

Guide to the Amelia Ziegler Papers 2007-014

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Summary Information

Repository	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
Creator - Creator	Ziegler, Amelia, M.D.
Title	Amelia Ziegler Papers
Date [inclusive]	1885-1961
Extent	2.0 Linear feet
Location	Archives, Room 440, Old Library, Marquam Hill Campus
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The collection consists of personal papers, publications, printed materials and artifacts created or owned by Amelia Ziegler, M.D. Dr. Ziegler was a graduate of the Women's Medical College of Kansas City, Missouri in 1898 and practiced medicine in Portland, Oregon from 1898 until her retirement in 1948. Materials include Ziegler's doctor's bag containing assorted obstetrical and gynecological implements, lab coat, business card, and patient services log book, as well as a letter to Ziegler, certificates, printed materials, and 2 medical publications.</p>

Citation Information

Amelia Ziegler Papers, Accession no. 2007-014, Historical Collections & Archives, Oregon Health & Science University.

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Biographical Note

Amelia Ziegler, M.D., was born in 1861 in New York State and was educated in the midwest. She taught school for several years in New York and Missouri before studying medicine at the Women's Medical College in Kansas City, Missouri. She graduated in 1898 with highest honors.

Dr. Ziegler moved to Portland and began her practice that same year, working mainly with women and children. It was said that she delivered 3,032 Oregon babies and never lost a mother. Her office was in the Alisky Building on 3rd and Morrison, where for several years, she shared a reception area with Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy. In 1903, she went to Chicago to serve as senior physician at the Women's and Children's Hospital; later she worked at Cook County Hospital and in the clinic of Dr. Isaac Arthur Abt. Returning to Portland, she joined the staff of the Women's Convalescent Home, Florence Crittenton Home and the Portland Sanitarium.

Dr. Ziegler was a charter member of the Portland Woman's Medical Club, a member of city, county and state medical societies and the American Medical Association. She served on the staff of the Women's Convalescent Home and the Portland Sanitarium. She was also a lifetime member of the Medical Women's National Association and an active member of the Social Hygiene Society.

Ziegler's brother was Frederic J. Ziegler, a graduate of the University of Oregon, Class of 1901; Jefferson Medical College Class of 1905; and a member of the University of Oregon Medical School faculty from 1911-1922 (surgery).

He attended the University of Oregon Medical School from 1897-1901, where he starred on the football team and served as a member of the UOMS faculty in the department of surgery from 1911-1922. He was a member of the Multnomah County Medical Society, the AMA Upsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity and Sigma Mu social fraternity. Dr. Fred Ziegler also served in the Medical Corp as a captain during WWI. Fred practiced medicine in Portland for 46 years and was still in active practice when he fell ill. He passed away only 3 weeks later.

Biography written by Archivist Karen Peterson for the 2008 National Library of Medicine exhibit, Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of personal papers, publications, printed materials and artifacts created or owned by Amelia Ziegler, M.D. Materials include Ziegler's doctor's bag containing assorted obstetrical and gynecological implements, lab coat, business card, and patient services log book, as well as a letter to Ziegler, certificates, printed materials, and 2 medical publications. Also included are several items that appear to have belonged to other individuals, including a student's University of Oregon Medical School

library card, a UOMS library reference card about Ziegler from 1961, and handwritten notes detailing Ziegler's medical practice. These materials were potentially added to the collection after they were donated by Ziegler.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives 2007

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Acquisition Information

The materials were donated to the University of Oregon Medical School by Dr. Ziegler in September of 1960. They were accessioned into the Medical Museum Collection under the accession number 77-161.1.36 in circa 1977 and deaccessioned from the MMC and accessioned into the archival collections in 2007.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Digital Commons:

The OHSU Digital Commons contains images of Amelia Ziegler, M.D. as well as the doctor's bag and implements contained within this collection.

Biographical Files:

See the Biographical Files for additional information related to the life and work of Amelia Ziegler, M.D.

Former Exhibits:

National Library of Medicine, Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians

Controlled Access Headings

Occupation(s)

- Gynecology
- Physicians, Women

Personal Name(s)

- Ziegler, Amelia, M.D.

Subject(s)

- Medicine and Health
 - Obstetrics
 - Oregon
 - University of Oregon.Medical School
 - Women's Medical College of Kansas City, Missouri
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Other Finding Aids

The following institutions contain archival collections related to the lives and work of female physicians in the United States:

Helen Octavia Dickens Papers, Pennsylvania University Archives & Records Center

<http://www.archives.upenn.edu/faids/upt/upt50/dickensho.html#1>

Elizabeth Blackwell Letters, Columbia University Libraries, Rare Book & Manuscript Library Collections

http://findingaids.cul.columbia.edu/ead/nnc-rb/ldpd_4079307/summary

Virginia Apgar Papers, Mount Holyoke College Archives & Special Collections

<http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/mshm192.html>

Collection Inventory

Box 1

File 1

Letter to Ziegler from President of the Florence Crittenton Refuge Home, 1909/9/29

Ziegler's second grade teacher's certificate from the Public Schools of Missouri, 1885/3/7

Oregon State Medical Society membership certificate, 1900/6/27

University of Oregon Medical School Library reference card regarding Ziegler, 1961/3/7

Ziegler's business card, circa 1930s-1940s

Card listing the graduates of the Woman's Medical College of Kansas City, Missouri. Class of 1898, circa 1898

Student Marjorie Mackin's library card form, University of Oregon Medical School, 1943/2/17

Handwritten notes about Ziegler's education and medical practice, circa 20th century

File 2

Memorandum notebook, 1898-1924

Material Specific Details

Notebook contains Ziegler's handwritten expense log of services provided to patients.

File 3

Souvenir Number of the Medical Sentinel, American Medical Association, Vol. XIII. No. 7, 1905/7

Students Aids Series: Aids to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of Children, Third Edition, John McCaw, M.D., 1907

Ziegler's lab coat, circa 20th century

Doctor's bag containing assorted obstetrical surgical instruments and other supplies, circa 20th century

Material Specific Details

The doctor's bag and implements contained within are labeled with the original accession number from the Medical Museum Collection, 77-161.1.36. The brown leather-lined bag measures 45 x 17 x 15 cm and has a leather-covered handle.

Tenaculum forceps

Hard rubber pessary

Stainless steel pelvimeter

Vaginal retractor

Flat retractor

Anesthesia mask

Specula (3)

Double-ended sounds (2)

Curettes (2)

Sound/probe

Scissors-type uterine dilator

Suture needles (3)

Uterine auger

Black plastic cylindrical container

Mechanical pencil enscribed in gold lettering with Dr. Ziegler's name

Brass doorplate - "Dr. Amelia Ziegler, Please knock"

Folding tounge depressor

Ear spoon and hook

Catheter/irrigator

Olive-tipped sound

Slide forceps

Catgut sutures in a box (3)

Small glass syringe with 2 needles

Syringe kit in a metal case, including a glass syringe, needle, and four vials of hypodermic tablets

Phonendoscope in a metal case

Metal capped glass bottles (2)