Guide to the Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital Collection 2000-001

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Summary Information

Repository Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives

Creator Oregon State. Tuberculosis Hospital.

Title Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital Collection

Date [bulk] Bulk, 1920-1960

Date [inclusive] 1920-1973

Extent 2.0 Linear feet 2 Boxes

General Physical

Description

Materials are in good condition.

Location Archives, 440, Old Library

Language English

Abstract The Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital was housed in the buildings

of the former Oregon Mute School in Salem, OR. The Hospital began admitting patients in 1910. In 1963 due to increase of patients and the combination of the Hospital in Salem with the University of Oregon Medical School State Tuberculosis Hospital. As a result patients on the Portland campus were transferred to the Salem Hospital. The collection contains reports, Birth Certificate Books, Admissions and Discharges,

Scrapbooks, Photographs and Correspondence.

Preferred Citation

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Biography - Historical Note

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. 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.

Scope and Contents

The Tuberculosis Hospital collection consists of photographs and scrapbooks, hospital record books and correspondence pertaining to the operation, staffing and publicity 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. Record books are dated from 1939 to 1973. See inventory for more details.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Acquisition Information

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

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

Oregon

Personal Name(s)

- Bellinger, Grover C., M.D., Dr.
- Clements, Harvey J., M.D.

Subject(s)

- Hospitals, Chronic Disease
- Hospitals, Special

- Medicine and Health
- Tuberculosis

Collection 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 - 1957-1961
Doy 2

Color Slides – ND
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
F1 – Scrapbook 1 Photographs – Early to mid 1930's
F2 – Scrapbook 1 Photographs – Mid to late 1930's
F3 – Scrapbook 2 Photographs – 1910 to early 1920's
F4 – Scrapbook 3 Photographs – Miscellaneous Subfolder containing loose photographs taken from folder within scrapbook 3

F5 – Miscellaneous Photographs

F6 – Miscellaneous Photographs

F7 – Miscellaneous Photographs

Box 4

F8

Newspaper Clipping Photocopies – 1956-1966

F9

"Campus Gram" – Christmas 1966 (x2), February 1967 (x2)

Service Awards – 1964, 1965 (2), 1966, 1967 (2 copies)

"Oregon Pulse" - 1960, 1963

"What's Going On?" – April 1962, November 1963, October 1964 (2)

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

F10

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

50th Anniversary Invitations (2 copies) and Memo

Leslie Broadcaster, December 1956 (4 copies)

F11 - Scrapbook Items/non-photographic materials

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]

50th Anniversary Invitations 9x2) [scrapbook 3]

"Golden" 50th 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

F12 - Oversized Photographs