

Updates from the Medical Heritage Library

ALHHS 2014 Annual Meeting

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Overview of the MHL

- a digital curation collaborative among some of the world's leading medical libraries
- promotes free and open access to quality historical resources in medicine
- www.medicalheritage.org
- Twitter: @MedicalHeritage
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/medicalheritagelibrary

MHL Contributors

Principal Contributors

- Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library at Columbia University and Columbia University Libraries
- The College of Physicians of Philadelphia
- The Cushing/Whitney Medical Library at Yale University
- Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard University
- National Library of Medicine
- The New York Academy of Medicine
- The Welch Medical Library, Library of the Institute of the History of Medicine, and the Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
- Wellcome Library

Content Contributors (currently 15 institutions)
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Recent Updates

- Full-text search tool
- 50,000th item added in Jan. 2014
- More than 4.8 million downloads to date
- Two current grants from NEH and CLIR



Alvarado Middleditch,
The Doctor's Advice (1898)

NEH Grant Overview

- Two-Year Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant
- Grant awarded in 2012 to MHL via Open Knowledge Commons
- Project participants:
 - Harvard's Countway Library
 - The College of Physicians of Philadelphia
 - Columbia University Libraries
 - Yale's Cushing/Whitney Library

NEH Project Goals

- Digitize up to 200 historical medical journal titles (approximately 1,720,000 pages or 5,911 volumes) from 1797 to 1923
- Free open access
- Full-text searching
- Standardized metadata
- Full journal runs (when possible)

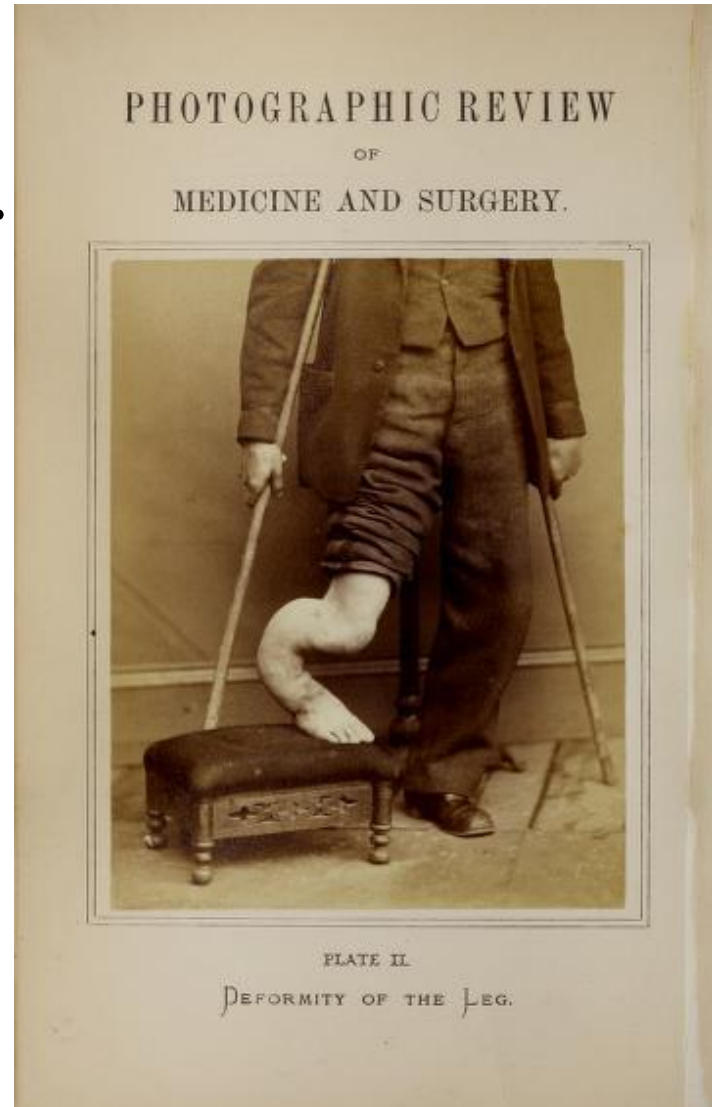
NEH Year 1 Results

- Harvard's Countway Library completed digitization: appr. 300,000 pages & 150 titles!
- Highlights include:

Confederate Medical and Surgical Journal

Thomsonian Botanic Watchman

Photographic Review of Medicine and Surgery



NEH Year 2 Update

- Grant transferred to The College of Physicians of Philadelphia
- Three remaining participants: Columbia, Yale and the College
- Project to be completed by December 31, 2014



Southern California Practitioner
v. 30 (1915), p. 33

NEH Year 2 Preliminary Results

- Combined total of nearly 955,000 pages - or 1,600 volumes - digitized so far!
- 147 volumes from the 4 leading 19th-century homeopathy journals



Project Challenges

- Estimating a budget based on page count
- Condition of items – some not suitable for digitization
- Standardizing metadata across institutions

CLIR Grant Overview

- Private Practices, Public Health: Privacy-Aware Processing to Maximize Access to Health Collections
- 18 month Hidden Collections grant (April 2013-September 2014)
- Project participants
 - Center for the History of Medicine, Countway Library
 - Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

CLIR Collections

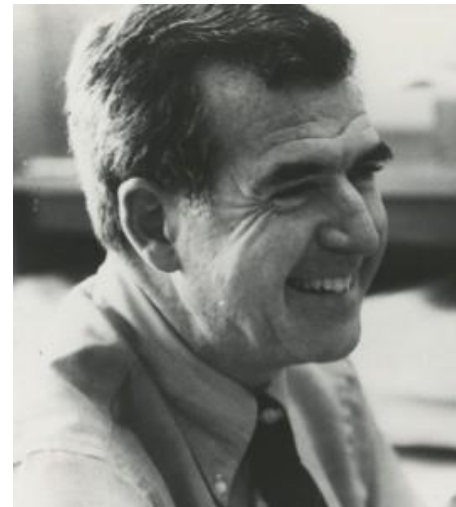
- Supports archival processing and finding aid creation for 7 collections
- Countway Collections (160 cubic feet)
 - Stephen Lagakos
 - Erich Lindemann
 - Arnold Relman
- Hopkins Collections (180 cubic feet)
 - William and Miriam Pauls Hardy
 - E. V. McCollum
 - Frank Polk
 - Barbara Starfield

CLIR Project Goals

- Developing best practices for enabling access to special collections containing protected health information and other types of restricted records
- Record processing metrics data to assess the time and labor required for privacy aware processing

CLIR Preliminary Results

- Processing completed for Countway Collections
 - 160 cubic feet pre-processing
 - 131 cubic feet post-processing
 - Additional collection processed (Oliver Cope) 30 cubic feet



CLIR Preliminary Results

- Finding Aids available on Countway's website:
- Erich Lindemann
<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/deepLink?collection=oasis&uniqueId=med00191>
- Stephen W. Lagakos
- <http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/deepLink?collection=oasis&uniqueId=med00185>

Lindemann, Erich, 1970-1974. Papers, 1885-1991 (inclusive), 1950-1974 (bulk): Finding Aid. (H MS c219) [Persistent ID: nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:HMS.Count:med00191] [View HOLLIS Record](#)
Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine. Center for the History of Medicine.

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HMS c219

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Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine. Center for the History of Medicine.
Harvard Medical Library and Boston Medical Library



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The Erich Lindemann papers were processed with grant funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, as awarded and administered by the Council on Library Resources (CLIR) in 2012.

Descriptive Summary

Repository: [Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine. Center for the History of Medicine.](#)

Call No.: H MS c219

Creator: Lindemann, Erich, 1970-1974.

Title: Papers.

Date(s): 1885-1991 (inclusive),

Date(s): 1950-1974 (bulk).

Quantity: 87.52 cubic feet (88 records center cartons, 5 letter size document boxes, 7 half letter size document boxes, 2 legal size document boxes, 1 tall legal size document box, 1 cd box, and 5 flat oversize boxes).

Language of materials: Papers are predominantly in English. Occasional correspondence and collected publications are in French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Abstract: The Erich Lindemann papers, 1885-1991 (inclusive), 1950-1974 (bulk), are the product of Lindemann's professional, research, teaching, and publishing activities throughout the course of his career. The papers are arranged in nine series: I. Professional Appointments Files (1915-1978, undated); II. West End Research Project (1949-1975, undated); III. Professional Activities Files (1929-1974, undated); IV. Correspondence (1925-1974, undated); V. Writings and Publications (1922-1976, undated); VI. Subject Files (1885-1973, undated); VII. Audio-Visual Records (1950-1973, undated); VIII. Biographical Files (1922-1978, undated); and IX. Collected Publications (1891-1991, undated).

Acquisition Information:

The Erich Lindemann papers were gifted to the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine by Elizabeth B. Lindemann, 1979 February 02.

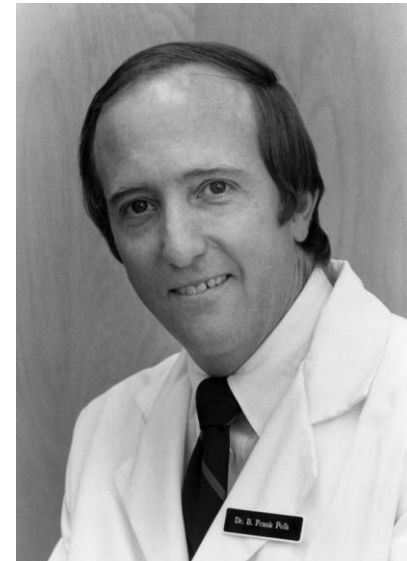
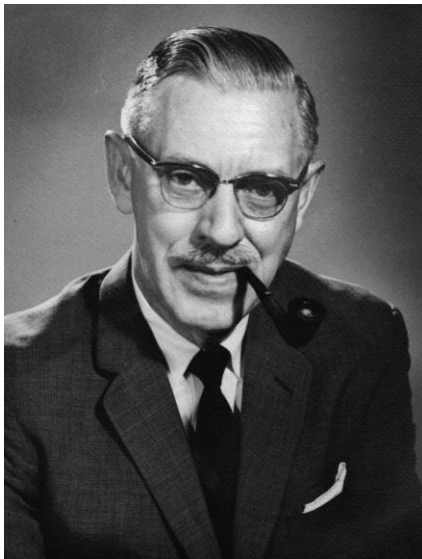
Processing Information:

Processed by Amber LaFountain, with processing support provided by Katherine Mika, 2013 November.

Processing staff in the Center for the History of Medicine analyzed, arranged, and described the papers, and created a finding aid to improve access. Items were reboxed and, where necessary, photocopied to acid-free paper. Folder titles were transcribed from the originals when available: titles supplied by the processing staff appear in brackets only on the physical folders. Papers that did not meet the collecting policy of the Center

CLIR Preliminary Results

- Physical Processing Completed for 2 Hopkins collections (53 cubic feet)
 - William and Miriam Pauls Hardy
 - Frank Polk



CLIR May-September 2014

- Wrap up processing and finding aid publication
- Recommend best practices
- Analyze results of time and labor tracking
 - compare repository practices
 - determine processing time required to identify privacy related access restrictions



CLIR Outreach

- Blog posts

- Wiki

<https://wiki.med.harvard.edu/Countway/ArchivalCollaboratives/PrivatePractices>



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« Images from the Library Digital Highlight: It's That Time of Year Again... »

Tracing the Footsteps of a Giant

by Alyssa Perkinson | November 13, 2013



Barbara Starfield in Venice, Italy for the 23rd Patient Classification Systems/International Conference November 8, 2007. Photo is courtesy of the Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives

Staring up at the 76 boxes in Barbara Starfield's collection occupying an entire wall of shelving—or 91 cubic feet—in the Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives, I immediately wondered how I would ever be able to piece together the life's work of a world-renowned researcher and academic. As a rising senior majoring in international studies, however, I quickly realized the daunting task of beginning the archival process would be an eye-opening experience due to exposure to Starfield's groundbreaking work in the areas of primary care and health inequalities. Skimming through the boxes, I started to get a feel for the enormous scope of her collection through refolding, inventorying the boxes, and reading the carefully annotated notes left by Starfield pertaining to research but also more personal details such as knitting during meetings and her opinion on women's increased role in the medical field. The collection encompasses her fifty-year career from the early 1960s until her death in 2011 and contains everything from political

CLIR Scholarly Engagement

- Survey sent to scholars on access to collections containing protected health information (January-March 2014)
- Countway workshop for faculty and graduate students in Harvard's History of Science department on access to historical patient records (March 14, 2014)
- Sessions at AAHM (May 10, 2014) and SAA (August 14, 2014)

CLIR Challenges

- Late start and need for extension
- Different staffing models
 - Hopkins model of recruiting, training and retaining undergraduate students under direction of project archivist is more labor intensive than Countway model of assigning single project archivist to individual collections.

Questions

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