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**The nature, care and handling of historical materials:
a course for students in librarianship, history, archives and museology
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For the past three years Dr. Genevieve Miller and I have offered a graduate level course through the School of Library and Information Sciences at Case Western Reserve University entitled "The Nature, Care and Handling of Historical Materials." It is taken primarily by students from the medical librarianship program with a special interest in history, but it is also open to students in the graduate history program, and to those in archives and museology. The enrollment is limited.

The purpose of the course is three-fold: 1) to familiarize the students with the tools and sources which scholars must turn to for historical research; 2) to introduce the students to rare book librarianship; and 3) to acquaint the students with the related fields of archives and museology. While the course is undeniably an overview, a low student-teacher ratio, a generous use of our historical collections, class opportunities to apply knowledge, and a term paper which requires some original research provide the opportunity for a significant education.

The course begins with the study of the earliest sources known to scholars — the clay tablets, the papyri, the inscriptions on steles and architecture and the discipline of epigraphy. This is followed by a look at medieval sources and the philological approach. The development of script is described and the peculiarities of medieval manuscripts are examined. Readings for these lectures include: Edward Chiera, *They Wrote on Clay*; the *Babylonian Tablets Speak Today* (Chicago, 1938); Henry E. Sigerist, "The Medical Literature of the Early Middle Ages. A Program and a Report of a Summer of Research in Italy," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 1934, 2: 26-50, 559-610; and E.A. Lowe, "Handwriting," in C.G. Crump & E.F. Jacob,

The Legacy of the Middle Ages (Oxford, 1948). Next, paleography and the nature of the critical text are explored, and the student is introduced to the incunabula period. A reading of Dorothy Schullian's critical text of "Nicolaus Pol de cura morbi Gallici per lignum guaycanum libellus" which relates directly to our own Nicolaus Pol Collection of Incunabula is required. From this point on, our historical collections become an integral part of the course.

Several lectures are then devoted to the history of printing, the colophon and the development of the title-page, the history of medical illustration, the herbal and medical bibliography. All of these lectures are accompanied by examples from our own collection. The history of medical illustration, for instance, is brought to life for the students as they examine Ketham, Etienne, Vesalius, Paré, Hunter, Gautier d'Agoty, Albinus, Bidloo, Camper, Gray, and finally Donné and the introduction of photography.

With this background the students are introduced to rare book librarianship. Included in this section of the course are lectures on analytical bibliography, library cataloging of rare books, acquisitions, evaluation, collectors and collecting, the physical book and the principles of conservation. Written assignments during this time include title-page transcriptions using the Hunt cataloging rules or Dunkin's *How to Catalog a Rare Book*, the determination of the state of one of our herbals, *Hortus Floridus* by Crispijn Vande Pas, the Younger (1614-1617), and the evaluation of several books (rare and otherwise). The students are also asked to examine various journals pertaining to book collecting and bibliography, and to read various current articles on collecting, bookselling,

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ALHHS doings...

KANSAS CITY MEETING

At the gracious invitation of Mrs. Bernice Dean Jackson, some 15 members and guests of this Association met on May 10, 1978, in the Jager Collection of the Logan Clendening Library, University of Kansas Medical Library, Kansas City. After enjoying Mrs. Jackson's elegant box lunch, the visitors fell comfortably to professional concerns.

As always, burst pipes, leaky air-conditioners, and other natural and unnatural enemies of books and their keepers, were talked over. This time the discussion led to a suggestion for a future issue of this newsletter: a core-bibliography on library disasters and their prevention and treatment. Varying techniques for re-appraising rare-book collections from year to year for insurance purposes will also be collected into a small symposium for publication. And new uses of oral history by librarians were mentioned, such as taping commentaries on exhibits by their creators, and audio- or video-taping donors' remarks and reminiscences of their collecting experiences.

The projected Directory of libraries in the history of the health sciences, which has been appearing in installments in these columns lately, was discussed and its history reviewed. While the project itself met with general approval, reaction to "serializing" individual entries drew some demurrers, on the justified grounds that circulation is small and no index can be provided. Book-publication remains our objective — with index, of course — and plans are underway to achieve this as promptly as possible.

Afterwards, Mrs. Jackson showed us some of the treasures of the Jager Collection, including its Virchow letters, and gave us a conducted tour of the rare book stacks and the handsome reading-room. On Thursday evening, the AAHM was invited to the Clendening for a buffet supper, and members of ALHHS had an opportunity to hear excerpts from Estelle Brodman's taped interviews with senior medical librarians.

The Editor divided Thursday between the Spencer Research Library, a handsome building on the lovely green hill-campus of the University of Kansas at Lawrence, and the Kansas State Historical Society collection at Topeka, which has much of medical interest, well-indexed and accessible. At both these institutions, as at the Clendening, we met with an excep-

tionally high standard of professional courtesy.

Kansas City and its countryside were looking pleasant and prosperous; the Country Club Plaza and Crown Center offered temptations to the pocketbook and the appetite; and the Nelson Gallery and Atkins Museum and the Truman Library gave us more to look at than we could have assimilated in a month.

At the AAHM banquet, Russell Baker of The New York Times demonstrated the uses of the well-chosen word, especially as applied to political parties and Presidents, with a few topical sideswipes at sociologists, monograph-writers, and surgeons. If there were any complaints, they were directed at the weather, which pretty well threw the book at us, providing rain, hail, rain, donner-und-blitzen, rain, and tornado-watches.

TIME FOR NOMINATIONS

As of December 1, 1978, one-year terms of office will expire for the following:

Secretary-Treasurer: William K. Beatty
Steering Committee:

John Blake

Doris Thibodeau

(One-year terms were established, it will be remembered, by the Constitution and Bylaws, in order to set up a rotating system for officers and Steering Committee, and avoid simultaneous replacement of the entire structure of the Association.)

The voting membership of the Association is hereby notified that nominations may be submitted to the President, Nancy W. Zinn, until August 15, 1978. Ballots will be distributed with the October issue of this newsletter.

THE ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIANS IN THE HISTORY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES exists to serve the professional interests of librarians, archivists, and other specialists actively engaged in the librarianship of the history of the health sciences by promoting an exchange of information and improving standards of service. Voting memberships are open to persons so engaged at \$10 per year; nonvoting memberships are open to other interested persons, as booksellers, professional and amateur historians, physicians, dentists, veterinarians, nurses, and other health professionals, private collectors, and publishers, at \$15 per year. Institutional subscriptions to The Watermark: \$5 per year.

President: Nancy W. Zinn, 1410 21st Avenue, San Francisco, California 94122. Secretary-Treasurer: William K. Beatty, 1509 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 60201. Editor, The Watermark: Lisabeth M. Holloway, 58 W. Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19144.

MLA doings

HISTORY OF MEDICINE GROUP, CHICAGO

On Monday, June 12, at the Palmer House, the History of Medicine Group met, to overflowing, to hear a panel presentation under the chairmanship of Judith Overmier, as follows: William K. Beatty, "What Will They Do With It?"; Walter Necker, "Acquisitions"; and Richard D. Smith, "Deacidification: Past, Present and Future." Several new rare-book librarians were present, and a gratifying and growing interest in historical librarianship seems to have been exhibited all round.

New History of Medicine Group Steering Committee members are: Lucretia McClure, Chairperson; William K. Beatty, Chairperson-elect; Jon Erlen and Wilhelm Moll.

Jeanne Lynne Barnard's paper, "On Being a Bibliographical Bloodhound," demonstrated the need for "old-fashioned bibliographical expertise and perseverance," and was presented in open meeting. From all accounts, it was thoroughly enjoyable.

Also presented in open meeting was the sample tape previously mentioned from MLA's Oral History Project. The persons interviewed were: Janet Doe, on the Army Medical Library, and her recollections of MLA in the 1920's and 1930's; Mary Louise Marshall, on early education for librarianship; William D. Postell, on his work in southern medical history; Gertrude L. Annan, on the third edition of Handbook of Medical Library Practice, and what to put into medical history collections; Harold Bloomquist on the merger of the Boston Medical Library with Harvard Medical Library, to form the Countway; and Thomas E. Keys on courses and teachers in library school, and how he became Librarian of the Mayo Clinic.

MURRAY GOTTSLIEB PRIZE

Nancy Zian is Chairperson of the Murray Gottlieb Essay Prize Subcommittee. Once again, librarians are reminded of this opportunity for historical competition and publication.



Directory of libraries in the history of the health sciences...

Selected entries

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
201 W. Monument Street, Baltimore, Md., 21201.
301-685-3750 Founded 1844
Hours: 9-4:30 Tues.-Sat.
Manuscripts Curator: Cynthia H. Requardt.
Librarian: Hester Rich.
Services to the general public: Reference (\$2 day admission to non-members); photocopying and microfilming (cost varies); publication of reproductions permitted at the Society's discretion, on payment of fee.
General collection: State and city history — 50,000 volumes.
Materials in the history of the health sciences:
Manuscripts, archives, etc. Organizations: Harford Medical Society, transactions, 1797-1798, microfilm, 1 reel. Baltimore Medical and Surgical Club, history, 1900-1960, typewritten, 1 vol. American Red Cross, Baltimore Chapter, correspondence, 1917-1919, ca. 50 items. Baltimore Birth Control Clinic, papers, 1935, 1 box. Phrenological Association of Baltimore, minutes, 1827-1829. Committee of Health of Baltimore, proceedings, Sept. 1793, during the Philadelphia yellow fever epidemic; in Andrew Buchanan Collection. Baltimore County and City, Trustees of the Poor, proceedings, 1833-1925, including Almshouse, Bayview Asylum, and Baltimore City Hospitals, 8 vols.; also on microfilm.
Physicians, etc.: John Archer, Jr., 1777-1830, notes on surgical lectures of Philip Syng Physick, 1804, 1 vol. Robert Harris Archer, 1775-1857, notes at medical school, 1792-93, copy, in Joseph Hughes Harford County Collection. John H. Bayne, 8 letters, 1862-1869, incl. 2 to Lincoln and 4 from Stanton, typewritten copies. Thomas E. Bond, Sr., 1782-1856, medical account book, 1832- , cont'd by TEB, Jr., 1813-1872. James Bordley, genealogical notes, also early medical notes, in Bordley Family papers. John Brown, notes on his lectures in physick, 1778-1779, 1 vol. Bennet Bernard Browne, 1842-1922, scrapbook, pertaining esp. to Woman's Medical College of Baltimore, 1867-1893, 1 vol. William Chancellor, diary, 1751, as ship's doctor on slaving expedition to Africa, in E. A. Williams Papers. Julian John Chisolm, 1830- , letters, 1865-1868, incl. Civil War

service, 6 items. John Crawford, 1746-1813, letters, 1798-1805, esp. re Thomas Crawford. Charles Marion Dodson, 1842-1929, diary aboard USS "Hollyhock" in Civil War, 1864-1865, 1 vol. William Rush Dunton, Jr., 1868- , scrapbook of Harlem Lodge Sanitarium, which he headed, 1891-1938, 1 vol. Daniel Fahrney, 1841-1905, letters and accounts with druggists, also accounts of Peter Fahrney, 1817-1892, 95 items. Alice Fitzgerald, 1876-1962, papers, incl. diary, autobiography, letters, ca. 1916-1956, 3 vols. & ca. 50 items. David Sterett Gittings, 1797-1887, letters at University of Edinburgh, in Gittings Papers. Richard Hopkins, 1762-1832, corresp., 1783-1786, etc., ca 20 items. Alfred Hughes, 1824-1880, account books, 1861-1879, 2 vols. Richard Johns, fl. 1753-1763, account book and store sales, 1753-1756, 1762-1763. Ellen Perkins Kilpatrick, d. 1951, scrapbook of her letters 1917-1918. Duncan McKim, letters, 1876-1880, medical tracts, commonplace book, in McKim Collection.. George B. Massey, 1856-1927, TS sketch, in Lee Papers. Amanda Taylor Norris, 1849-1944, first woman doctor to work in Baltimore, clippings, notes, etc. Frank D. Orrick, fl. 1859-1879, medical account book, 1859-1861, scrapbook, 1877-1879. Jackson Piper, 1828-1907, notebook on lectures on natural philosophy at Princeton, 1849, with medical accounts, 1860-1861. William Quynn, fl. 1782-1784, letters from medical school in Philadelphia, London, Edinburgh. John Didier Readell, 1790-1854, biographical sketch, letters from Paris, 1814-1815, journal 1812-1814, etc. Ferdinand O. W. Reinhard, 1886-1940, papers, chiefly concerning WW-I service. Dr. Roberts, Bel Air, Md., patients' record book, 1890. Thomas H. Roberts, fl. 1865, visiting list. William B. Rowland, 1811-1885, account books, 1834-1883, 6 vols.; notebook, 1839, 1 vol. John K. Sappington, 1791-1868, medical notes at University of Maryland, 1816. Guy Steele, 1861-1956, letters on shipboard, 1891-1894; Thomas B. Steele, papers, 1845-1856, describing life as Navy Surgeon; in Steele Papers. Lewis H. Steiner, 1827-1892, papers, 1861-1882, incl. service as Chief Inspector, U.S. Sanitary Commission. Harvey Stone, papers, 1917-1918, 60 items. James Mackall Taylor, journals, 1802-1816, 2 vols. Adeline Blanchard Tyler, 1805-1875, papers, in part on her hospital work in Baltimore and Pennsylvania, 1861-1864, 43 items. Gustavus Warfield, 1784-1866, account book and prescriptions. James Waring, fl. 1832-1859, daybook and ledger, 1832-1859, 2 vols. John Campbell White, 1757-1847, papers as physician, etc. Simon A. Wickes, d. 1834, memoranda on opening of practice in Philadelphia as Out Door Physician to the Almshouse.

Peregrine Wroth, 1786-1879, memoirs mentioning 13 Kent County physicians, 1862; also selections from his autobiography, from about 1818; 3 vols. Hugh Hampton Young, 1870-1945, papers, incl. WW-I service, 1917-1920, ca. 100 items.

Drug trade: Apothecary's ledgers, 1794-1795, 1801-1805, from Harford County, 2 vols. Apothecary's daybook, 1854, Baltimore, 1 vol. Robert Davis, account book of apothecary's supplies, 1845-1847, 1 vol. Stewart, apothecary, Baltimore, ledger and prescription book, 1834-1837, 1 vol. Harford County druggist's record, 1887-1889, 1 vol. William Silver Thompson, 1823-1894, records, 2 vols.

Photographs, etc. Some pictures of physicians and buildings.

Catalogues, etc. The Manuscript Collections of the Maryland Historical Society, comp. by A. J. M. Pedley. Baltimore, 1968. \$15. (An update of this guide in progress; should be completed by 1979.) Holdings reported to NUCMC.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. LIBRARY. Founded 1835
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Librarian: Estelle Brodman, Ph.D. Archivist: Darryl Podoll. Rare Book Librarian: Christopher Hoolihan.

Services to the general public: Reference; photocopy (10¢ page); microfilming (cost varies); interlibrary loan (early material sometimes available). No borrowing.

General collection: 160,000 volumes; 2,300 current journal titles.

Materials in the history of the health sciences: Pagel Collection in the History of Medicine (purchased before 1930), 2,500 titles; general historical collection of about 2,000 volumes. currently being added to. 6 incunabula. Becker Collection in Ophthalmology. 300 rare and ca. 350 secondary works in ophthalmology and optics. Catalog to be published late 1978. Collection still growing. C. I. D. — Max A. Goldstein Collection in Speech and Hearing. 600 rare and ca. 1,000 old works in deafness and education of deaf. Collection still growing. Secondary works: about 1,500 publ. since 1950.

Manuscripts and archives: Six record groups containing historical records of the School of Medicine and Medical Center. Twenty-two faculty collections of papers and correspondence of 20th century faculty members: Joseph Erlanger, Leo Loeb, Evarts A. Graham, Sherwood Moore, Philip A. Shaffer, Robert J. Terry, Edmund V. Cowdry, Martin Silberberg Memorial Fund Collection on Art and Medicine, Aaron Steele, David E. Kennell Collection on St. Louis Doctors for Peace in Vietnam, Helen Tredway, Graham, Margaret G. Smith, Borden S. Veeder, Wendell G. Scott, Carl V. Moore, Bert Y. Glassberg, Alfred Goldman, Franklin E. Walton, Valentina Suntzeff, James L. O'Leary, Hallowell Davis, and Jacques Bronfenbrenner.

Private collections of papers of distinguished physicians: William Beaumont, 1785-1853, Joseph Frank Mayes, Henry L. Ettman, Paul H. Stevenson, Beckett Howorth, and James U. Scott. Photographs and medical artifacts in most collections may be copied with permission.

Catalogues, etc.: Pagel Collection described in Jour. Missouri State Medical Association, May, 1913. Special Collections in the Library of the Washington University School of Medicine, (St. Louis, Mo., May 1978, 10 pp.) briefly describes the holdings; ten archival collections have been reported to NUCMC; microfilm of the Beaumont Collection may be purchased; microfilm of the Erlanger, E. A. Graham, Ettman, Glassberg, Goldman, H. T. Graham, Scott, Smith, and Terry Collections may be borrowed on interlibrary loan.


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Services to the general public: Reference; borrowing; photocopy (10¢ exposure); interlibrary loan (early materials at discretion of the Historical Librarian. Pre-1850 material does not circulate.)
General collection: 75,000 books and monographs; 90,000 periodical volumes. Other libraries on the Madison campus hold approx. 2,650,000 volumes.
Materials in the history of the health sciences: 8,000 monographs printed before 1850 (600 uncataloged but accessible); 1,000 pamphlets prior to 1850; 7,000 secondary works. Collection cataloged separately.
Manuscripts, archives, etc. LaCrosse Medical Society, minutes, 1864. William Snow Miller Medical History Seminar, papers, 1913-. Archives of Wisconsin Surgical Society. (Manuscripts and artifacts in general collected by the State Historical Society on campus.)

Printed materials: Three incunabula. Strong in anatomy, physiology, neurosciences, internal medicine, cancer, nutrition, domestic medicine, anaesthesiology, Scottish medicine, French clinical school, microbiology. William Snow Miller anatomy and tuberculosis collection. Hans H. Reese neurology collection. Edgar Goldschmid pathological anatomy collection. William Snow Miller reprint collection of anatomy, diseases, and physiology of the lung, 1890-1940. William S. Middleton reprint collection on internal medicine.

Collections on major medical figures: Vesalius, His, Muller, Virchow.

Journals, reference materials, and special secondary collections: About 10% of American pre-1850 journals listed by Ebert. Microfilm collection of Austin holdings (library owns about 25% of originals); 60% of Garrison-Morton listings in some edition. G. Miller Checklist II, 29/30. Women and/in health on microfilm from Women's History Research Center, Berkeley, Calif., 14 reels. Major history of medicine journals; most history of science journals available elsewhere on campus.

Pictorial materials: A few miscellaneous items. Catalogues, etc.: John Neu, ed. Chemical, medical, and pharmaceutical books printed before 1800. Madison, 1965. Sara Moreland, ed. A guide to the location of titles listed in Garrison and Morton's Medical bibliography (2d ed., rev. 1965) in twenty midwest libraries. Chicago, Midwest Regional Medical Library, 1970. Holdings reported to NUC, also Midwest Regional Medical Library.



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