Guide to the Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children: Book of Remembrance
2006-002


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# Summary Information

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<td><strong>Abstract</strong></td>
<td>The Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children: Book of Remembrance was a gift of Edward A. Doernbecher and Ada Doernbecher Morse, in memory of their father, Frank S. Doernbecher (1861-1921). The first 12 leaves consist of a short handwritten history of the efforts to raise funds towards building the hospital; a list of hospital guild members; a printed image of the hospital entrance; pages pasted from a commemorative history of the hospital, dated March 21, 1931; and a handwritten list of financial contributors from 1923 through 1927. The remainder of the book is blank.</td>
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Administrative History

Frank S. Doernbecher, born in 1861, moved to Portland from Kewaskum, Wisconsin to make his fortune. An industrious man, he amassed his fortune in the manufacture of furniture. Before his death on January 21, 1921, he requested that his children, Edward and Ada, give one-fourth of his estate to an Oregon charity. They decided to donate $200,000 to the University of Oregon Medical School. This gift was given in order to establish a children's hospital with the stipulation that it be a teaching institution. They further stipulated that care and service be given equally, without distinction, to children from birth to 17 years of age.

The services of Doctor R. G. Brodrick of San Francisco, an experienced hospital consultant, was secured to work on the construction plans with architects, Lawrence and Holford. Thomas Muir was the general contractor. Dr. Brodrick suggested that it would take an additional $75,000 to equip and double the initial planned capacity of the hospital. With the agreement of the original donors and authorization of the University of Oregon Regents, a committee was formed to seek additional private funding.

In 1924, Mrs. P. L. Campbell of Eugene, Mrs. William McMaster, Mrs. C. B. Simmons, and Mrs. G. T. Gerlinger organized the Doernbecher Hospital Guild to assist in financing the hospital. Because of the guild's determination, the dollar amount needed to finish and furnish the hospital was reached. They then began efforts to obtain funding for hospital maintenance and a permanent endowment. Individuals, estates, families, businesses, firms, fraternal societies, and clubs across the state of Oregon donated money.

The first large gift of $20,000 was given by the Portland Rotary Club, $5,000 towards the permanent endowment fund and the rest to furnish the 4th floor. The State Benevolent and Protection Order of the Elks pledged $18,000 and was given the privilege of naming and equipping the 2nd floor. The State Federation of Women’s Clubs pledged $20,000. Gifts of $500.00 also entitled a donor to name a bed, and $20,000 endowed one free bed in perpetuity.

Additional efforts included the sewing of hospital materials by groups of women, including those incarcerated by the Multnomah County jail.

The cornerstone of the hospital was laid on Sunday, May 24, 1925 at 3:00 P.M.

In 1925, the state legislature passed an appropriation bill of $60,000 towards hospital operations for 1926. Unfortunately, Oregon Governor Walter M. Pierce vetoed the bill. During the breach, the Oregon chapter of the American Legion promoted a campaign to maintain funds.

The fully furnished hospital was completed at a cost of $275,000, and the first patients were received on Monday August 2, 1926.

In 1927 the Oregon Legislature voted to give the hospital a full operating budget of $178,000, but Governor Pierce vetoed the $41, 590 of the appropriation bill designated for food, drugs and supplies. This time, the Hospital Guild intervened to raise the remaining funds. In 1929, the state provided a budget of $197,300.
In order to safeguard funds, the Hospital Guild agreed to adopt a plan known as the Uniform Trust for Public Uses. In a meeting on January 26, 1931, a report determined that from its inception on July 11, 1924 through January 15, 1931, all the money raised by the guild ($145,950) was accounted for. The guild was authorized to enter into an agreement with the Security & Trust Company, allowing all future donations to be added to the trust fund.

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Scope and Contents

The first 12 leaves consist of a short handwritten history of the efforts to raise funds towards building the Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children; a list of Hospital Guild members; a photograph of the hospital entrance; pages pasted from a commemorative history of the hospital, dated March 21, 1931; and a handwritten list of financial contributors from 1923 through 1927. The remainder of the book is blank.

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Publication Information

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Acquisition Information

The Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children: Book of Remembrance was a gift of Edward A. Doernbecher and Ada Doernbecher Morse, in memory of their father, Frank S. Doernbecher (1861-1921). It is unknown how the book became a part of the Pacific Northwest Archives. It was deaccessioned from
Related Materials

The Historical Image Collection contains photographs of the Doernbecher Memorial Hospital building interior and exterior as well as staff members. To view images, see the OHSU Digital Resources Library:

Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children exterior, 1937:
http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3812/rec/1

Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children exterior, circa 1926:
http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3822/rec/34

Female staff members weighing a baby at the Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children, circa 1926-1956:
http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3192/rec/12

Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children contributors plaque, 1956:
http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/hom/id/3555

Other related material can be found in the HC&A archival collections:
Doernbecher Children's Hospital Silver Tea Report Records, Accession number 2005-015

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
Personal Name(s)

• Doernbecher, Edward A.
• Doernbecher, Frank S.
• Morse, Ada Doernbecher

Subject(s)

• Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children (Portland, Or.)
• Fundraising.
• Medicine and Health
• Oregon
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<td>P9-12 Handwritten list of donor names and their financial contributions to the hospital, 1923-1927</td>
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