

Guide to the Gordon B. Leitch Papers 2012-012

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Summary Information

Repository	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
Creator	Leitch, Gordon B. , M.D.
Title	Gordon B. Leitch Papers
Date [inclusive]	1935-1976
Extent	0.75 Linear feet
Language	English
Language of Materials	The collection is in English.
Abstract	Dr.Leitch has provided a variety of materials concerning the subject of socialized medicine in general and the Oregon M.D.Anti-Trust Trial of 1949 in particular.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical and Historical note

Canadian-born Gordon B. Leitch (M.Sci., M.D). got a B.S. at the U. of Saskatchewan, where he advocated the addition of a Medical College to the University there, and worked on the student and local newspapers. This led to a long career of involvement of the medico-political struggles of the day. He moved to Oregon for his medical education at UOMS, graduating as M.D. (1926). After graduation he spent a year as an Intern in China with the Rockefeller Foundation at the Peking Union Medical College (1926-27). Among other things, this led to his writing a book on "Chinese Rugs" (1935). He then pursued more study and experience in Europe prior to returning home.

He dabbled in politics with a run for a local school board seat (1942); but his career seemed focused on what he called an "extensive period of participation in medical association public policy committee affairs", in which he took a staunch conservative stand against any type of Socialized Medicine. His fears seemed well-founded to him when the Federal government instituted a major Conspiracy and Anti-trust suit against the Oregon Medical Association, local medical societies and local individual physicians (1949).

He also served as a columnist and editor of "Northwest Medicine" in the 1950s.

In his non-medical career he was a passionate yachtsman, and was founding President of the Columbia River Yachting Association. He wrote an article for Pacific Motor Boat (October 1936), "The 'CRODS' Trip to Bonneville".

His son Gordon Jr. followed in his father's medical and political footsteps; graduating from Johns Hopkins as an Ophthalmologist, and running for the U.S. Senate.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of correspondence; lecture notes and presentations; manuscripts; reprints and articles; a scrapbook of news clippings; legal briefs and judicial opinions.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Oregon Medical Association

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Oregon Medical Association.

Genre(s)

- Articles and Reprints
- Briefs, Legal
- Correspondence
- Scrapbooks

Geographic Name(s)

- Oregon

Subject(s)

- Lectures, Contributions and Presentations
- Medicine and Health
- Surgery

Collection Inventory

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F1 Reprints and articles 1940-1976

Comments on Anti-Trust Indictment of American Medical Association (A.M.A.) by counsel John J. Coughlin 1940 March 11

"Medicine's Problem Child: The Hospital" reprint from Northwest Medicine by T.F. Lay, M.D. 1951 April-May

Photocopied articles on "Small Hydro" power from Canadian journal Harrowsmith no date

Undated & unsourced news clipping "Utility-type controls are opposed"

"Some British specialists have it made" from Medical Economics 1965 May 31

"The Physician and Noblesse Oblige" reprint by Adm. Ben Morrell USN ret. from Intercollegiate Society of Individualists Philadelphia Pa. 1964 April 3

Portland Physician 1974 May

"My Death Struggle with Medicare" by Ernesto Waingortin ,M.D. from Medical Economics 1974
October 18

"Are Your Medical Records Safe from Prying Eyes?" from News & World Report 1976 June 21

"What Now- must you guarantee good results?" by Burr B. Markham, M.D. in Medical
Economics 1975 November 10

"Solar plexus blow on Medical Care", Editorial, Leader Post, Regina Canada 1963 August

"Let's Blow the Whistle on Pennywise Medicine!" by A.H. Franzblau in Medical Economics 1974
March 18

F2 "Medicine Lost" 1978

Manuscript first draft by Gordon B. Leitch: Medicine Lost 1978

Correspondence 1978

F3 Papers & Presentations 1963-1978

"The Philosophical Basis of Limited Government" 1978 February 28

"Inflation, Prices and the Nixon Administration" 1968 December 9

"What Price medical Gullibility?" no date

"Does Canada Really Have a Date with Destiny?" no date

"Authoritarian Money and the Common Man" undated

"It is Happening Here" by Markus O'Malley

Partial manuscript with TOC no date

"Saskatchaewan's Great Confidence Game" article in Northwest Medicine 1963 February 28

"The Great Confidence Game" 1964 October 8

Untitled piece on Moral & Natural Law no date

Miscellaneous notes on back of 3 large manila envelopes

F4 "Medicine's Problem Child: The Hospital"

Manuscript: "Medicine's Problem Child: The Hospital", by T. F. Laye, M.D. - reprint and draft 1951
April-May

F5 Correspondence & Documents 1935-1978

Lists of "committee members" (2) no date

Good Samaritan Hospital "No Admission" List 1976 March 16

Memorandum regarding OPS (Oregon Physicians Society) 1944 January 29

Handwritten bibliographies and stray notes 1949-1982

Good Samaritan Hospital memoranda on incomplete medical records 1976

Medical Care Evaluation 1974 April

"Order forms for Opium, Etc." 1935-1941

F6 Presentation Papers on Socialized Medicine 1959-1972

"Gold, Government and Freedom" 1964 January 7

" Education, Indoctrination and Legislation" no date

"Socialized Medicine" 1961 March 28

"Medicine Stresses the Importance of 1960 Legislation" no date

"And for Other Purposes" 1959 December 2

"Is Some Form of Union with the United States of America the Panacea for Canada's Politico-Economic Ills?" 1963 March 20

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- Briefs, Legal

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- Lectures, Contributions and Presentations

"How they are Planning to Put Across the Forand Bill" from Medical Economics 1959 March 30

"How Sound is Our Minidollar?" 1968 January 6

"Ten Dont's for the Individual Investor" no date

"Who Will Get Your Money When You Die?" (2) by John Barnes 1972

F7 "Barking Dogs A Thousand" circa 1976

Bound analytical report edited by Gordon B. Leitch

Scrapbook 1949

Description

The scrapbook was created by Gordon B. Leitch and contains newspaper articles regarding the suit: United State of America vs Oregon Medical Society. It is relatively good condition

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F1 Defendants' Brief: United States of America, Plaintiff vs Oregon State Medical Society, et al, defendants 1936

F2 Opinions, Findings and Notes: United States of America, Plaintiff vs Oregon State Medical Society, et al, defendants 1949