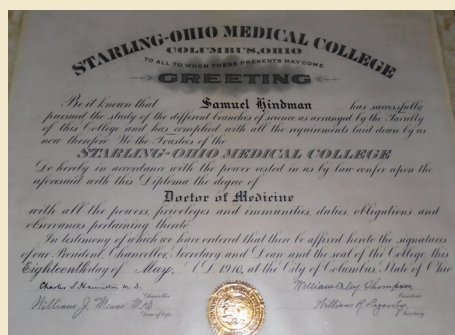


# House Call

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Starling-Ohio Medical College Diploma featuring their seal

## THE MHC MISSION:

The Medical Heritage Center preserves, promotes, teaches and celebrates the health care legacy of central Ohio as the essential foundation from which the future of the health sciences are born.

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## Note from the Curator

By Judith A. Wiener, MA, MLIS

The staff of the Medical Heritage Center has wrapped up another busy year and is looking forward to the exciting things to come in 2016. We had a great time this Fall helping the College of Dentistry conclude their 125th anniversary year by co-hosting a successful lecture event featuring MHC Scholar-in-Residence Robert Stevenson, DDS with related exhibits. We also had the honor of co-hosting another fantastic Burnham lecture with the Department of History, which featured William Summers, PhD, MD, from Yale University. The National Library of Medicine (NLM) traveling exhibit, *Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War*, also drew a variety of visitors to the MHC.

If you missed any of this programming or were left wanting more, you are in luck as we have a busy programming season ahead of us in Spring 2016. We are excited to be able to continue our partnership with The Ohio Nurses Association to co-provide our Annual Friends of Nursing History Lecture on April 21 featuring Joanne Spoth, RN, MBA, President and CEO of the Breathing Association. Our annual James V. Warren Lecture will be held on May 12 and will feature OSU Department of History Associate Professor and MHC Affiliated Scholar, Susan Lawrence, PhD. More details about the lectures will follow on our website and in the mail.

Finally, we are pleased to be hosting the NLM travelling exhibit, *Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington & Medicine*, from April 4 to May 13. The Exhibit explores the story of George Washington's own health and examines the ways in which Washington sought to safeguard the health and wellness of his family, staff, slaves, and troops. Washington's story also illuminates the broader context of the experience of illness and the practice of medicine, which during his time was transitioning from a traditional healer craft to a profession. More information about the exhibit can be found at: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/georgewashington/index.html>

As always, all MHC programs are free and open to the public. We hope to see you at one or more of our events or exhibits in the new year!



2015 Burnham Lecture



## Starling-Ohio Women's Club: A Short History

### By Ruth B. Paulson, DDS

*Club Motto: "Know thyself", says the old philosophy. "Improve thyself", says the new. - Bulwer*

There have been many important celebrations at The Ohio State University in the last two years. The College of Medicine, the College of Nursing and the College of Optometry all marked their 100th year of existence as part of The Ohio State University and this year the College of Dentistry follows with its 125th year anniversary celebration.

This year also marks another noteworthy celebration – the 120th anniversary of the Starling-Ohio Women's Club, one of the longest existing clubs in Central Ohio, with an interesting history dating back to 1895. Over the years the Club has drawn its membership from the female faculty and spouses of male faculty of the Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry, and has served as an important forum to stimulate intellectual development and good fellowship among the members, and to engage in activities of both the Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry. A major goal of the Club has always been to aid students during their professional development by offering loans and scholarships.

The beginning of the Starling-Ohio Women's Club dates to the time before the Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry were incorporated as part of The Ohio State University, which happened in 1914. In 1895 there were two forerunner medical schools; the Starling Medical College, started in 1847, and named for Lyne Starling, the major donor of the first teaching hospital in America; and the larger Ohio Medical University, chartered in 1890. At that time the Ohio Medical University consisted of Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy, and its supporting Protestant Hospital near Goodale Park was located on the site of the former White Cross Hospital. The two schools merged in 1907, and became known as the Starling-Ohio Medical College. The combined name of the medical

school existed for a short time only, because within seven years it was incorporated into the Ohio State University and the name changed again to the College of Medicine and College of Dentistry of The Ohio State University.

In 1895 Ann C. Dunham, wife of the President of the Ohio Medical University, organized the first meeting of the Club, a reception that gathered wives of faculty and the Board of Trustees so that they could socialize with students. She felt that "the social welfare of the student strangers within our gates is very important", further stating that "the world is hungry for friendship". The first reception was even paid for by the Board of Trustees,

but later gatherings were funded by the members themselves. The Women's Club of the Ohio Medical University, as it was known then, met twice a month to offer pleasant social and literary occasions for the students and members of the organization. The dues were set at 50 cents per year! Within a year, in 1896, the Club had grown to 26 members, each taking a turn to give a presentation on historical and literary topics or interesting current events. It was a very active membership indeed, as records show that 21 out of the 26 members gave a presentation that year. Any group nowadays would welcome such enthusiastic participation!

In 1907, when the two schools merged, the Ohio Medical University Women's Club invited the wives of the Starling faculty to become members of their organization. Since the combined colleges took the name of Starling-Ohio Medical College, the Women's Club also became known by the combined name of the Starling-Ohio Women's Club. It is interesting to note that this combined name – Starling-Ohio – by which the club is still known today, is the only organization remaining that still evokes this name of the past.



Club members in 1956. Courtesy of University Archives.





Undated photo of Club Members. Courtesy of University Archives.

During the formative years the club members also reached out to the community as needed. After the Great Flood of 1913 on Easter Sunday in late March destroyed neighborhoods and cost 96 lives in Columbus, members of the club extended their hands to the sufferers. During World War I a monthly “silver offering” was made to the Patriotic Fund for the Red Cross; members also participated in other activities, like knitting and rolling of bandages. During World War II the Club continued to make annual donations to the Red Cross Fund and also to the War Chest. Closer to home, the Club made generous donations to the Columbus Association for the Blind, and for many years made contributions to the Children’s Ward at the University Hospital at Christmas time.

In 1926 a fire destroyed the small business of a senior dental student who had used the income from his business to pay his educational and living expenses. Starling-Ohio members quickly came to his aid by offering him a cash gift, enabling him to restart his business and remain in school. This incident sparked the awareness of the need for a student loan fund, which was offered every year to both medical and dental students to tide them over hard times. Over the years, as the membership grew to near 400, a major portion of the dues was earmarked for the loan fund. In 1990 Starling-Ohio ended the student loan fund and established instead the Student Scholarship Fund. The scholarships are awarded up to \$7,000 per year, equally divided among medical and dental students. The anticipated amount of each scholarship is between \$1,000 and \$1,500 dollars. In time contributions from dues and individual donations have accrued to a sizeable \$174,000 dollar endowment that continues our commitment to aid students.

Over the years the Club has held various events, such as silver teas, bridge parties and variety shows. During the early years of the Club, in 1933, Dr. John Means, Dr. Edwin Hamilton and Dr. and Mrs. Link Murphy organized and participated in a variety show that featured 10 dancers and singers, with donations designated for the student loan fund. The names of these multigenerational medical families still have a prominent presence on the medical campus today. In 1970 the Club celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with festive events and published a summary of its 75 year history. Occasional participation of our male colleagues and husbands has continued at Valentine dinners, and several, including Dr. Manuel Tzagournis, have been spotted walking down the raised platforms during a fashion show, modeling a spiffy new suit or sporty vacation clothes. Joint meetings were often held with other groups, like the OSU Medical Center Service Board, the Columbus Medical Association Alliance, Auxiliaries to the Dental and Medical Societies and others. Club members frequently made educational trips to the Art Gallery, as the Columbus Museum of Art was known earlier, or to attend Lectures of Note to hear speakers like Marian Anderson, Vincent Price, or Rabbi Jerome Folkman.



Club members in 1975-1976. Courtesy of University Archives.

Today Starling-Ohio Club is seeking to continue its commitment to fellowship and intellectual growth of its members and to widen its membership base by forming new and mutually beneficial associations with the Medical Heritage Center and the Medicine and the Arts program. The educational opportunities of our members will be greatly enhanced by the awareness of lectures and various events that both organizations offer.

Our presence and participation with the Medicine and the Arts program will not only raise the awareness of Starling-Ohio and its long-standing commitment to aiding students during their professional development, but also give our members new outreach opportunities to students in both Colleges.



One hundred and twenty years ago the founders of our group perceived the need for fellowship, collaboration and a chance to give to others. Now more than ever we hope to continue our mission and we invite you to join us in our journey.

If you are interested in continuing the legacy of Starling-Ohio Women's Club, please contact Barbara Weaver at [jweaver2@insight.rr.com](mailto:jweaver2@insight.rr.com), or Ruth Paulson at [rpaulson@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rpaulson@columbus.rr.com)

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Seal Press

## Collection Highlight: Starling-Ohio Medical College Embrosser Press

Starling-Ohio Medical College was formed in 1907 through a merger of Ohio Medical University (1890-1907) and Starling Medical College (1842-1907). The College operated until 1914 when it was acquired by The Ohio State University to form their Colleges of Dentistry and Medicine.

The seal of this cast iron embrosser press features cupid, mountains and a snake in the inner circle with the words "The Starling Ohio Medical College Columbus, Ohio" in the outer circle. The press is part of the Medical Heritage Center Artifact Collection.



Close-up of Seal on Press

## Digital Storytelling Course

Medical Heritage Center Curators, Judy Wiener and Kristin Rodgers, co-taught another Digital Storytelling in the MHC course this Fall semester with Brian Leaf, Instructional Design Librarian from Thompson Library. The 2 credit-hour undergraduate course introduced students to the MHC and taught them how to conduct research, particularly in health sciences libraries and in special collections. This year, 14 students participated and each selected an artifact from the MHC collections to create and build a digital story around. Final projects from the course can be viewed here: <http://go.osu.edu/DS2015>



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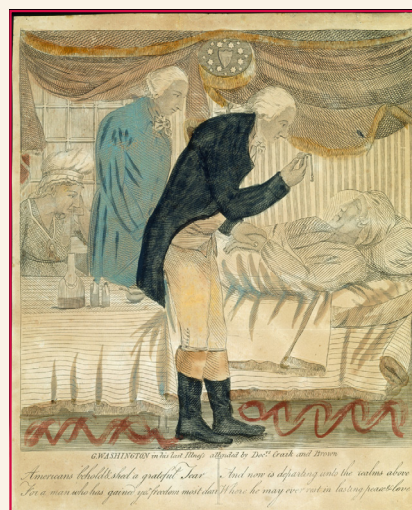
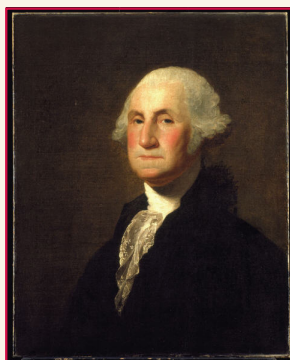
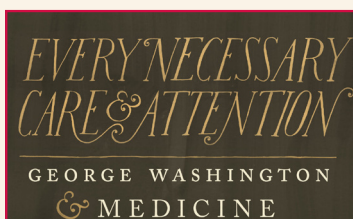
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Washington in his last illness  
Courtesy Mount Vernon Ladies'  
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