

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

**Tuberculosis Hospital Collection  
Accession No. 2000-001**

**Guide**

**Organizational History**<sup>1</sup>

In 1894, construction was started in Salem on a building designated to be the Oregon Mute School. The school was abandoned only a short time later because of a lack of adequate roads to its relatively secluded location. Its empty buildings were used to house the newly commissioned Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital, which began admitting patients in November of 1910.

Doctor H. J. Clement, M.D. was superintendent in 1910 and 1911, and administered the medical program and business. Several new buildings were completed during this period. Later, in 1913 Dr. G. C. Bellinger, M.D. became superintendent. He would remain superintendent until his retirement in 1954.

During the first few years, patients came very slowly, as the idea of a tuberculosis sanatorium was new to the public. Soon, however, the hospital was forced to form a waiting list, and the demand for treatment exceeded the supply of beds. Starting from only fifty beds in 1910, Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital expanded to 120 beds in 1920, many of which were in open-air pavilions.<sup>2</sup> For the next few decades, the hospital continued to have a significant waiting list, and so kept expanding with new pavilions.

In 1963, the State Legislature combined the Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital in Salem with the University of Oregon Medical School State Tuberculosis Hospital, which was opened in 1939 on the University's Portland campus. As a result, patients located in the University State Tuberculosis Hospital on the Portland campus were transferred to the State Hospital in Salem.<sup>3</sup>

**Scope, Content and Arrangement**

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<sup>1</sup> Source (except where noted): "Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital 50 Year History 1961." Tuberculosis Hospital Collection. Accession No. 2000-001, Folder 10. OHSU Library Special Collections.

<sup>2</sup> Larsell, Olaf. *The Doctor In Oregon: A Medical History*. Oregon Historical Society, 1947: Portland; pp 571-573.

<sup>3</sup> "School Grows: TB Unit Added." *What's Going On?*, November 1963. Tuberculosis Hospital Collection. Accession No. 2000-001, Folder 9. OHSU Library Special Collections.

The Tuberculosis Hospital collection consists of photographs and scrapbooks, hospital record books and correspondence pertaining to the operation, publicity and staffing of the Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital, and its assimilation into the University of Oregon Medical School. The majority of the materials are dated between the early 1920's and mid 1960's. Photographs were either loose-leaf, or were taken from one of three scrapbooks detailing the history of the hospital. Scrapbooks were disassembled, and captions were retyped onto acid-free paper. Although there is some overlap between the individual scrapbooks, each seems to progress in chronological order. Record books are dated from 1939 to 1973. See inventory for more details.

### **Quantity**

**Boxes:** 2      **Linear feet:** 1.73

### **Related Materials**

Oregon Health Sciences University History of Medicine Reference Collection: Subject Files

Oregon Health Sciences University History of Medicine Reference Collection: Historical Image Collection

### **Provenance**

The Tuberculosis Hospital Collection was found in a storage closet on the Oregon Health and Science University campus. The records were given to Christine Slusarenko, Director of Health Information Services, who transferred them to the Library Archives on March 3, 2000. The collection was processed by the OHSU Special Collections staff August 2001.

## **Inventory**

### **Box 1**

Birth Certificate Book – September 1950-September 1952  
Birth Certificate Book – October 1952-June 1955  
Admissions and discharges – November 1955-December 1961  
Admissions and discharges – January 1962-June 1963  
Admissions and discharges – January 1963-July 1963  
Admissions and discharges – November 1963-June 1967  
Admissions and discharges – July 1967-December 1973  
Outpatient records placed in Archives 1957-1961

### **Box 2**

Color Slides – Unknown Date  
Surgery Logbook – November 1939-August 1943  
Surgery Logbook – August 1943-September 1947  
Surgery Logbook – February 1957-March 1961  
Surgery Logbook – March 1961-June 1963

### **Box 3**

**Folder 1** – Scrapbook 1 Photos – Early to mid 1930's  
**Folder 2** – Scrapbook 1 Photos – Mid to late 1930's  
**Folder 3** – Scrapbook 2 Photos – 1910 to early 1920's  
**Folder 4** – Scrapbook 3 Photos – Miscellaneous  
    **Subfolder** containing loose photos taken from folder within scrapbook 3  
**Folder 5** – Miscellaneous Photos  
**Folder 6** – Miscellaneous Photos  
**Folder 7** – Miscellaneous Photos

### **Box 4**

**Folder 8**  
    Newspaper Clipping Photocopies – 1956-1966  
**Folder 9**  
    “Campus Gram” – Christmas 1966 (x2), February 1967 (x2)  
    Service Awards – 1964, 1965 (x2), 1966, 1967 (2 copies)  
    “Oregon Pulse” – 1960, 1963  
    “What’s Going On?” – April 1962, November 1963, October 1964 (x2)  
    Annual Report: “The First Half Century” – 1964-65  
    Oregon State Board for Examination and Registration of Graduate Nurses  
        correspondence – 1940-1945  
    Oregon State Medical Society correspondence – May 1932  
    Department of State Correspondence – 1922  
    Utah Tuberculosis Association correspondence – 1934

**Folder 10**

50 Year History – 1961  
Hospital Standardization Department Survey – 1936  
Medical Staff of Tuberculosis Hospital 1946-1955  
Oregon State Tuberculosis Sanatorium by Dr. Bellinger – 1938  
Correspondence – the Statesman Publishing Co. and Dr. Bellinger – 1927  
Visiting Tuberculosis Sanatoria of the U.S. B. H. J. Clements – 1910  
Tuberculosis Commission in session December 29, 1910  
Traveling Expenses 1915-1916  
Correspondence to Hon. Board of Control – 1914  
Annual Report to Hon. Board of Commissioners – Jan 1912  
Tuberculosis Sanatorium – history and description – March 1913  
“The Health Pilot” – May 1942  
Smears and Cultures order slips – 1940-1941  
Correspondence – Dr. Bellinger with Sadie Drr-Dunbar – January 1925  
Letter to Dr. Bellinger with aerial photo – June 1933  
Clipping from Eugene *Register Guard* on the Hospital with related  
correspondence – October 1951  
Dr. Bellinger to A L. Lindbeck regarding publicity items – November  
1934  
Letter to Julia A. O’Brien regarding publicity statement  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Invitations (2 copies) and Memo  
Leslie Broadcaster, December 1956 (4 copies)

**Folder 11** – Miscellaneous Scrapbook Items

Rehabilitation Program – May 1947 [scrapbook 1]  
Letter from H.J. Clements informing of hospital’s opening – September  
15, 1910 [scrapbook 2]  
Oregon State Archives Record of Search – March 1960 [scrapbook 2]  
Letter to J. G. Lamont re: Children’s Pavilion from Dr. Bellinger –  
February 1928 [scrapbook 2]  
Letter to Kenneth C. Ross from R. E. Joseph re: occupational therapy  
equipment with attached photo [scrapbook 3]  
Service Award certificates (x3) – 1964, 1965, 1966  
“Campus Gram” – June 4, 1963, September 20, 1965 [scrapbook 3]  
Note taken from 1955 [scrapbook 3]  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Invitations 9x2) [scrapbook 3]  
“Golden” 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program [scrapbook 3]

Newspaper articles – 1931-1939, 1952-1967

Operative Records – March 3, 1937-May 12, 1963

Register of Operations – January 1, 1958-August 20, 1965

**Folder 12** – Oversized Photos