The Death & Resurrection of a Medical Museum

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Dissection Room.

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Pathology Museum, “Old Red”, circa 1900

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MEDICAL COLLEGE
HERE IS EFFICIENT

THIRTY YEARS OF EFFORT REQUIRED TO BUILD UP MUSEUMS.

VALUE IS STAGGERING

Thousands of Specimens Could Not Be Replaced for Money.

NEW MEDICAL COLLEGE BUILDING

Galveston Daily News, 1922

Galveston Daily News, 1924
“The museum, in short, is unique and valuable, and one can hope that it is cared for and cherished beyond the year 2,000 A.D.”

Donald Duncan, “A Commentary on 80 years of Anatomy at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Part 1 (1891-1932)”
Texas Report on Biology and Medicine, 32, 1, 1974, 89-105

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POSTMORTEM FINDINGS IN TWELVE CASES OF PLAGUE*
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BOY DIES OF BUBONIC PLAGUE IN GALVESTON AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Extermination of Rats and Mice Is Immediately Started.

Galveston, Tex., June 16.—Federal, state, county and city officials are at war with rats here today following the death yesterday of a 17-year-old boy from what Doctors M. F. Boyd, M. D., Levy and Henry Hartman diagnosed as probably bubonic plague. The victim had been ill for a week and had been employed in a waterfront establishment.

The first step in the rat extermination campaign was taken last night when traps were set at the establishment where the dead boy had been employed. It was hoped by this means to trace the source of infection. The rats caught in the traps were being examined by Dr. Boyd today.

San Antonio Light, 1920

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FLOOR PLAN, "OLD RED"

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William Keiller (1861-1931), Anatomist, Curator & Artist

NOTABLE NAMES & ACHIEVEMENTS

AT UTMB

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Permanent Exhibits:

John Sealy Hospital, *circa* 1890

Artist’s rendering, Jennie Sealy Hospital

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