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"...for health is the second blessing that we Mortals are capable of..." Izaak Walton

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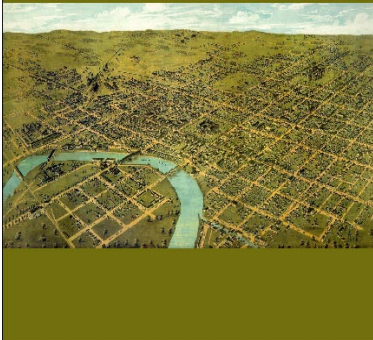
The Medical Heritage Center is proud to announce the publication of The Second Blessing: Columbus Medicine and Health, The Early Years. Filled with rich illustrations, the book is the culmination of a ten-year project for its authors and the Medical Heritage Center at the Prior Health Sciences Library, The Ohio State University. The idea for the work came to the co-authors, Charles F. Wooley and Barbara A. Van Brimmer, when assembling collections for the newly-formed repository in 1997. The book was published due to the generous support of the Columbus Medical Association Foundation who provided a matching grant opportunity to the Medical Heritage Center in 2002. The late Barbara A. Van Brimmer served as the Medical Heritage Center's first curator and Charles F. Wooley served as a scholar-in-residence at the Medical Heritage Center. He is currently an affiliated scholar with the institution.

Information about how to order the book can be found at the Medical Heritage website: <http://mhc.med.ohio-state.edu/> or by calling 614-292-9273.

In the following article, Wooley outlines the book's contents and encourages the reader to follow him on an exploration of the health sciences heritage of central Ohio.

The Second Blessing: Columbus Medicine and Health The Early Years

Charles F. Wooley and Barbara A. Van Brimmer



Book Summary by co-author Charles F. Wooley

The Second Blessing is a unique regional history describing the origins of medicine, health, health care, medical education, and public health in metropolitan Columbus, Franklin County, and Central Ohio. Beginning with the frontier settlements in Central Ohio, the narrative extends through statehood in 1803, and continues and expands throughout the nineteenth century, culminating with the establishment of The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1914.

Remarkable figures and innovative institutions grace the pages. Lucas Sullivant, founder of Franklinton, and two of his three sons, William and Joseph, were major figures in fostering science and higher education throughout the nineteenth century. Sullivant's brother-in-law, Lyne Starling, was the founder of the Starling Medical College. The Sullivants and the Starlings left a rich legacy that involved the first medical college Starling Medical College, St. Francis Hospital, Columbus public schools and The Ohio State University.

Thomas Worthington's daughter, Sarah Worthington Peter, emerges as a dynamic figure in international philanthropy. She was involved in bringing several orders of nursing sisters to the United States, first to Cincinnati and then to Columbus. She sponsored a group of Franciscan Sisters from Germany who established St. Francis Hospital at the Starling Medical College, a major presence in downtown Columbus for a century.

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Defining moments in medicine and health care occurred during the U.S. Civil War as Columbus and Central Ohio physicians went off to war and came back with new concepts about hospitals, medical care, hygiene, nursing, and surgery. The Camp Chase saga on the Hilltop involved Confederate soldiers who, as prisoners of war, were sent to Columbus. Illness and malnutrition supervened and 2,600 died. The echoes remain today amidst the Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery, located at 2900 Sullivant Avenue, just west of downtown Columbus (Franklin Township, Franklin County).

After the establishment of Starling Medical College and St. Francis Hospital, several medical schools were established, each affiliated or associated with the new hospitals- Mt. Carmel, Protestant Hospital (later White Cross Hospital), St. Anthony's, Grant, and St. Anne's.

Public health services were either non-existent or abysmal during most of the nineteenth century. Public Health organizations were formed in a piecemeal fashion as epidemic diseases swept through Central Ohio and Columbus on a regular basis during an era when disease was poorly understood. Gradually, at the city, county, and state levels, a cross section of dedicated individuals from the civilian populace, the legislature, and the medical community brought a semblance of order to chaos, but the way was never easy or smooth.

In her remarkable book, *We Too Built Columbus* (Stoneman press, 1936), Ruth Young White describes how Columbus women entered into organized health care and medical matters primarily through philanthropy. During the mid-to-late nineteenth century, after the frontier had passed, a class of individuals emerged with the means and the vision to originate and develop philanthropy within the area. A sense of belonging and permanence within the community were prerequisites; such activities would not have been possible when the early settlers and migrants were functioning in survival mode in a hostile environment. Developments in agriculture, industry, business, and transport provided the basis for regional prosperity, as nineteenth-century Columbus matured from settlement to village to town to wealthy city.

In accordance with these mid-to-late-nineteenth-century trends, community philanthropy in Columbus had roots in religious groups, women's organizations and movements, well-to-do individuals, and secular groups. Philanthropic expressions in Columbus focused on the least fortunate—widows, orphans, the sick poor, unwed mothers—and interfaced with educational, medical, and health-related needs of the community. As a cultured society emerged, women formed organizations or societies that addressed needs as they perceived them. The result was a merger of philanthropic activities with medical care throughout the community. A num-

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Second Blessing co-authors Charles F. Wooley and Barbara A. Van Brimmer.

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ber of celebrated local, regional, and national figures assumed leadership roles in the changing nineteenth-century social milieu in central Ohio.

The early Columbus physicians were a dedicated band, and their successors came from near and far with a broad spectrum of educational backgrounds.

The presence of the medical schools in Columbus had a major impact on the level of professional competence and medical care that persists to the present. The phy-

sicians formed professional organizations and the surviving society, the Columbus Academy of Medicine was a formidable presence in Central Ohio well into the late twentieth century as predecessor to the Columbus Medical Association. The roster of Columbus Academy of Medicine presidents constitutes a hall of fame in the medical community.

There is still much more to tell. However, the sum total of the history of Columbus medicine and health during the early years is truly remarkable with profound influences on the community at large in the twenty-first century.

2007 Spring Programming Announced

2007 Annual Friends of Nursing History Lecture

Linda Baas, RN “Nursing Leaders in the State of Ohio”

May 10, 2007, reception at 4pm and lecture at 4:30-6pm

This presentation will provide an overview of the influential early nursing leaders in the State of Ohio. Their efforts brought about many changes that resulted in improved nursing education, establishment of the first nursing organization in Ohio, and leadership in protecting the public through licensure. Nursing has since flourished in the state, and we owe much to these committed and visionary nurses. Held during National Nursing Week, the MHC will also feature nursing artifacts from its collections.

Baas is a Professor of Nursing, Director of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) Program at the University of Cincinnati. She also works part time as an ACNP at the University of Cincinnati Hospital Heart Failure Program.

One nursing contact hour will be awarded and registration will be provided on-site for credit.

The Ohio Nurses Foundation (OBN-001-91) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

This event is free and open to the public and is co-provided by the Ohio Nurses Association and the Nursing Steering Committee of the Medical Heritage Center. For further details, please visit our website at <http://mhc.med.ohio-state.edu/> or call 614-292-9273.

Medical Heritage Center 10th Anniversary Celebration

James V. Warren Memorial Endowed Lecture

Charles F. Wooley, MD

May 17, 2007 4:30-7pm

Join us for a celebration of the Medical Heritage Center’s 10th anniversary and learn more about what is ahead for the institution in the future!

The evening will start at 4:30pm with a reception and will be followed at 5pm with the Annual James V. Warren Endowed Lecture in the Medical Humanities. This year, Charles F. Wooley, co-author of the new MHC publication *The Second Blessing: Columbus Medicine and Health, The Early Years*, will serve as the Warren lecturer and will focus on the creation and content of the work.

Join us after the lecture for a book signing and for the opening of a new exhibit celebrating the collections of the Medical Heritage Center and highlighting the themes of the book.

This event is free and open to the public. For further details, please visit our website at <http://mhc.med.ohio-state.edu/> or call 614-292-9273.

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