He was a Group Leader in Epidemiology Group at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico from 1977 to 1979. He held a tenured Associate Professor position in the Division of Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota from 1980 to 1981. He was the Group Leader of the Epidemiology Group from 1981 to 1990 and also the Section Head (Acting) of the Environmental Health Section from 1987 to 1990 of the Radiological and Environmental Research Division and Biological and Medical Research Division in the Argonne National Laboratory (Operated by the University of Chicago). In 1992, Dr. Stebbings became the Senior Research Epidemiologist of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in the Division of Surveillance, Hazard Evaluations, and Field Studies, in the Energy-Related Health Research Branch in Cincinnati, Ohio until 1993. From 1990 to 1992 and 1994 to 2003, he was the Principal Associate of Midwest Epidemiology Associates in Naperville, Illinois. His professional appointments included five positions. Dr. Stebbings was an Instructor in Epidemiology at Columbia University from 1969 to 1970 and an Assistant in Epidemiology from 1968 to 1969. He was an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Environmental Medicine at New York University from 1968 to 1970. In 1975, he became an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the University North Carolina until 1977. From 1977 to 1979 he was a Clinical Associate in the Department of Family, Community and Emergency Medicine in the School of Medicine at the University of New Mexico. In 1991, Dr. Stebbings became an Adjunct Professor and was an Adjunct Associate Professor from 1982 to 1992 in the Division of Epidemiology and Biometry, School of Public Health at the University of Chicago. James Stebbings produced considerable scholarly and medical articles with numerous journals and publications, but frequently with journals such as; Environmental Research, American Journal of Epidemiology, and Health Physics. His research in the health effects of radium, plutonium, and other radionuclides was of particular importance. Dr. Stebbings held a membership with the Health Physics Society.

Dr. Stebbings was a member of US Grant Camp 68, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for many years, finally departing membership when his health declined in 2020. He derived his right of membership from his ancestor, Jacob Hagle, Private , Co D 119th Illinois Infantry. In 2020, he moved to Napierville, IL, as his ex-wife offered to care for him. He was responsible for the Dept of Missouri SUVCW developing a program to honor students who wrote patriotic history papers over the Civil War. He also donated several items to be sold to support the SUVCW to fund the 2021 National Encampment. While still a member of the camp, he passed away in July 2021.

Donations made by Dr. Stebbings:

Dr. Stebbings has donated records about medical testing and legal research to the University of Colorado at Boulder (45 linear feet, 17 boxes) and the following to the Missouri State Historical Society in Columbia, MO.

Jim Stebbings Photograph Collection (S0811)

Collection Number: S0811

Dates: 1968-2008, bulk 1968-1987

Creator: Stebbings, James Henry, 1937-2021

Abstract: This collection contains photographs taken by Dr. James Stebbings between 1968 and 2008. The images depict the National Stockyards Company, St. Louis Souldard Market and Souldard neighborhood, downtown St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, and Times Beach and Gray Summit, Missouri. Dr. Stebbings was an epidemiologist who studied environmental conditions, and the collection documents instances of environmental disasters.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot

(532 photographs)