

Guide to the History of Dentistry Collection 2003-008

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Summary Information

Repository	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
Title	History of Dentistry Collection
Date [inclusive]	1947-1990
Extent	1.2 Linear feet 2 Folders
General Physical Description	Materials are in good condition.
Location	Archives, Room 440, Old Library, Marquam Hill Campus
Language	English
Abstract	The collection consist of relevant materials related to the History of Dentistry Committee and its establishment.

Preferred Citation

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Biography - Historical Note

The Dental School Library The Dental Library traces its origins to the Tacoma College of Dental Surgery in Tacoma. From its beginning in 1893, the Tacoma College had been building a collection of dental and medical books and journals. The College moved to Portland in 1899 and changed its name in August (after the announcement for the 1899-1900 school year had been printed) to the North Pacific Dental College. It opened in a house on the corner of N.W. 15th & Couch in the fall. In 1900 it merged with the year-old Oregon College of Dentistry, keeping the name North Pacific Dental College. In 1908 it was renamed North Pacific College. The College moved to a newly completed building at N.E. 6th & Oregon in 1911. It underwent another name change in 1924 to North Pacific College of Oregon. In 1945 it joined the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) and changed its name to University of Oregon Dental School. The School moved up to Marquam Hill into its current building in 1956. It changed its name again in 1974 to University of Oregon Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry and then again in 1981 to OHSU School of Dentistry.

The first recorded weeding project started in 1976-1977 with many of the older books stored in Room 13 in the basement of the Dental School. Many had become moldy or water-damaged. Room 13 was a main storage room that also contained old dental equipment and artifacts, class photos, diplomas and scrapbooks. There was a smaller storage area on the seventh floor of the Residence Hall. History of Dentistry Collection In 1978 a History of Dentistry Committee, chaired by Dr. J. Henry Clarke, began planning for a special History of Dentistry Room to be located in one corner of the Dental Library. Another weeding of Room 13 began to separate the valuable materials out and discard the rest. Freestanding shelving was removed from the room that would be the HOD Room. An antique dental cabinet was moved in. In May 1981, a second funding request for rare book restoration had been submitted to the Alumni Association, and this too, for \$10,000, was approved. The restoration project began in July 1982.

The School of Dentistry's Alumni Association approved a \$5,857 funding request to renovate the History Of Dentistry Room. Renovation started in late March 1981 and was largely completed by mid-summer. Custom-made oak bookcases and display cases were installed. Air-conditioning was put in. Special window screens with Verasol were installed to screen out incoming ultraviolet light in order to protect the historical books. The finished History of Dentistry Room was dedicated with an open house on October 22 and 23. At the time of the dedication, there were 400 books shelved in the HOD Room and about 150 rare or classic books needing preservation treatment or restoration were separately kept in the Librarian's office. This totaled about 550 books.

Many of the books had been donated by President Herbert Miller and faculty of the old North Pacific College in Portland in the early twentieth century from their personal collections that were rare and old at the time. Some are signed by the famous Dr. G. V. Black. The earliest original books in the History of Dentistry collection were published in the 1810s and 1820s, and there are facsimile reprints of books published as early as the late 1600s. It is the only collection of its kind in the Pacific Northwest.

In Fall 2003, the collection was moved, along with its oak bookcases, to the Main Library in the BICC building on the third floor in the Library Administration area. The room has framed photographs of G.

V. Black and of the Dental Library as it appeared around 1914 at its N.E. 6th and Oregon location in Portland. The Dental Museum Collection A related and extraordinary collection is the Dental Museum Collection. There are many dental instruments and pieces of antique dental equipment in the museum collection. Before the 1970s, only a collection of unusual teeth existed that had been accumulated over the earlier decades. In the late 1970s, however, through the efforts of Dr. Clarke, a real dental museum collection began to take form with active acquisition of antique equipment and other artifacts. In the collection is a set of dental articulators, acquired in the early 1980s, that probably is the largest such set in existence. A dental x-ray machine dating from around 1920 was acquired in 1982-83. The museum has a tooth with a gold filling done by the famous Dr. G. V. Black in 1884, which, had been extracted in perfect condition in Salem in 1930. The museum collection is distributed among several locations: in various display cases on the first, second, and sixth floors of the OHSU Dental School.

Scope and Contents

The bulk of the materials date to the 1980's and consist of a report, notes, correspondence and publications in the form of articles from newspapers and professional journals, pamphlets, journals and newsletters. Please see collection inventory for details.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Acquisition Information

The materials were created and/or collected in the course of doing business as the History of Dentistry Committee of the OHSU School of Dentistry, headed by Dr. J. Henry Clarke. Mary Botcheos, School

of Dentistry librarian, transferred the materials to the OHSU Historical Collections and Archives, in November 2003.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Oregon

Personal Name(s)

- Clarke, Henry, J., DMD

Subject(s)

- History of Dentistry
- Medicine and Health

Box 1

Collection Inventory

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F1 - History of Dentistry Committee Meeting Minutes

1984 August 6

1983 July 7

1983 December 19

1982 July 9

1981 May 29

1981 May 28

1981 April 28

1980 June 25

F2 - Publications

1979 June 27

1979 June 20

1979 July 10

1979 December 17

1978 October 5

1978 October 2 (meeting agenda)

1978 December 18

F2 - Publications

The Oregonian: 1981 October 23 “Evidence Refutes Tale of George’s Choppers”. Photograph: Carrie Willman and Dr. J. Henry Clarke at School of Dentistry. 4 copies

Statesman Journal: Tuesday 1982 May 25 “ Collection Offers a Mouthful”.

Statesman Journal: 1982 Mat 25, “School Sinks Teeth into Dental History”.

Correspondence

Caementum: The Journal of the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association. Fall 2003 Vol. 26, No.2. Original and 1 photocopy

Campus Gram: 1990 September 24 Vol.30, No.13

Campus Gram: 1989 February 27 Vol.28, No.32. 2 copies

Caementum: The Journal of the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association. Summer 1981 Vol. 6, No.2

Correspondence

Beatrice Bliss to Dr. Clarke 1978 November 6

Audrey B. Davis to Dr. Clarke 1979 November 6

Minutes (continued)

1980 April 24

1980 July 31

1982 June 17

F3 - History of Dentistry Room Renovation

1982 July 9

1982 June 22 (meeting reminder)

1982 June 17

Dental Practice: 1982 March, "How to Invest in Dental Antiques and Collectibles".

F3 - History of Dentistry Room Renovation

The Dental Library: Recommendations for Cooperative Programs

To Dr. Bates, 1980 June

Correspondence re: estimates for renovation and restoration

Announcement of the newly renovated History of Dentistry Room in the Dental Branch Library,
1981 October

Flyer: Evolution of Oregon's Dental School

Campus Gram: 1981 October 26, Vol. 20, No. 40

Bills and invoices: History of Dentistry Room restoration and renovation

F4

The Oregonian: 1981 April 8, "Rare Anatomy Book Given to UO Center" re: De Humani Corporis Fabrica, by Andreas Vesalius.

Dean's report, 1947. Pages 4-18 are missing

Randy Clark to Carol Laxer re: obituary of J. R. Yocom, school dean, 1896-97

The Oregonian: 1981 October 23, "Dental Evidence Refutes Tale of George's Choppers".

American Association of Orthodontists : 1975 May, "The AAO Library: A Remarkable Association Accomplishment".

American Association of Orthodontists : 1977 November, "The Associations Library: An Enduring Enterprise".

MD State Med. J: "The Louis A. M. Krause History of Medicine and Rare Book Collection".

Dental Radiography and Photography: 1978

List of books, re: dentistry

Alumni Bulletin: University of Michigan School of Dentistry, "Dental Library, Circa 1897

Illustrated Description of the City of Tacoma, 1891. Photocopies of a portion of "Tacoma's Representative Men and Institutions". Included is correspondence from Carol Laxer re: photocopies

British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 1981, "Antique Books in the Library of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists".

"History of the Dentistry Room Dental Library".

List of books: James M. Beattie Books, [ND]

A Historical Medical Collection, 1964. "A Historical Medical Collection and Some of the Problems It Presents".

The Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association, [ND]. "On the Cover: Waring Historical Library Charleston, South Carolina".

Timeline of School of Dentistry "The University of Oregon Dental School and its Predecessor Institutions".

Correspondence Re: acquisitions

Medical and Dental Lexicography; A Brief Historical Note

F5 Preservation/Conservation

OHSU Library Committee report to Leonard Laster, M.D., President of Oregon Health Sciences University 1986 August 20

To Dean Van Hassel re: Committee on Archives and Historical Preservation: Annual Committee Report: 1986 August 19

Memo Re: History of Dentistry Committee Meeting Agenda and report: 1986 February 18

To Dolores Judkins, Dr. Don Adams, Dr Cline Fixott, Dr. Thorn Kinersly, and Dr. Hiroshi Ueno

F5 Preservation/Conservation

Martha McDonald to Carrie Willman. 1980 June 25

Martha McDonald to Carrie Willman. 1982 April 29

Martha McDonald to Carrie Willman. 1982 April 13

Notes - Carrie Willman re: History of Dentistry Restoration Project

Preservation leaflets: "Environmental Protection of Books and Related Materials". No. 2. Library of Congress

Preserving Leather Bookbinding. No. 3. Library of Congress

F5 Preservation/Conservation

Articles pertaining to book preservation and decay