

**Oregon Health & Science University
Historical Collections & Archives**

**Ivan M. Woolley Collection
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Guide

Organizational/Biographical Information

Dr. Ivan M. Woolley was born in Roseburg, Oregon on October 23, 1893. He moved to Portland in 1905. He went to Washington High School and took pre-med classes at Oregon Agriculture College, now Oregon State College. He attended medical school at the old Oregon Medical School across from Good Samaritan Hospital and graduated in 1919. His class was the last to graduate before the school burned down. To earn money while in school, he became the driver of a seven-passenger Pierce Arrow touring car on old Mt. Hood road to Government Camp. He was one of the first drivers to the Mountain. Years later, he wrote, "Off to Mt. Hood: An Auto-Biography of the Old Road", 1959. He also worked as a medical officer at the police station during WWI. He interned at Ancher Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota then returned to Portland. He was licensed in Oregon in 1920.

For ten years he practiced general medicine, then in 1930 he went to the University of Michigan Medical School where he studied radiology. He practiced X-ray medicine the rest of his life, having an office in the Medical Arts Building, becoming Portland's leader in the field until he retired in December of 1962. Dr. Woolley also worked and taught, sometimes, at the "Free Dispensary." In 1923 he joined the Multnomah County Medical Society. At his death he was the Society's historian. Before he retired in 1962, Dr. Ivan M. Woolley had been president and staff member at Emanuel Hospital and Portland Sanitarium and staff member at Holiday Park Hospital. He was also a faculty member at the University of Oregon Medical School. He was a founder and president of the Oregon Radiological Society and the Pacific Northwest Radiological Society. He became vice-president of the American College of Radiology and the Radiological Society of North America. He also became president of the Oregon Medical Association, Multnomah County Medical Society and University of Oregon Medical School Alumni Association. He was also busy with civic activities and served on the board of Albertina Homes, the staff of White Shield Home and was a president of Columbia Edgewater Country Club. He held membership in Rotary, Aero Club and the Oregon Historical Society as well as being a founding member of the early KGW

radio show “The Hoot Owls.” Before his death, he wrote a second book, “Roentgenology in Oregon – The First Fifty Years,” 1954.

Dr. Ivan M. Woolley died of a heart attack on Friday December 29, 1967, while visiting in Claremont, California. He was 74.

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Oregon State College
University of Oregon Medical School
University of Michigan Medical School

Professional Career

Staff member at Emanuel Hospital
Staff member at Portland Sanitarium
Staff member at Holiday Park Hospital
Faculty member at the University of Oregon Medical School
Board member of Albertina Homes
Staff member of White Shield Home

Positions Occupied in Regular Calling

1920 – 1930 general medicine practiced in Portland, Oregon
X-Ray Medicine in the Medical Arts Building until 1962

Societies and Clubs

Multnomah County Medical Society
Oregon Radiological Society
Pacific Northwest Radiological Society
American College of Radiology
Radiological Society of North America
Oregon Medical Association
Multnomah County Medical Society
University of Oregon Medical School Alumni Association
Columbia Edgewater Country Club
Rotary Club
Aero Club
Oregon Historical Society

Scope, Content and Arrangement

For detail, see inventory of materials.

Quantity

Boxes: 4 Linear feet: 3.29

Provenance

The materials were created and/or collected by Ivan M. Woolley and transferred to the Oregon Health & Science University Library. The OHSU Library Special Collections staff processed the materials, May, 2002