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MHC to Relocate for Building Expansion Project

The College of Medicine education expansion to the Prior Library building will begin this summer. The project will add two floors to the library's five story building and the new sixth floor will be inter-disciplinary training and education space for students/clinicians to practice clinical skills. For example, the new floor will include critical care rooms, procedures lab, ultrasound lab and a seminar room. The current construction project does not include finishing the interior space on the seventh floor.

To enable this growth, the Medical Heritage Center (MHC) staff and collections of rare books, archives, and artifacts will be relocated during the renovation of the building for a period of approximately 18 months. The collections will be closed for a brief period of time this summer to allow the staff and contractors time to pack, inventory, and move.

During the construction period, the MHC staff offices will be relocated to the OSU Biological Sciences/Pharmacy Library at 496 West 12th Avenue, Columbus, OH. Most of the collections will be housed off-site and will be available by appointment to researchers.

In addition to the educational expansion space, a number of building improvements will be made that will improve the library and MHC facility. The entire building will receive a fire suppression system. The MHC collection areas will receive updated environmental, fire, and water-proofing systems to protect the collections in the future. The MHC will move back into the 5th floor of the Prior Health Sciences Library after construction is completed. Please visit our website or contact Judith Wiener at judith.wiener@osumc.edu or 614-292-9273 for more relocation and accessibility information.



Drawing depicting the new look of the Prior Library building after the addition of two floors.

Material Donations Advance the Mission of the MHC

At its inception, the Medical Heritage Center (MHC) began acquiring historical material and artifacts that speak to central Ohio's rich health sciences history. All of the MHC collections are housed in a temperature and humidity-controlled environment. These collections include rare books, archives and artifacts.

The rare book collection is comprised of over 12,000 volumes representing limited edition and one-of-a-kind monographs dating back to 1555. Nearly all subject areas of the health sciences are represented. A large majority of the collection's materials are in English; however, texts of note in Latin, German, and other foreign languages are also represented.

The Center's archives include over 85 collections from regional and nationally recognized luminaries such as Arthur G. James, M.D., William G. Myers, M.D., Ph.D., and Robert Zollinger, M.D., as well as medical organizations such as the Ohio Health Sciences Library Association and the Mid-Ohio District Nurses Association.

The artifact collection represents medical equipment used as early as the 1800's and ranges from those now perceived as quackery to those that were truly innovations of their time. The MHC is also home to a growing collection of textiles representing the history of the health sciences. A particular strength is present in the history of nursing.

Gifts of books, archives, and artifacts are accepted based on seven criteria. Those criteria are: (1) generally not duplicated within the OSUL system; (2) fall within the collection's primary purpose of collecting the health sciences history of central Ohio; (3) published before 1975; (4) uniqueness; (5) completeness of the item; (6) condition of the item; and, (7) added value for other holdings. Materials not collected include (1) current and non-rare journals and books that are better suited to the more accessible and circulating general collection of the Prior Health Sciences Library; (2) subjects generally excluded because they are collected or available at other locations include veterinary medicine, pharmaceutical, pediatrics, psychology; agricultural sciences, biological sciences, audiology, speech and hearing disorders, human ecology, law, biochemistry, bioengineering, social work, and women studies; and, (3) any materials that require a large amount of storage space not available within the MHC.

We continue to build our collections to preserve the health sciences legacy of central Ohio for present and future generations. If you would like to contribute to this endeavor through material donations, please contact MHC Collections Curator, Kristin Rodgers at kristin.rodgers@osumc.edu or 614-292-9966.

Recent Donations

The MHC would like to thank the following donors for their recent generous donations:

Material

Dr. Charles Cerney (additions to the Charles I. Cerney Medical Stamp Collection) • Mr. Yousef Marzeki (book) • National Center for Homeopathy (books and journals) • Mrs. Tarita Noble (nursing and public health booklets) • OSU College of Nursing • Drs. George and Ruth Paulson • Dr. Alfred Stockum (glass x-ray) • Dr. Andrew Thomas (books) • Ms. Natalie Wheeler, given in the name of Norman Wheeler, MD and Wayne Wheeler, MD (doctor's bag) • Mrs. Lucia Wooley (additions to the Charles F. Wooley, MD Collection)

Monetary

Dr. Edwin and Mrs. Nancy Hamilton (in memory of Judge Dean Strausbaugh) • Mrs. Karen Lane (in honor of Debbie Freece) • Dr. Charles V. Meckstroth • Dr. David and Mrs. Shelia Taft

MHC Scholarship Update

The past year has once again been a busy year for scholarship in the MHC.

The monthly writing workshop had a very productive year and reviewed ten publications on a variety of subjects. The workshop, co-hosted by John C. Burnham, PhD, and Judith Wiener, MA, MLIS, provides an environment for writers in the history of medicine to present and receive feedback on their work. Topics covered this year included the history of Grant Hospital, the League of Nations Health Organization, and the medical care of slaves. The object of the writing workshop is to encourage and promote the production and publication of medical history, which is a major part of the mission of the Medical Heritage Center.

The MHC scholar-in-residence program was, likewise, as productive. Judith Wiener, editor Ann Elliott, and Dr. Earl Metz continued their work on completing the monograph about former dean Charles Austin Doan. This work was started by former scholar-in-residence Charles F. Wooley (1929-2008) during his term in office and is expected to be published next year.

Affiliated John Burnham, PhD spent most of his 2009-2010 MHC scholar time working on his survey of the history of American medicine. Because this year he was writing on the twentieth century, which scholars have not addressed systematically, he has had to go back mainly to original sources and did not get quite up to 1970. He is, nevertheless, closing in on the end of this book. His other main project was to organize and chair an international conference at the New York Academy of Medicine marking the centennial of Sigmund Freud's visit to the United States in 1909. Burnham is editing the papers from that symposium into a book. During the year, he also presented an invited paper on the different audiences for psychoanalysis, at a conference in Vienna; spoke in New York in connection with the Freud visit centennial; and commented on a session on the history of natural disasters (which are akin to epidemics in history) at the Policy History Conference. He published a paper in an edited volume on International Relations in Psychiatry, and the leading British journal, *Medical History*, accepted for publication an innovative paper on transnational psychiatry and medicine in the twentieth century.

Scholar-in-Residence George W. Paulson, MD, completed his work on a reference volume highlighting individuals who contributed to the development of The Ohio State University Medical Center. The book, *In Pursuit of Excellence: The Ohio State University Medical Center – From 1834 to 2010*, is currently in the layout phase of publication and will be available for sale next year. In addition to this work, Paulson also provided several lectures in his area of expertise including highlighting the publication of his last book, *Arthur G. James Surgeon with a Dream*, with Kristin R. Rodgers, MLIS. Paulson will provide a lecture about the book, along with a book signing at the MHC in the fall.

MHC Summer Book Sale

Stock up on summer reading material at the MHC book sale, featuring topics in local health sciences history. Visit our website at <http://mhc.med.ohio-state.edu/11500.cfm> for order forms or call 614-292-9966 for ordering information.

An Extraordinary Surgeon: James Fairchild Baldwin, M.D. 1850-1936. By George W. Paulson. \$12.

Arthur G. James Surgeon with a Dream. By George W. Paulson and Kristin Rodgers. \$25.

John Howell Janeway Upham, M.D., 1871-1960: The Survival Years. By Charles Wooley and Barbara Van Brimmer. \$12.

The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Volume III, 1998. By George W. Paulson. \$30.

The Second Blessing: Columbus Medicine and Health The Early Years. By Charles Wooley and Barbara Van Brimmer. \$45.

William Thorthon, M.D. Gentleman of the Enlightenment. By George Paulson, MD. \$10.