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**TITLE:** Olof Larsell Papers

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** 1999-011

### **OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

**Dates:** 1813-1952

**Extent:** 4 boxes      2.46 linear feet

**Language and Scripts:** The collection is in English

**Name of creators:** Olof Larsell

#### **Administrative/Biographical History:**

Olof Larsell was born in Rattvik, Sweden on March 13, 1886. Larsell moved with his family to the United States in 1891 and settled in Oregon in 1907. He earned his undergraduate degree at McMinnville College, now known as Linfield College, in 1910, an MA at Northwestern in Evansville Illinois in 1914 and a PhD. in philosophy at the University of Chicago in 1918. In 1937, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Linfield College. Larsell was considered a prominent educator and author in the field of anatomy and won international fame for his research on the cerebellum. He was a noted researcher in the structures of the brain, nervous system, sinuses and lungs. He served as an instructor of biology at Linfield (1910), taught zoology at Northwestern (1915 - 1918) and was associate professor of anatomy at the University of Wisconsin (1918 - 1920). He served as associate professor at Northwestern in 1920 and accepted an appointment at the University of Oregon Medical School in 1921 as professor of anatomy. He held this position until 1952. In 1952 he moved to Minnesota to become professor of neuroanatomy at the University of Minnesota until 1954. He then spent a year at the University of Oslo in Norway on a Fulbright Fellowship before returning to Portland to continue his research on the cerebellum at Good Samaritan Hospital. In addition to publishing numerous journal articles, he published several books, two of the most notable being, *The Doctor In Oregon: A Medical History* [Portland: Binsford and Mort for the Oregon Historical Society, 1947] and a work of three volumes: *The Comparative Anatomy and Histology of the Cerebellum*

*From Myxinoids Through Birds* [Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1967], *The Comparative Anatomy and Histology of the Cerebellum From Monotremes Through Apes* [Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1970], and *The Comparative Anatomy and Histology of the Cerebellum, Cerebellar Connections and Cerebellar Cortex*, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1972]. The last of the three volumes was not complete at the time of Larsell's death, so Dr. Jan Jensen of Norway, editor of the first two volumes, and a world renowned expert on the anatomy of the brain, completed the book. Larsell authored a chapter entitled "Anatomy of the Nervous System", for Sir Henry Morris' *Human Anatomy*, with illustrations by Clarice Ashworth, noted medical illustrator at the University of Oregon Medical School. In addition he was Dean of the Graduate Division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education from 1938 to 1946, a member of the editorial board for *The Journal of Comparative Neurology*, consulting editor for *The Journal of History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* and trustee and president of the board of trustees at Linfield College. Known for his enduring energy, at 78 years of age, he was working on the final chapter of his monumental monograph on the cerebellum and continuing unfinished neurological research when he died on April 8, 1964.

### **Publications**

See Related Materials section.

### **Scope and Content Description:**

Collection includes photographs, publications, manuscripts, notebooks, and other materials. Bulk of materials used by Larsell in writing *The Doctor in Oregon: a Medical History*. Also includes two letter openers and a fountain pen.

### **Arrangement:**

Materials are arranged by type, although Box 4 includes all types of materials used in the writing of *The Doctor in Oregon: a Medical History*.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:**

#### **Acquisition Information**

These papers were created and/or collected by Olof Larsell. Larsell donated the materials on June 10, 1952, and they were transferred to the University of Oregon Medical School Library. The collection was processed by OHSU Library Special Collections staff in the fall of 1999.

#### **Processing Note**

None

#### **Separated Materials**

None

### **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

#### **Restrictions on Access**

The collection is open to the public.

#### **Technical Access**

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### RELATED MATERIALS

This list is not a complete record of publications by O. Larsell. It represents only a range of readings available at this library for those who wish to pursue the study of either Larsell or the history of medicine in the Pacific Northwest.

#### Biographical Files

*Anatomy of the Nervous System.* 2nd. ed. New York: Appleton - Century - Crofts, 1951.  
WL101 L335a 1951

*Anatomy of the Nervous System, a Textbook from the Developmental and Functional Point of View, and Atlas of the Nervous System of Man.* New York: Appleton - Century, 1942. WL101L335a 1942

*Anders Adolf Retzius.* Portland, Oregon, 1923. [read before the UOMS History Club February, 1923, first meeting]. R131.5 L33 1923

Bibliography of Staff Contributions from the Department of Anatomy. Portland, Oregon: University of Oregon Medical School, [1948]. QM22 066 [1948?]

Collected reprints from the University of Oregon Medical School. Portland, Oregon, 1923. W6 C697

*The Comparative Anatomy and Histology of the Cerebellum.* Jan Jansen ed. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1967. QL937 L33 1967-1972

*The Development of Medical Education in the Pacific Northwest.* Eugene: Koke-Chapman, 1924. [read before the UOMS History Club, February 21, 1924]. R131.8 L33 [1924?]

*The Doctor in Oregon: A Medical History.* Portland: Binsford and Mort for the Oregon Historical Society, 1947. WZ70 A07 L33d 1947

“The Ganglia, Plexuses, and Nerve Terminator. The Mammalian Lung and Pleura

Pulmonalis. “ 1922. [reprint from *The Journal Of Comparative Neurology*, v.35, no.1, December, 1922]. WF600 L344g 1922

“Joseph Henry Wythe, 1822 - 1901.” Portland. 1925. [read before the UOMS History Club, January 16, 1925]. R154 W9 L33 1925

“Nerve Terminations in the Lung of the Rabbit.” 1921. [reprint from *The Journal Of Comparative Neurology*, v. 33, no. 2, June, 1921]. WF600 L344n 1921

“The Nervous System.” 1942. [reprint of Section VIII of Morris’ *Human Anatomy*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed.]. WL100 L344n 1942

“An Outline of the History of Medicine in the Pacific Northwest.” In *Northwest Medicine*, August - December, 1932. WZ70 DA2 L33 1932

Proceedings of the Alumni Meeting of the Alumni Association. Medical School of the University of Oregon. W19.5 A07 U59

“Some Aspects of the Innervation of the Lung.” 1923. [reprint from *Northwest Medicine*, v.22, no.9]. WF600 L344S 1923

*Textbook of Neuro-anatomy and the Sense Organs*. New York: Appleton - Century, 1939. WL700 L334t 1939

## NOTES

None

## SUBJECTS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the online catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Larsell, Olof, 1886-1964.  
University of Oregon. Medical School.  
History of Medicine -- Oregon.  
Physicians -- Oregon.  
Schools, Medical -- Oregon  
Nervous System -- anatomy & histology.  
Cerebellum -- anatomy & histology.

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Box 1

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographs were used in *The Doctor In Oregon: A Medical History*. Various sizes, bulk 3 x 4, 4 x 5 and 5 x 7. [Collected 1922 - 1947]

<u>Item#</u>	<u>Figure#</u>
1	F.1 Fort Astoria 1813. From Franchere's narrative of <i>Voyage to Northwest Coast of America</i> . (New York, 1854)
2	F.2 Chinook Indian woman with infant undergoing process of head flattening. From Catlin's <i>North American Indian</i> . (London, 1841)
3	F.3 Archibald Menzies (1784 - 1842)
4	F.4 Fort Vancouver circa 1845
5	F.5 Dr. John McLaughlin (1784 - 1857)
6	F.6 Dr. William Fraser Tolmie (1812 - 1886)
7	F.7 A page from Dr. John Scouler's journal, describing Indian with distended caecum.
8	F.8 A memorandum of a page from Dr. Forbes Barclay's case book
9	F.9 Dr. Forbes Barclay (1812 - 1873)
10	F.10 Dr. William Cameron McKay (1834 - 1893)
11	F.11 Certificate of admission of Dr. Forbes Barclay to Royal College of Surgeons in London, 1838
12	F.12 The Whitman Mission at Waiilatpu, 1843
13	F.13 Dr. Ralph Wilcox (1818 - 1877)
14	F.14 Dr. James McBride, Yamhill County (1800 - 1874)
15	F.15 Dr. J. R. Bayley, Corvallis and Newport (1820 - 1901)
16	F.16 Dr. Robert Bruce Wilson (1828 - 1887)
17	F.17 Dr. David Swinson Maynard, Seattle (1808 - 1973)
18	F.18 Dr. Rodney Glisan (1827 - 1890)
19	F.20 Dr. J. H. Wythe, 1822 - 1901
20	F.21 Saddle bags brought to Oregon by Dr. A. B. Westerfield in 1852. Used by Dr. Westerfield's father in War of 1812, by himself in Mexican war and in Oregon, and by Dr. Alfred C. Kinney in Oregon when he began practice in 1872.
21	F.22 Surgical kit
22	F.23 [Dr. J. C. Hawthorne, 1819 - 1881]
23	F.24 William Henry Saylor M.D. (1843 - 1904)
24	F.25 Dr. L. L. Rowland (1831 - 1908)
25	F.26 Dr. James A. Richardson, Salem and The Dalles (1840 - 1911)
26	F.27 Dr. Harry Lane (1855 - 1917)
27	F.28 Dr. F. B. Eaton (1852 - 1938)
28	F.29 Dr. J. W. Howard, Oregon City [1853 - 1906]
29	F.30 Dr. J. F. Calbraith, 1883, Lafayette, Oregon (1854 - 1939)
30	F.31 Dr. Otto Binswanger, about 1882 (1854 - 1917)
31	F.32 Henry Waldo Coe, M. D. (1857 - 1927)
32	F.33 Dr. Arthur Dean Bevan, first professor of anatomy, UOMS, 1886 - 1887 (1862 - 1943)
33	F.35 Announcement of 1869 - 1870 session. Willamette University Medical Department. Salem, Oregon
34	F.36 Faculty list of Willamette medical Department, 1871
35	F.37 Willamette Medical Department, 15 <sup>th</sup> and Couch Street. Portland, Oregon.

- Erected 1889
- 36 F.38 Willamette University Medical Building. Salem, Oregon.
- Erected 1905
- 37 F.39 Note of University of Oregon Medical Department Faculty  
for funds to purchase first building to house the department in 1887
- 38 F.43 Baby Clinic at the Portland Free Dispensary
- 39 F.44 University of Oregon Medical School and Hospitals, 1940
- 40 F.45 Dr. S. E. Josephi (1849 - 1935)
- 41 F.47 Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie (1859 - 1920)
- 42 F.49 Title page of Vol. 1, Number 1, Oregon Medical and  
Surgical Reporter
- 43 F.50 Title page of Vol. 1, Number 1, Oregon Medical Journal
- 44 F.51 Title page of Vol. 1, Number 1, Pacific Medical Record
- 45 F.52 Dr. Mary Anna Cooke Thompson (1825 - 1919)
- 46 F.53 Dr. Bethenia Owens-Adair (1840 - 1926)
- 47 F.54 Dr. Ziba Bass Nichols (1821 - 1907)
- 48 F.55 Membership certificate no.1 of the Medical Society of the  
Third Judicial District
- 49 F.56 Certificate of membership in Oregon State Medical Society
- 50 F.57 Title page and first page of Portland Medical Society
- 51 F.58 Signatures to constitution of Portland Medical Society
- 52 F.59 Fee schedule of Portland Medical Society in 1893
- 53 F.60 Sketches of Oregon physicians made by Edward S.  
Reynolds the well known cartoonist, at the meeting of the Oregon State  
Medical Society in Portland, September 9 and 10, 1915 (17 figures with  
names and remarks)
- 54 F.63 State Board of Health, 1905 - 1910
- 55 F.64 First State Board of Medical Examiners, 1889
- 56 F.65 Old St. Vincent Hospital on 12<sup>th</sup> and Marshall, Portland,  
Oregon
- 57 F.66 Operating room at Old St. Vincent Hospital
- 58 F.67 Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon, 1875
- 59 F.68 Good Samaritan Hospital, circa 1892
- 60 F.69 Portland, Oregon, circa 1882
- 61 F.70 Oregon Hospital for the Insane, Portland, Oregon, 1862 -  
1883
- 62 F.71 Group of doctors at Old St. Vincent Hospital
- 63 F.72 Group of doctors at Good Samaritan Hospital
- 64 [n#] Willamette Medical Department building in Portland

\*Copy of the book jacket and partial list of the photographs included in *The Doctor in Oregon: A Medical History*.

\*Photograph 63 and the copies of the book jacket and photo list have been removed to a folder because of size, and placed in box 3/folder 9.

**Box 2**  
PUBLICATIONS

- Larsell, Olof. *The Development of Medical Education in the Pacific Northwest*. Eugene: Koke-Chapman Co., [1924?]. 15 x 22.5 cm.
- Brochure: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Post Graduate Session with Ernst A. Sommer Memorial Lectures, University of Oregon Medical School Alumni, 1942, held in Portland, Oregon, March 23 - 27. 15.5 x 23 cm.

#### NOTEBOOKS

- Handwritten by Larsell. University of Wisconsin. 1918. 19 x 24 cm.
- Handwritten by Larsell. Experiments on the hyla regilla. [undated] 14 x 23 cm.
- Handwritten, titled Research Protocols, O. Larsell. [undated] 15 x 23 cm.
  - Front page: *Journal Kept by David Douglas During His Travels in North America 1823 - 1827*. Edited by W. Wilkes. William Wesley and Son. London. 1914.
  - Protocols begin on page 12

#### MISCELLANY

- \*Two letter openers and a fountain pen, a gift of the Larsell estate, received December 15, 1965 (note: wooden letter opener is broken in three parts)

#### **Box 3**

#### MANUSCRIPTS

##### 3/1 – 3/3

- Notes, handwritten and typescript, with reference citations. No discernible order was found. [undated] Table of contents in folders 1 and 2. NOTE: Though not certain it is most probably notes for the last volume on the cerebellum

##### 3/4 – 3/6

- Page proofs: Olof Larsell, “Anatomy of the Nervous System”. Section VIII in Morris’ *Human Anatomy*. 11<sup>th</sup> ed. 1951 - 1952. Not in consistent numerical order.

##### 3/7

- Materials added to the collection by Larsell donated by Fred Lockley, received January 12, 1948
  - Note of deposit of \$25.00 by Fred Brown for the privilege of selling liquors in Jackson county, 1858, signed by D. Limm, treasurer.
  - Statement made by J. C. Bett M. D., in Jackson County, that payment had not been made to him for services rendered, March 4, 1875

##### 3/8

- 5 drawings and one negative of figures for “Anatomy of the Nervous System”, in Morris’ *Human Anatomy*.
- nerves of the lung

##### 3/9

- Photograph 63, copy of the jacket cover for *The Doctor in Oregon*, partial list of photos included in the book

## Box 4

Materials used in writing *The Doctor in Oregon: A Medical History* [1922 - 1947]

4/1

- Letters about typhoid and malaria in Oregon
- Physician biographies
- Creation of counties in Oregon
- The development of newspapers
- Printing plants
- Examples of business cards
- Condition of medical education in Oregon

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- Extracts from minutes of Board of Trustees, Willamette University pertaining to the medical school
- The History of Medicine in the John Day Valley*, by Robert E. Begg. Read before the University of Oregon Medical History Club, April 6, 1937
- Physician biographies
- History of Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Curry and Coos Counties*, by A. J. Walling, Portland, Oregon. 1884
- List of doctors by counties
- Medical societies
- Information on counties in Oregon
- Portland Free Dispensary
- Medical school moving to Marquam Hill
- Medical school departments, faculty and staff

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- Physician biographies

4/4

- Sol Tetherow, *Wagon Master of an Expedition to Oregon 1845*.
- Pharmaceutical recipes
- Story of Jack Ramsey, the red-headed Chinook Indian
- Early surgery
- Letter from Rachel Good to Larsell of the story of Dr. William Masten who amputated his own leg
- Legends for figures, *The Doctor in Oregon: A Medical History*
- Alphabetical index list for *The Doctor in Oregon: A Medical History*

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- Information on cities in Oregon
- Information on hospitals in Oregon
- Notes to Chapter I of *The Doctor in Oregon: A Medical History*. "Medicine Among the Indians" with corrections

4/6

- The Fur Traders of the Far West*, Alex Ross. 1855
- Sources for the *History of Oregon: The Correspondence and Journals of Nathaniel Wyeth*.
- Physician biographies
- Letter from Ralph C. Ely, grandson of Dr. C. J. Smith to Larsell, announcing the death of his grandfather
- Reprint of *Medical Organization*, by Park Weed Willis M. D., Seattle, Washington: 1910
- Information on Indians and medical practice
- Bibliographies pertaining to Northwest Indians