

Guide to the Charles T. Dotter Drawing of Edward Staunton West, M.S., Ph.D. 2006-006

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Summary Information

Repository	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
Creator - Artist	Dotter, Charles T., M.D., 1920-1985
Title	Charles T. Dotter Drawing of Edward Staunton West, M.S., Ph.D.
Date	1962
Extent	1.0 Linear feet 1 box
Location	Archives, Room 440, Old Library, Marquam Hill Campus
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The collection consists of one original portrait of Edward Staunton West, Ph.D. (1896-1988), drawn in pencil by Charles T. Dotter, M.D. Among his many achievements, West served as Chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Admissions Committee Chairman at the University of Oregon Medical School, co-fathered the Primate Center, and co-authored a reputable biochemistry textbook. The artist Charles T. Dotter, M.D. (1920-1985), was Professor of Radiology, chairman of the department in 1952, Vascular Radiologist at the University of Oregon Medical School, and known as the Father of Interventional Radiology.</p>

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

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Biographical Note

Edward Staunton West was born in Stuart, Virginia on September 9, 1896. He received his undergraduate degree from Randolph-Macon University in Virginia, an M.S. degree from Kansas State College, and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1923.

West became associated with the Department of Biochemistry at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. There he advanced to professor, achieving an enviable reputation for his research and teaching. In 1934 he accepted an offer to chair the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland, Oregon. Shortly after his arrival at UOMS, he became Chairman of the Admissions Committee.

Dr. West fathered the Primate Center - the first in the nation - with Dr. Donald Pickering. He was named one of two principal investigators on the Public Health Service grant for the Primate Center. During WWII, Edward was a consultant to the Army and Navy for premedical training programs. He also served as Director of Research for the U.S. Quartermaster Corps.

Throughout West's career, he was an avid student of biochemistry and its application. Continuing his studies, West took basic courses in radioisotopes at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies in 1948. He coauthored a biochemistry textbook with Dr. Wilbert Todd (also a faculty member of the Department of Biochemistry) that was considered to be the most outstanding textbook in the field.

He retired in 1966 at the age of 70, having spent 32 years at the UOMS. After retirement, he began working as an assistant to Primate Center Director, Dr. William Mantagna. West also continued to serve as senior advisor to the UOMS Admissions Committee.

Dr. West was a respected and popular figure among colleagues, staff, and students. As one of his favorite diversions, he initiated the noontime horseshoe tournaments at UOMS. He also loved fishing and hunting and was an avid collector of guns, making his own ammunition.

He was married to Ruth Hurd West (1894-1969) who preceded him in death. After Ruth passed, he married Ruth's 1st cousin, Muriel Jennings Schori, in 1969. Muriel passed way in 1985. Dr. West died several years later in 1988.

West's honors include: Henry W. Murray Medal for scholarship, Randolph-Macon College, 1917; delivered 1st Shaffer Lecture at Washington University School of Medicine; past President of Portland Academy of Medicine; LLD: Randolph-Macon College; visiting Professor at Tulane University; and Presented Doctor of Science degree by University of Portland.

West's memberships include: Biochemistry Test Committee of the National Board of Examiners; American Chemical Society; American Society of Biological Chemists; Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine; American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Association of University Professors; Phi Sigma; Chi Beta Phi; Sigma Xi; Phi Beta Kappa; and honorary member of Phi Beta Pi and North Pacific Society of Neurology and Psychiatry.

West's publications include:

Physical Chemistry for Students of Biochemistry and Medicine. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1942

Todd, Wilbert R. *Textbook of Biochemistry*. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1951; 1955; 1956; 1961; 1963; 1966.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of one original portrait of Edward Staunton West, Ph.D., drawn in pencil by Charles T. Dotter, M.D. The image is drawn on paper from a drawing tablet with spiral tabs still attached, dated December 1962 and includes Dotter's signature. The image was scanned, and the print copy has been included in the collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

Finding aid was revised to reflect correct biographical information for Edward S. West, Ph.D. 2013/9/24

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Custodial History

The pencil drawn portrait was presented to Edward Staunton West, Ph.D., by Charles T. Dotter, M.D. in 1962. When West retired, the portrait was left in the Department Chair of Biochemistry's office. Years later, Richard T. Jones, M.D., Ph.D., UOMS graduate (1956), Professor of Biochemistry, and Associate Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the department (1961), donated the portrait to the Historical Collections & Archives in 2006.

Acquisition Information

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Processing Note

The image was matted at the time of acquisition but was removed from the mat during processing due to the high acidity of the mat material.

Related Materials

Related Materials

The Historical Image Collection contains images of West as well as other drawings by Charles T. Dotter, M.D. and Richard T. Jones, M.D. To view images, see the OHSU Digital Resources Library:

Portrait of Charles T. Dotter, M.D., circa 1970s:

<http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3411/rec/6>

Dotter's medical drawings - Cast of the air tubes and their branches, pencil drawing, circa 1960s:

<http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/1639/rec/12>

Portrait of Richard T. Jones, M.D., circa 1950s:

<http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3713/rec/8>

Biographical Files contain West's Curriculum Vitae with a complete listing of publications

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- portrait

Occupation(s)

- Physicians--Oregon

Personal Name(s)

- Jones, Richard T., M.D., 1929-
- West, Edward Staunton , Ph.D. , 1896-1988
- West, Edward Staunton , Ph.D. , 1896-1988

Subject(s)

- Biochemistry
- Medicine and Health
- Oregon
- Oregon National Primate Research Center
- Primate Center
- University of Oregon.Medical School

Technical Access

No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

Collection Inventory

Edward Staunton West, M.S., Ph.D., portrait

Pencil drawing of Edward Staunton West, M.S., Ph.D. , 1962 (Edward Staunton West Portrait, Accession no. 2006-006)

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