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PRESERVATION DECISION-MAKING IN A MEDICAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY

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It is indeed difficult to make any generalizations about preservation decision-making that have equal validity for each of us. Though we know that we do have much in common, our collections are extraordinarily various; some of the dissimilarities that will affect our preservation decision-making arise from their age and size, altered patterns of scholarly use, their provenance, their geographical origin, types of material, and their inclusive dates. Dissimilarities arise also from institutional considerations: the organization of preservation responsibilities, the relationship of the historical library to the institution of which it is a part, and the value systems of that institution.

I use the terms historical library and special collections interchangeably to include all the kinds of material within our care, distinguished from a general collection only because at some point it was decided that these materials should have special attention, particularly to their artifactual value in addition to their informational content. Very little of the literature on preservation focuses on special collections; it's assumed that we've been committed to preserving original format for a long time, and that we'll just continue to do whatever we were doing.

But there's a growing realization that the preservation needs of special collections must be reconsidered. Continuing developments in both automation and preservation have, I think, tended to reassert the continuity of special collections with the general research collections of which they are a part. Just as there is embrittled paper in both current and historical collections, there are materials in both that are unique or have artifactual value or are otherwise not amenable to any mass approach. The decisions we make about preservation are taken in that context of continuity.

The points at which we are called on to make such decisions are many. Acquisitions is logically the first. Much of the material we choose to acquire brings with it preservation needs: almost all manuscript and

archival material, and certainly a large portion of nineteenth and twentieth century books and journals. To acquire them is to accept the responsibility for their preservation. And of course preservation considerations enter into the related decision to deaccession, whether it's the duplicate with a less-sturdy binding or a cornflake run of a serial that should be replaced by microfilm.

The point at which many of us have the greatest impact on the preservation of collections is in the transfer of material from the general to the historical collection. Sometimes the space in which the historical collection is housed has better control over environmental conditions; in almost every case we have better control of day-to-day handling. This is graphically demonstrated in my collection where the vagaries of past policy have put one copy of a book in Special Collections and another in the open stacks where it daily suffers a knocking about--without being actually used any more than the protected copy--and with a rapidly diminishing potential for future use. Moving forward the cutoff date for special collections (or some such limited access storage) is probably the most effective preservation decision we can make and implement--one which several collections represented here have already made.

A point at which most libraries say that they make preservation decisions is "point of use." For a special collection, point of use can have a variety of meanings: patron use of an item for both textual and structural information, selecting a backlog item for cataloging, use in researching an exhibition or as a display in an exhibition, when we search our holdings against a dealer's catalog, and far too frequently, in the aftermath of a disaster.

An important tool in preservation decision-making is the comprehensive collection survey, or even a more narrowly defined survey, limited to a subject area, say, or to the items appearing in a bibliography. A well-designed survey can categorize needs based on the environment and on the condition of paper and binding; this needs assessment can help set priorities and perhaps streamline treatment.

Another preservation decision point is when we seek funding. It is customary for the source of the funds to define the terms--which may not correspond with what a library has determined to be its needs. This is an issue

to be negotiated, if possible, and it requires a good deal of discussion and compromise. Any credible grant proposal, whether made to a public or private agency, should include a preservation component based realistically on needs and priorities and capabilities.

Preservation decision points present themselves to almost all members of a library's staff--though those staff members are sometimes not aware of them as such. We historical librarians, as the people we have traditionally led the concern for the physical well-being of our collections, should actively take part in educating our colleagues who have responsibilities for materials processing, photocopy, interlibrary loan, circulation, and collection development--of course about the big issues such as ideal temperature and relative humidity, but also about the seemingly minor things such as the use of paper clips, rubber bands, and post-its. And we must decide how we can best continue to educate ourselves--about available treatment options and the circumstances in which they are appropriate, about emerging technologies and the circumstances in which they will be appropriate. I hope that we will be able to have a full report on next week's MARAC conference focusing on current preservation issues, especially the session on "Deacidification: the State of the Science" which will bring together spokespeople for each of the major deacidification processes, who will talk not just about the technical process, but also about its costs, problems, and how it will be marketed to the archival and library community. Now that mass deacidification is coming closer to realizability, libraries are having to make decisions about its use. Columbia for one will probably not employ mass deacidification for any but new acquisitions, and almost certainly not on anything more than 5 years old. It's unlikely in that circumstance that mass deacidification will be of much help to a historical collection. Paper-strengthening processes are the next developing technology about whose appropriate applications we need to be able to make informed decisions when the time comes.

I've proposed a variety of decision-points--acquisition, de-accessioning, transfer of material from the general collection, point of use, collection survey, grant proposal writing, education and planning. What do we have to guide us in making these decisions? First, a collection development policy which incorporates preservation guidelines. It cannot be said too often that collection development and preservation are functions of each other; that holds true throughout the spectrum from historical to general collections. The collection development policy should take into account the choices that must be made--I suppose the one that looms largest for all of us right now is that of preservation of original format versus microform replacement. At the Columbia Health Sciences Library we have been working for the past year or so at drafting guidelines to help us proceed rationally; the discussion has involved not just the people

responsible for collection development and preservation, but also an exploration of the implications for the whole system: technical services, public services, interlibrary loan, stack maintenance, and media--as well as those responsible for justifying decisions to users.

No one any longer maintains that every item in every historical collection should be preserved in original format; aside from the fact that no one can afford it, original format may not be the best way to preserve the information in large areas of our collections. We have to accept a trade-off of the loss of some kinds of information in order to preserve others. For that material which still has a long and useful life in its original form, we must set priorities that will assure that use as long as possible. There's nothing new here, except for a term recently proposed by Paul Banks--"extrinsic preservation"--which covers "the strategies of prevention that don't involve actual treatment of the object"--environment and housing.

I'd like to digress to some of the ideas that Paul Banks has been sermonizing on lately. He argues that environmental control is unequivocally the most cost-effective of all preservation strategies. But further, he says, it is important to recognize that the technical side of designing and maintaining environmental systems for preservation is a specialty within the specialties of architecture and engineering--and that most architects and engineers, despite their claims of knowing how to do it, don't. Unfortunately, the deterioration of collections under adverse conditions is slow enough that the effects aren't noticeable during any one person's career. He advises that in any library space planning one obtain the services of a consultant with close ties to the conservation profession.

Now back to that other aspect of extrinsic preservation--housing. A system of housing should indeed be a matter of policy, and its first principle should be to match the needs of the object with the appropriate treatment, whether it be shelves or containers. And the second principle is our old friend reversibility. We certainly want to avoid putting ourselves in the same position as our predecessors who replaced contemporary calf or vellum with red gilt morocco, or who applied the latest in leather treatments that are now a gooey mass on the shelves.

Guidelines for extrinsic preservation as well as its more active forms can be appropriately incorporated into the collection development policy. To aid us in writing these guidelines is the collection survey and other such documentation. This survey, or sampling, can give us the numbers we need to establish priorities, and put us in a position to take advantage of funding and special expertise. For instance, because I was fortunate enough to have had student assistants survey the earliest books in our collection, and note various categories of need, I was able to have a dozen of them immediately identifiable to be included in a university-wide project to treat red rot; two others got full conservation treatment as demonstra-

tions in a book-binding lab. They were ready when the occasion arose. The same survey produced candidates for clamshell boxing when we persuaded the Friends to devote their annual gift to preservation. A sampling of a wider range of materials can tell us not only about the sort of artifactual treatments I've just mentioned, but also about the degree of paper embrittlement and consequently the extent of the need for microfilm replacement.

Another essential preservation tool is the disaster plan. My library's disasters almost invariably come on weekends and holidays, so it's important that the disaster plan spell out the lines of authority and the sequence of actions to be taken so that serious damage can be controlled as quickly as possible by whoever is available. People frequently don't have time in the emergency to consult this plan very attentively. But about halfway through the plan, after the heroic response, comes the nitty-gritty of procedures to stabilize damaged material. This is the part that will determine the resulting condition of the library material, and should be as carefully thought out and as clearly stated as the more urgent instructions. Like all policy and procedures statements, the disaster plan should be continuously revised and updated.

Finally, the major aid to us in preservation decision-making is continuous education, both of ourselves and of the whole library staff. We must be prepared to make rapid decisions involving judgment based on available information. Meetings like today's are one of the best ways to make sure that our store of available information is of high quality and up-to-date.

A FEW USEFUL ARTICLES ABOUT PRESERVATION AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Barclay Ogden. "On the Preservation of Books and Documents in Original Format." Commission on Preservation and Access Report, October, 1989. (Available on request from the Commission, Suite 313, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036)

Roberta Pilette and Carolyn Harris. "It Takes Two to Tango: a Conservator's View of Curator/Conservator Relations." *Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarian* 5(1) Spring 1990, 103-111.

Samuel A. Streit. "Transfer of Materials from General Stacks to Special Collections." *Collection Management* 7 Summer 1985, 33-46.

Lisa B. Williams. "Selecting Rare Books for Physical Conservation: Guidelines for Decision Making." *College & Research Libraries* 46(2) March 1985, 153-159.



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by Katharine E.S. Donahue

Change of Editor

After this issue, I am giving over the pleasureable responsibility for this column to Mary Teloh. I have enjoyed hearing from all of you and pasting EX LIBRIS together. Now I look forward to reading about everybody's activities in the printed pages of *The Watermark*.

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Added entries

On 16 May 1990 Mary Claire Cowan gave birth to a son, Britt Jeffrey Cowan. Britt weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. Both mother and son are doing fine.

Peter Olch has joined the book trade as The Owl & The Buffalo Books after years of private collecting. His specialties will be Western Americana and the History of Medicine. Send for catalogues at P.O. Box 527, Kensington, MD 20895.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has an attractive new brochure for their collection, The J. Bay Jacobs, MD, Library for the History

of Obstetrics and Gynecology in America. Single copies free from the College at 409 12th Street, SW, Washington DC, 20024-2188.

Revised entries

After retirement Terry Cavanagh moved to Georgia and with him went Emeritus Books. If anyone missed Terry's latest list, write 145 Woodhaven, Athens, GA 30606.

New Acquisitions

John Symons of the Wellcome Institute writes that "the most important recent acquisition by the Contemporary Medical Archives Centre is the Royal Army Medical Corps Muniment Collection deposited on indefinite loan. This comprises about 500 ft of papers, mainly relating to individuals serving in the R.A.M.C. from the Peninsula to the Falklands War.

Elisabeth Ihrig reports in the *Electric Quarterly* the acquisition of a very important Mesmer manuscript. The manuscript *De plantarum influxu in corpus humanum* (Vienna 1766) is written in Latin and evidently in Mesmer's own hand and is his doctoral dissertation. The 19 page manuscript deals with the influence of the planets on the human body.

Mary Teloh writes that Vanderbilt Medical Center Library has recently acquired the research papers of Grant Liddle, M.D., 1921-1989. Dr. Liddle was an endocrinologist of world renown. He is credited with having devised the modern approach to the diagnosis of disorders of the adonal glands. Dr. Liddle's research on the hormonal control of blood pressure led to the delineation of a curable form of hypertension now referred to as Liddle's Syndrome. A register is being prepared for the Liddle Collection and should be available in January 1991.

Although the AAHM meeting schedule was busy, the book display area proved (as always) to be a worthwhile place to spend some time. I added two interesting titles to the UCLA Biomedical Library collections. From Edwin V. Glaser Rare Books came a fine association copy relating to vaccination: C.R. Aiken's *A concise view of all the most important facts which have hitherto appeared concerning the cow-pox* (London, 1801) which belonged to the American Benjamin Waterhouse, the first physician to practice vaccination in the United States. The other title came from Becky Hardie of Pickering & Chatto. It is a combination workbook and phrenological guide to the personality. It was to be completed by the phrenologist and the analysis presented to the patient with the appropriate areas checked. This is the personality profile of one Mr. A.P. Cutting and it is completely filled out.

The St. Louis Medical Society has deposited its rare book collections with the Special Collections & Rare Books Division of the Washington University School of Medicine Library. The Society's deposit includes the Robert E. Schleuter Paracelsus Collection (the world's largest of works by or concerning the German Renais-

sance physician and philosopher), the James Moores Ball Collection (author of *Sack-Em-Up Men*, 1926) containing many rare folio volumes of early works of anatomy, science and medicine; and the general rare book collection (a large and eclectic collection of items from 1700 to historical reference works of relatively recent date) of the Society. In addition the Dental School's rare books have been transferred to the Special Collections. The Henry J. McKellops Collection consists of approximately one thousand volumes of monographs and journals and includes the only copy of the 1532 second edition of Zene Artzney, usually considered the first dental book, in an American library.

Analytics

A major event for the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine is their move. After three and a half months of closure and the traumatic upheaval of the move, the Library is once again open to readers. They reopened their doors on the 23rd of April at the Bentley House, 200 Euston Road, London NW1 (opposite the Wellcome Building); their hours remain 9:45 am--5:15 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with extended opening until 7:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Their telephone number is 071-383-4414; Fax: 071-388-3164. Their postal address remains 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BN, England. The Academic Unit and Administration is located at Entrance D, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London WC1: telephone: 071-383-4252; fax: 071-383-0495. The Institute will be re-united in the refurbished Wellcome Building towards the end of 1991. The Library facilities, according to John Symons, will be much enhanced.

Development

Kudos to Joan Klein for interesting The Observer (Charlottesville and Albermarle County's Community Newspaper) in printing a major piece on her and her collection at the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia. This kind of article encourages use and certainly should assist in collection development. Exhibits

The Dittrick Museum of Medical History, Cleveland, Ohio has an exhibit on display titled: "Alzheimer's disease: historical perspective and current views;" it will run from May through September 1990. The exhibit presents three historical perspectives on Alzheimer's disease: the identification of senile dementia as a clinical entity in the early nineteenth century; the emergence of "brain psychiatry" and neuropathology in the latter part of the century; and Alois Alzheimer's contribution to the understanding of dementias, including that which now bears his name.

Queries


Dr. Paul Berman, University of Massachusetts at Amherst is interested in case histories, dissertations and diaries relating to obstetrical practice in the period 1820 to 1850. Of specific interest is material that mentions

statistics such as types of presentations, complications and therapeutics. If you have any material of this nature, please write to: Dr. Paul Berman, 64 Heatherstone Road, Amherst, Mass. 01002.

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Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

The Steering Committee met on May 9th, 1990 to review the agenda for the annual meeting and to discuss several items of business. First was the fact that ALHHS needs a coordinator or presenter for the lunch workshop/seminar held at the AAHM meeting. One possible topic, briefly discussed was the use of visual materials as documentation. Phil Teigen said he would ask for volunteers and suggestions at the annual meeting.

The Steering Committee approved Elizabeth White's proposal for the production and distribution of a new ALHHS directory. The directory will include the new constitution and by-laws, a list of former and current officers of the Association, an alphabetical directory (including as many FAX, Internet, etc. numbers as possible), and a geographical index of the membership. The cost for this directory is expected to be \$400-500.

The idea of using some of our money for a scholarship or stipend to assist a foreign member or visitor in attending the annual meeting was discussed. Barbara Paulson was asked to prepare a proposal for a one time stipend to be offered to someone for a future meeting. The Steering Committee will discuss this again after looking at the proposal and reviewing the finances.

Phil Teigen suggested that ALHHS consider a publication award for reference works in the history of the health sciences. There is not currently an award for compilers or authors of this type of material. The Steering Committee asked Phil to select a committee to prepare a proposal on giving an award for a reference book, archival finding aid, or article on historical health science collections. There was some discussion about placing some of our funds in an endowment with the interest being used for special projects such as this.

Judith "Robin" Overmier talked briefly about

the proposal she and Nancy Zinn are preparing for the Medical Library Association's Publication Committee for a directory of special collections in the history of the health sciences. MLA might be rather slow in approving this project, but Nancy and Robin will be ready soon to start gathering collection information. The Steering Committee voted to assist this project with a stipend of up to \$150 for data collection. This will give Robin and Nancy funds for data collection forms and postage.

Elizabeth Borst White

Secretary-Treasurer, ALHHS

ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIANS IN THE HISTORY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Annual Meeting Minutes, Baltimore, May 10, 1990

Glen Jenkins, President, called the meeting to order after lunch at the Harvey House Restaurant. The minutes of last years meeting were distributed to everyone attending (61 people). The President asked for corrections to the minutes, none were offered, so the minutes were approved and accepted. Elizabeth White, Secretary-Treasurer, gave the next report. The savings account for ALHHS currently has \$6,269. About \$850 of this will be used to pay annual meeting expenses and another \$242 will be used to reimburse the editor for the Spring, 1990 issue of *The Watermark*. This will leave about \$5,000 in our account for future projects or programs. The Association currently has 135 names on the mailing list. There are 97 voting members (exactly the same as last year), 34 non-voting members, three subscriptions and one complimentary subscription which is sent to the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine.

Lisabeth Holloway was asked by Glen Jenkins to give a special report on the history of ALHHS. Because of noise in the restaurant, Lisabeth asked John Parascandola to read her report. This report is not being included in the minutes, since Lisabeth has agreed to expand this report and have it printed in a future issue of *The Watermark*.

Judith "Robin" Overmier, editor for *The Watermark*, reported that four issues were mailed this year. Each issue had a guest editor, Joan Echtenkamp Klein for the Summer 1989 issue on archives, Aletha Kowitz for the Fall 1989 issue on dentistry, Lilli Sentz for the Winter 1989 issue nursing, and Patrick Sim for the recent Spring 1990 issue highlighting sources in anesthesia. There will be a change this year in the Publications Committee. Nance Zinn has resigned from the Committee. Since San Francisco's Library Bldg. is nearly complete, Nancy will be packing and moving collections this Summer and Fall. Kathy Donahue has accepted the role of Publications Committee Chair to coordinate support for the editor of *The Watermark*. Kathy Donahue asked for volunteers who will write articles or columns or who will accept responsibility for enticing others to contribute material.

A list was circulated at the meeting for volunteers for the Publications Committee.

Mary Ann Hoffman, Membership Officer, reported that two mailings were completed this year. The first went to archivists in health related institutions. From over forty letters and invitations to join ALHHS, she reported that at least four new members were recruited, perhaps more, since the dues forms were not coded for originating source.

The next section of the meeting was a series of announcements from the members. Judith Overmier announced that she and Nancy Zinn are working on a proposal for the preparation of a monograph about and directory of special collections in the history of the health sciences. These collections could be books, manuscripts, photographs, and other materials in many types of repositories. This proposal will be presented to the Medical Library Association's Publication Committee at their May, 1990 meeting in Detroit.

Katherine McDonell circulated a job announcement for the newly created position of Special Collections Librarian at the Indiana University School of Medicine Library.

John Parascandoa asked each member to remember the Murray Gottlieb Prize which is awarded by the Medical Library Association for a paper by a librarian on some aspect of medical history. He asked the members to consider preparing papers in their fields of interest and to submit them to the Gottlieb Prize Committee for consideration. The deadline for 1990 is December 15th.

Barbara Niss gave an enthusiastic report about the first annual New York Archive Week in 1989 and the second annual week to be celebrated, October 1-7, 1990. The joint exhibit last year included materials from 14 repositories and was focused on "The Uses of Archives: Past and Possible." This year the topic will be "The Patient Experience" including materials from the 19th & 20th Century. This special exhibit will be open at the New York Academy of Medicine on Sept. 24th.

Barbara Paulson announced that there will soon be an opening for a Special Collections Librarian at Columbia University. Barbara has accepted a position as Program Officer with NEH as of July 1st.

Glen Jenkins then asked the members to consider one problem that has arisen with our constitution. Passing revisions requires acceptance by two-thirds of the voting membership in a mail ballot. The membership did not respond well to the mail ballot and it was very difficult to get two-thirds of the voting members to return their ballots. Without a good response to mail ballots, no progress can be made on any change of the Association's name or other issues.

Glen invited everyone to the Cleveland meeting in 1991 which will be held April 30th and May 1st. This will be a joint program with the Medical Museums Association, allowing for separate business meetings. Glen then thanked Robin Overmier for her work in

producing *The Watermark* and Elizabeth White for fulfilling the duties of Secretary-Treasurer for the organization. Glen then turned the meeting over to Phil Teigen, the new President for the Association.

Phil Teigen is Deputy Chief of the History of Medicine Division at the National Library of Medicine. He wanted everyone to feel free to comment, volunteer or communicate with him about the Association. He said the mail service might be a bit slow at times, so for anyone with "hot" ideas or comments he can be reached by using the numbers below.

FAX -- (301)402-0872 Telephone -- (301)496-5405

Telephone -- (800)272-4787 and then press 22 on a touch tone phone for the History of Medicine Division.

Address -- History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD, 20894.

Phil then asked for new business which should be considered in his term. Inci Bowman suggested that the membership should look carefully at the issues involved in our professional ethics and the policies for the protection of our collections. The American Library Association, the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Society of American Archivists have codes of ethics for their members. The American Association of Museums has a 32 page document focused on ethics and the protection of collections. Each document may not be followed by an institution or individual, but we do need to consider these for our own protection. Barbara Paulson said that the SAA and RBMS/ACRL are revising their codes and we should look at these when they are released. Nancy Zinn asked the group not to try to reinvent the wheel, but to carefully consider the work of these, our closely allied associations.

Dorothy Mims spoke briefly about a database which she is building from quotes in various rare book dealers catalogues. The titles and prices from items owned by her library or titles which might be acquired through gifts are entered into her database. This will alert staff members to the value of materials in the collections and the value of some gifts. She asked if anyone is doing something similar. She would like to hear about other computer projects for managing historical collections. Phil Teigen mentioned that this might be a good topic for *The Watermark*.

Lucretia McClure offered her congratulations and thanks to Glen Jenkins for two good years of service to ALHHS.

Dorothy Whitcomb reminded everyone that Lucretia McClure is President-Elect for the Medical Library Association and will be installed as President at the meeting next week (May 19-24) in Detroit.

Phil Teigen announced that there are two further issues for the membership to consider. The first is the program for the lunch seminar at next year's AAHM meeting. Anyone with ideas for the lunch session should talk to Phil. The Steering Committee for ALHHS will

review proposals before they are sent to the AAHM Program Committee.

The second issue is the Association's name -- impossible to say and the acronym is impossible to pronounce. There is also the fact that our name does not accurately reflect the diversity of our members. The membership in our first decade has grown from a small group of librarians to a larger association of curators for many types of collections. The librarians, archivists and booksellers are all a part of this organization. Phil will appoint a committee to look at the Association's name this year.

There being no further announcements, Judith Overmier moved that the meeting be adjourned; this was seconded by Tom Horrocks and passed by the members. 2:25 pm. -- Baltimore, Maryland.

Elizabeth Borst White

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Our seventeenth annual meeting on May 10th in Baltimore was large and successful. Sixty-one people registered (the largest number ever, I believe); Ed Morman arranged a varied and interesting program, and everyone was full of enthusiasm.

Looking ahead to 1990-91: In addition to the usual standing committees, I will appoint an ad hoc

committee to prepare recommendations about our name, which no longer describes the complexity and diversity of the Association. Should it be changed? If so, what might it be changed to? I will also appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate the creation of awards that our Association might give in order to recognize outstanding work in our field. Information about these and other committees will appear in the President's Column in the next issue of *The Watermark*.

My phone numbers, fax numbers, and address are all given above. Please call or write if you have any questions or ideas for the Association.

Phil Teigen

President, ALHHS

ALHHS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 9, 1990

Revenues

Jan. 1, 1990 -- In Credit Union Account	\$3,954.55
Interest	52.40
Jan. deposits	65.00
Feb. deposits	485.00
March deposits	977.50
Interest	54.59
April deposits	1,355.00
May deposits	369.02

\$7,313.06

Expenses

Jan. withdrawals	295.82
Feb. withdrawals	64.48
Mar. withdrawals	273.68
April returned checks (2)	55.00
May withdrawals	355.00

\$1,043.98

Current Assets \$6,269.08

Encumbered Funds

Annual Mtg. Lunch	858.00
Annual Mtg. Refreshments	75.00
Watermark	187.09
Postage - Watermark	55.25

approx. \$1,175.34

Available Funds -- approx. \$5,093.74

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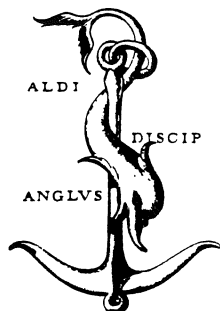
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ALHHS - REPORT ON THE ANNUAL PROGRAM, May 9-10 1990 - BALTIMORE, MD

The annual meeting of the Association of Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences was a smashing success. Thanks to the planning of the local arrangements committee, chaired by Edward Mormon, Curator of the Historical Collection, Johns Hopkins University Institute for the History of Medicine, attendees were presented with a full, varied, and very informative program. A social event featuring good Mexican food and conversation was enjoyed at Menckens Cultured Pearl Cafe. Tours and open houses were held at the University of Maryland Health Sciences Library, the Nineteenth Century Shop, William H. Welch Medical Library and the Institute of the History of Medicine, the Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives, and both the conservation laboratory and the Rare Book Collection (which featured an exhibit of Revere Osler's books) of the Milton Eisenhower Library of Johns Hopkins University.

The program, titled "Preservation and Conservation Management in Medical Archives and History of Medicine Collections," held at the Library of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, was very informative and useful. Bill Sleeman, Archival Consultant to the Library introduced six speakers who presented various aspects of the preservation challenge. Listed below are the speakers and their topics.

Karen Garlick, National Archives, "The Preservation Challenge"

Barbara Paulson, Columbia University, "Preservation Decision Making in Medical Historical Libraries"

Jill Rawnsley, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, Philadelphia, "The Conservation Survey as a Tool for Planning"

Margaret Childs, Washington, DC (Consultant to the Northeast Document Conservation Center, Boston), "NEDCC Preservation and Conservation Services"

Karen Garlick, U.S. National Archives, "Holdings Maintenance: an Integrated Approach to Collections Care"

Robert Milevski, Preservation Department, Milton S. Eisenhower Library, the Johns Hopkins University, "Conservation and Preservation Activities at the Milton S. Eisenhower Library"

Eve-Marie Lacroix, National Library of Medicine, "The NLM Preservation Programs: Internal and National"

In aggregate the talks provided an excellent overview and introduction to the preservation world and its activities. While most of the talks were necessarily broad in scope, Karen Garlick's talk on holdings maintenance provided an in-depth discussion on holdings maintenance decision making and presented an evaluation process. Housing is one of the most significant and important steps we can take to preserve our materials. Available through Ms. Garlick is a document titled *Preservation of Archival Records: Holdings Maintenance at the National Archives* by Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler (National Archives,

Technical Information Paper No. 6, 1990.) This is a very thorough treatment of how to prepare materials for housing and the appropriate type of housing.

Although all the papers were superior, it seemed to us that for our specific purposes, it was well worthwhile printing Barbara Paulson's thoughtful talk, "Preservation Decision Making in Medical Historical Libraries" as the lead article of this issue of *The Watermark*.

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The luncheon session on The History of the Book and the History of Medicine drew such a large audience that many prospective attendees were turned away during the pre-registration period.

Judith Overmier, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma spoke on the history of the book as a discipline and on the variety of problems it investigates. Philip Teigen, Ph.D., Deputy Chief, Historical Division, National Library of Medicine spoke on the American publication of Hugo von Ziemssen's *Handbuch der speciellen Pathologie und Therapie*. His witty presentation posed a number of challenges characteristic of this kind of research in general and discussed how he had addressed them specifically in his research on von Ziemssen's set. "Foreign Portraits of Disease in American Frames: Foreign Reprints and the Development of American Medical Publishing Before the Civil War" was presented by Thomas A. Horrocks, M.A., M.S.L.S., Librarian, Historical Collections, College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Joanne H. Phillips, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Classics, Tufts University presentation on her remarkable discoveries of manuscript and early editions of the *Liber Medicinalis Quinti Sereni* kept the audience on the edge of their chairs during the paper and in the room asking questions long after the paper.

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NLM VISITING HISTORICAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The National Library of Medicine plans to select one (1) recognized scholar to engage in historical research and staff consultation during the 1991-92 season. Applications are now invited from individuals interested in spending from 6 to 12 months at the Library between September 1, 1991 and August 31, 1992. Detailed announcements and application forms may be obtained from the Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD, 20894

Telephone (301) 496-5405. The closing date is December 15, 1990.

ACOG-ORTHO FELLOWSHIP IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

The College is announcing the availability of their annual Fellowship. Recipients receive a \$5000 stipend, to defray expenses for housing, transportation, and food while in Washington DC for at least one month conducting research on the history of American obstetrics and gynecology in the Historical Collections of the Library of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (arrangements to use other area libraries also may be made) Send for further information and application forms from the Library (see next entry for address); applications are due September 1, 1990

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS

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Position Title: History Librarian

Responsible to: Head Librarian and Associate Director, Resource Center

Responsibilities:

1. Catalog all books for the historical and general Resource Center collections. Cataloging includes completing the retroconversion of records and detailed cataloging of materials in historical collection. Keep statistical records on cataloging for annual reports.
2. Coordinate all preservation and conservation activities for the library. Duties include preparing and maintaining a disaster plan, maintaining a healthy environment for materials, and providing for conservation and preservation of library materials through local sources.
3. Promote use of historical collection and supervise and assist users.
4. Respond to reference questions in the history of obstetrics and gynecology. Use online databases such as HISTLINE and printed sources.
5. Help Associate Director plan library services and facilities.
6. Develop the historical collection by 1) reviewing book catalogs, book reviews, bibliographies, and announcements; 2) checking titles against present holdings; and 3) recommending titles that should be added to the historical collection. Keep files of book catalogs.
7. Coordinate the oral history project. Duties include suggesting speakers, coordinating all arrangements for taping sessions, maintaining records on project and coordinating the distribution of the completed tapes.
8. Coordinate the ACOG-Ortho Fellowship in the History of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Duties include promoting the program, distributing flyers and application forms, coordinating the application review process, preparing for the new fellow, and assisting the fellow during the fellowship.
9. Coordinate the activities of the ACOG Special Interest Group in the history of obstetrics and gynecology. Ensure that all arrangements are made for their meeting during the Annual Clinical Meeting, including publicity, speaker, facilities and equipment, and coordination with Founding Fellows functions.
10. Manage donations to the collection. Respond to all donation requests, keep detailed records on all donations, coordinate records with Department of Development, and ensure that all donations are appropriately acknowledged.
11. Serve as the department liaison to the Department of Development and Committee on Development for fund raising activities for the historical collection.
12. Staff reference desk as assigned.

13. Prepare historical displays for the display case.
14. Participate in special projects and activities as assigned.

Qualifications: MLS, significant cataloging and online searching experience, and familiarity with computers and automated library systems required. Excellent oral and written communication skills needed. Ability to work independently. Prior training and experience in special collections, rare book cataloging, database development, history of medicine, and special libraries highly desirable. Some travel required.

Columbia

Special Collections Librarian

Health Sciences Library (Job #90-19)

The Special Collections Librarian plans and manages the special collections and related operations of the Health Sciences Library. The collections contain manuscripts and archives, memorabilia and artifacts, pictures and photographs, rare and valuable books, and other books and journals published prior to 1876. The collections are particularly strong in anatomy, physiology, plastic surgery and anesthesia. The Geraldine McAlpin Webster Special Collections Room houses the collections and provides space for patrons using them.

Responsibilities of the librarian include outreach to the medical center community, including planning and administering the Associates program, a lecture series, and exhibits; development of the collections, including selecting out-of-print and rare books; management of the collections; special collections reference services; preparing projects, grants, and fund-raising for special collections; and supervising staff and developing policies and reports as associated with the above. The Special Collections Librarian also oversees library-wide preservation activities, participates in library-wide planning, and represents the library to appropriate outside groups. The Health Sciences Library serves the schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Public Health, the Presbyterian Hospital, and other affiliated health care, instruction and research programs at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. The library has a full-time staff of over 50, a collection of approximately 450,000 volumes, and a large media center and microcomputer lab. Library operations are automated, and a local MEDLINE subset and multiple CD systems are maintained. Under the IAIMS programs, the Library is an active participant in the provision of electronic services throughout the medical center.

An accredited MLS, or other relevant graduate or professional degree is required. Preference will be given to candidates with at least one year of relevant professional experience, familiarity with library practices related to rare books and archives, and knowledge of both technical and public services. Creativity in identifying sources of materials and funds and superior verbal and written

communications skills are essential.

Assistance in identifying qualified women and members of minority groups for our consideration would be appreciated.

Salary ranges, which will increase 7-1-90, are currently: Librarian I, \$26,000 - 33,800; Librarian II, \$28,000 - 37,800; Librarian III, \$31,000 - 44,950. Excellent benefits include assistance with University housing and tuition exemption for self and family.

Send resume, listing names, addresses and phone numbers of three references, to: Kathleen Wiltshire, Director of Personnel, Box 35 Butler Library, **Columbia University**, 535 West 114th Street, New York, NY 10027

University Archivist/Special Collections Librarian

The position of University Archivist/Special Collections Librarian is available at the Scott Memorial Library of Thomas Jefferson University.

This position reports to the Associate Librarian for Collection Management and supervises one full-time library technician.

Responsibilities include identifying and transferring University records that should be preserved in the Archives, providing reference assistance for, and access to, the Archives and Special Collections, soliciting collections of papers and memorabilia for the Archives, arranging the collections for ease of use and describing their holdings through inventories and other finding aids and collecting books authored by Jefferson faculty.

Qualifications are an MLS from an ALA-accredited school with archival or records management training; 3 years professional university or institutional archival experience; managerial and organizational abilities and effective oral and written communication skills.

Desirable are experience with the MARC AMC format, database management systems and outreach.

Salary is a minimum of \$30,000. The University offers an excellent flexible benefits package including 100% tuition reimbursement.

Thomas Jefferson University is an academic health center consisting of a medical college, college of allied health sciences, college of graduate studies and a hospital. The medical college was founded in 1824 and is one of the 10 oldest in the country. Located in central Philadelphia, a short walk from museums and historic sites, Scott Memorial Library provides information services to all divisions of the University through a fully automated system. The Library is staffed by 17 professionals and 28 technicians and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$2.5 million. The Library is undergoing renovation this summer which will result in new and expanded space as well as the installation of compact shelving for the Archives and Special Collections.

Qualified applicants may send a resume to: Diana Zinnato, Associate Librarian for Collection Management,

Scott Memorial Library, Thomas Jefferson University,
1020 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-5587

Special Collections Librarian

The Indiana University School of Medicine Library is seeking an experienced individual to fill the newly created position of Special Collections Librarian. Responsibilities for this tenure-track position will include directing current cataloging operations, management of special materials, exhibits, and conservation and assisting users of the collection. Opportunities for developing creative ways of utilizing the facilities in the new library and the collection will be encouraged. MLS or equivalent degree required. Experience with automated library cataloging, demonstrated interest in history, reading knowledge of Latin and German and strong interpersonal and communication skills are preferred qualifications. Position includes library faculty status in a tenure-track appointment with TIAA/CREF, a generous health plan and 22 days vacation a year. Salary range is \$22,575 to \$30,000 dependent upon qualifications. Send resume and names of three references to Lola J. Thompson, Indiana University School of Medicine Library, 975 West Walnut Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5121. Position is available immediately and will remain open until filled. Indiana University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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