Guide to the Harry J. Sears
Glass Lantern Slide Collection
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Summary Information

Repository  Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives

Creator  Sears, Harry J., Ph.D.

Title  Harry J. Sears Glass Lantern Slide Collection

Date [inclusive]  1916-1941

Extent  0.5 Linear feet 1 archives box

Location  Archives, Room 440, Old Library, Marquam Hill Campus

Language  English

Abstract  The collection consists of twenty glass lantern slides of the University of Oregon Medical School faculty members and their families. The slides were used for a presentation in 1950 and donated by Harry J. Sears, Ph.D., Head of the Department of Bacteriology at the University of Oregon Medical School from 1918 until 1956.

Citation Information

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Biographical note

Dr. Sears was born in Daviess County, Missouri where he attended a one room grade school. He earned a B.A. in 1911 and an M.A. in 1912 from Stanford University. Sears remained at Stanford to obtain a Ph.D. which he earned in 1916. He spent 2 ½ years as Director of the Berkley, California City Health Laboratory before he came to Portland. He paid for his education cleaning bricks from the earthquake damaged buildings on campus, washing dishes, and working on a railroad construction crew.

He married Huldah Meyer of Palo Alto, California, with whom he had two daughters and two sons, Thomas and David.

Until his retirement in 1956, Harry J. Sears served as first chair and professor at the University of Oregon Medical School's (UOMS) Department of Bacteriology. When Sears first arrived in Portland from Berkley, California, he was the only bacteriologist in the state of Oregon. He began teaching at the medical school in 1919 when it was still located at the corner of 23rd and Lovejoy. There, he organized UOMS's first Department of Bacteriology. He was among the first small contingent faculty of the school, teaching both bacteriology and chemistry.

In his early days, he was among the teams who sought to find the causes and treatments for influenza, typhoid, paratyphoid, and diphtheria. Sears also helped to establish the state civil service merit system of examinations and served first director of the merit system.

It was said of Sears that “He was one of our great pioneers.” He retired in 1956 after serving as the Head of the Bacteriology Department for 38 years. Over the course of his career, Sears authored and published 30 professional papers. He died at the age of 77 at his daughter's home on October 27, 1962.

Medical Practice:
Head of Bacteriology – University of Oregon Medical School

Memberships:
Friends of the Library Committee – Portland Academy of Medicine
Society of the American Association for Advancement of Science
The Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine
The Portland Academy of Medicine
Phi Beta Kappa
Sigma Xi
Phi Lambda Upsilon.

Publications:
A list of Sears' publications can be found in the Historical Collection & Archives' Biographical Files.
Scope and Contents

The collection consists of twenty glass lantern slides of the University of Oregon Medical School faculty members and their families, donated by Harry J. Sears, Ph.D. A handwritten list of the slides describes each photograph—see collection inventory for more information. The photos were used for a talk given before the wives of UOMS faculty members in 1950.

Administrative Information

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Revision Description

2013/12/10

Restrictions on Access

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Acquisition Information

The materials were donated to the University of Oregon Medical School Library in 1950 by Harry J. Sears, Ph.D. No other details of provenance are known.
Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Historical Image Collection:

The Historical Image Collection contains additional images of the University of Oregon Medical School campus, faculty, and students. To view images, see the OHSU Digital Resources Library:

Library & Auditorium Building, ca. 1939-1940
http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/31/rec/21

Construction signs at the Old Library and Auditorium construction site, 1939
http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3476/rec/26

Albert Edward Mackay, M.D. (1863-1952), 1897
http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3556/rec/2

Related archival collections:

Willamette University Medical Department Records, Accession no. 1999-001

Harry J. Sears Papers, Accession no. 2005-005

Biographical Files:

See Biographical Files for additional information related to the life and work of Harry J. Sears, Ph.D. as well as other University of Oregon Medical School faculty members.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- lantern slides
- portrait

Personal Name(s)
- Allen, William Fitch, Ph.D., Sc.D., 1875-1951
- Baird, David W. E., M.D., 1898-1974
- Baird, Mary
- Burget, George E., M.D.
- Carlson, A. J., Ph.D.
- David, Norman A., M.D.
- Dillehunt, Richard B., Dean, University of Oregon Medical School, 1920-1943
- Fitzgibbons, John H., M.D.
- Gaines, Wren E.
- Haney, Hance, M.D.
- Haskins, Howard D., M.D.
- Hunter, Warren C., M.D.
- Hurd, Ruth
- Larsell, Olof
- Menne, Frank Raymond, M.D.
- Myers, Harold Bunce, M.D.
- Rush, Homer Parrott, M.D., 1897-1970
- Sears, Harry J., Ph.D.
- Sneedon, Vinton, M.D.
- Tedisch, Alois
- Tedisch, Rosina
- Todd, Wilbur R., M.D.
- West, Edward Staunton, Ph.D., 1896-1988
- Youmans, William Barton, Ph.D.

Subject(s)

- Faculty, University
- Medicine and Health
- Oregon
- University of Oregon, Medical School

Technical Access

No special equipment is needed to view the materials, although the slides may be shown on a glass lantern slide projector or light table.
## Collection Inventory

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| University of Oregon Medical School faculty members, circa 1930 |
| Black and white photograph of the University of Oregon Medical School faculty standing outside of the Medical Science Building. From left to right: Olof Larsell, M.D.; Harold B. Myers, Ph.D.; John H. Fitzgibbons, M.D.; unidentified; Warren C. Hunter, M.D.; William F. "Pop" Allen, Ph.D., Sc.D.; Captain Edgar; Frank Menne, M.D.; Howard D. "Bunny" Haskins, M.D. |
| [http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/4181/rec/2](http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/4181/rec/2) |

| University of Oregon Medical School faculty members, circa 1940 |
| Black and white photograph of faculty members of the University of Oregon Medical School, in an outdoor setting. From Left to Right: Hance F. Haney, M.D.; Homer P. Rush, M.D.; William F. "Pop" Allen, Ph.D., Sc.D.; Anton J. Carlson, M.D., of the University of Chicago; Harry J. Sears, Ph.D., and William Barton Youmans, Ph.D. |

| Portrait of Richard Dillehunt, M.D., circa 1950s |
| Richard B. Dillehunt, M.D. (1886-1953) |
| [http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3907/rec/5](http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3907/rec/5) |

| Portrait of Mary Baird, circa 1900 |
Mary Baird, wife of David W. E. Baird, as a young child

[http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/4164/rec/1]

Portrait of Ruth Hurd, circa 1900
Ruth Hurd, wife of Edward Staunton West, M.D., at age 4

[http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3927/rec/18]

Portrait of Mrs. W. R. Todd, circa 1910s
Wife of Wilbert Remington Todd, Ph.D., at age 15, circa 1910s

[http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3911/rec/10]

Portrait of Rosina Tedisch, 20th century
Rosina Tedisch, the wife of Alois W. Tedisch, taken in China where she was born

[http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3909/rec/8]

Portrait of Mrs. Vinton Sneedon, circa 1920s
Wife of Vinton Sneeden at approximately age 3, with her brother, Tacoma, circa 1920s

[http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3910/rec/9]

Haney twins and the Norman David girls, circa 1940
Twin sons, John and Robert, of Hance F. Haney, M.D., with the daughters of Norman A. David, M.D., M. Diane and Carol

[http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3913/rec/12]

Future site of the University of Oregon Medical School, circa 1918
Future site of the Marquam Campus
Edward Staunton West, Ph.D., circa 1930s
Edward Staunton West, Ph.D., teaching a class at the University of Oregon Medical School

George E. Burget with family, circa 1925
George E. Burget, M.D., and his wife and two sons, Bill and John

University of Oregon Medical School construction, circa 1940
Workmen excavating on the University of Oregon Medical School campus on Marquam Hill in preparation for the construction of tennis courts

Faculty fishing trip with Edward West, Wren Gaines, and Hance Haney, circa 1940
University of Oregon Medical School faculty members on a fishing trip. From left to right: Edward S. West, Ph.D., Wren E. Gaines, and Hance F. Haney, M.D. The photograph was taken by Wilbert R. Todd.

Clearing trees on Marquam Hill campus, circa 1937
Workmen cutting the first trees on the lunch-hour knoll on the Marquam Hill campus of the University of Oregon Medical School
News clipping, 1916
News clipping announcing addition of William F. Allen and Frank Menne to the faculty
[http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/4165/rec/21]

Alois Tedisch, circa 1920s
Alois Tedisch with test tubes in the lab

Portrait of Harold B. Myers, Ph.D., circa 1935
Photographic portrait of Harold Bunce Myers, Ph.D., Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Oregon Medical School
[http://drl.ohsu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/hom/id/3922/rec/19]