

# **Guide to the Forrest E. Rieke Collection on the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation (Kaiser Company) 2007-007**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
<b>Creator - Writer of accompanying material</b>	Rieke, Forrest E., M.D., 1913-1978
<b>Creator</b>	University of Oregon Medical School.
<b>Title</b>	Forrest E. Rieke Collection on the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation (Kaiser Company)
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1944-1945
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1937-1945
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Linear feet
<b>Location</b>	Archives, Room 440, Old Library, Marquam Hill Campus
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The materials consist of papers regarding industrial health and safety in the workplace, most of which were created and compiled by Medical Director of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation, Forrest E. Rieke, M.D. The Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation, located in St. Johns, was among three Kaiser Shipyards established in Portland, Oregon in order to mass assemble war ships during WWII.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Forrest E. Rieke, M.D., was born in 1913 in Seattle, Washington. Rieke attended Willamette University, Oregon State College, and the University of Oregon Medical School. He earned his medical degree from UOMS in 1945. After graduation, Rieke interned with the Multnomah County Hospital. Dr. Rieke married Mary Whitelaw Rieke, State Representative, R-Portland, in 1940. They gave birth to two sons and one daughter.

Dr. Rieke specialized in occupational and industrial health, serving during WWII as medical director of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation. There he worked in the 24-hour infirmary, seeing from 1,000 to 33,000 employees a day. During his time with the OSC, he also conducted research and presented papers addressing industrial workplace related health concerns. Rieke was also active in efforts to provide more adequate radioactive protection for industrial workers, even presenting in November 1972 at the Management of Radioactive Wastes from Fuel Reprocessing Symposium.

On January 26, 1978, while working in Costa Rica for the Oregon Partners of the Americas, both Mary and Forrest were tragically killed in a car accident.

### **Achievements and Memberships:**

On the Board of Directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Comprehensive Health Planning Association of Portland

President of Oregon Partners of the Americas, providing assorted aid to Costa Rica.

Member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Partners of the Americas

Oregon State Board of Health 1957-1967 - elected vice president in 1959 and president in 1962

Appointed Director of the Health Planning Committee by Governor McCall in 1967

Winner of the 1969 Multnomah County Medical Society Service Award

1973 Doctor-Citizen of the Year by Oregon Medical Association

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## Administrative History

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The Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation, located in St. Johns, was among three Kaiser Shipyards established in Portland, Oregon. These shipyards were built in order to mass assemble war ships during WWII. The Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation was closed after the war ended in 1945 and became Schnitzer Steel Industries in 1946.

Information obtained from the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation Wikipedia page.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oregon\\_Shipbuilding\\_Corporation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oregon_Shipbuilding_Corporation)

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## Scope and Contents

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The materials consist of papers and research notes created and compiled by Medical Director of the Oregon Shipbuilding Yards, Forrest E. Rieke, M.D.; inter-office memorandums from Rieke to staff members of the OSC regarding health in the workplace; several reprints of reports regarding industrial health created by members of the University of Oregon Medical School; and notes compiled for a presentation given by Rieke regarding nurse provision of healthcare to industrial workers.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Acquisition Information

Acquisition information was unknown at the time of processing. Because the majority of the papers were created by Medical Director of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation, Forrest E. Rieke, M.D., or are related to industrial workplace health, original ownership is suspected to be traced back to Rieke.

## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials

#### Digital Commons:

See the OHSU Digital Commons to view assorted images related to the medical profession in Oregon.

#### Archival Collections:

46th General Hospital Papers, Accession no. 2001-001

Otis B. Wight - Base Hospital 46 : Glass Plate Negative Collection, Accession no. 2006-012

#### Biographical Files:

See the biographical files for additional information related to the life and work of Forrest E. Rieke, M.D., as well as other physicians who practiced in the state of Oregon.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation. Kaiser Company.

### Occupation(s)

- Nurses and nursing.

### Subject(s)

- Delivery of Health Care
- Industry
- Medicine and Health
- Oregon
- Portland

- Respiratory Tract Infections
- Shipbuilding.
- Workplace
- World War II

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## Other Finding Aids

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The following institutions contain archival materials related to the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation or the Kaiser Company in Oregon:

Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation photographic collection, Oregon Historical Society

<http://nwda.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv07415>

Kaiser shipyard child care center collection, Oregon Historical Society

<http://nwda.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv78421>



## Collection Inventory

### Box 1

Industrial nursing notes, lecture series 7 (5 copies), 1944-1945

#### **Material Specific Details**

One of the copies has the name Dr. J. R. Marino [?] labeled on the front cover.

### Box 2

#### File 1

*Report of the Investigation of Fume Hazards at the Oregon Shipbuilding Company (Kaiser Company) at St. Johns, Portland, Oregon, circa 1942*

#### **Material Specific Details**

Includes reprint and facsimile of report created by Drs. Frank R. Menne, Warren C. Hunter, Joseph Beeman, and Norman A. David of the University of Oregon Medical School, made at the request of The Metal Trades Council of Portland, Oregon and Vicinity.

#### File 2

*Child Guidance in Oregon with Recommendations of the Governor's Special Committee, 1937/7/1*

### **Material Specific Details**

2 reprints of the report created by the State Child Guidance Program of the University of Oregon Medical School.

File 3

Inter-office memorandums from Forrest E. Rieke, M.D. to the medical staff of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation (2 copies), 4/25/1944 - 8/18/1944

Health-instruction material - chest x-ray service, 1945/6/30

### **Material Specific Details**

Material compiled by Rieke, including news clippings, pamphlets, notes, and posters encouraging employees of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation to receive a chest x-ray in order to test for tuberculosis and other respiratory illnesses.

*Proposed Industrial Health Foundation of Portland, Oregon - a Preventative Medicine Institute*, by Forrest E. Rieke, M.D. (3 copies), 1944

Industrial health charts for paper: *Industry-Laboratory of Preventative Medicine*, by Forrest E. Rieke, 1945

*Health Aspects of Aluminum Ponton Work*, by Forrest E. Rieke, M.D., 1945/8/20

### **Material Specific Details**

Paper presented by Rieke at the regular meeting of the Multnomah County Medical Society on May 2, 1945. Includes 3 copies, 2 of which Rieke revised on August 10, 1944.

*Welding Smoke and Fume and the Respiratory System*, by Forrest E. Rieke, M.D. (2 copies), 1944/2