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American Medical Rare Book Dealers:

A Survey

by Judith Overmier

INTRODUCTION

Medical rare book librarians long have recognized and appreciated the critical role that rare book dealers play in the building of library collections. Not too long ago the numbers of both groups were very small; members were well known to one another and held long-standing, congenial, personal working relationships. Both groups have grown rapidly in recent years and consequently know each other less well. Evidence of growth in the number of librarians can be seen from the rapid expansion of membership in the Association of Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS), and from the numbers of medical rare book librarians that have responded to questionnaires in recent surveys. The Wangenstein Library experience suggested that the number of medical rare book dealers had been growing as well. Many of the newer librarians have requested copies of the Wangenstein Library's dealer mailing list and/or have asked that ALHHS provide them with information about dealers.

METHOD

Questionnaires were sent in the summer of 1986 to 51 American rare book dealers from whom the Owen H. Wangenstein Historical Library of Biology and Medicine had purchased books in recent years. Thirty-nine dealers (76%) returned completed questionnaires and responded that they would like to be listed in The Watermark. The questionnaire covered three categories of information. The first of these obtained accurate business name, address, and telephone numbers and identified the individuals connected with the business. The second category gathered information about the history and scope of stock of each dealer. Finally, six questions identified the services each book dealer provides to libraries.

RESULTS

The dealer reporting the longest history started in the medical rare book trade in 1898, but most of the dealers are of more recent vintage. Ten dealers reported that they began selling medical rare books during the 1960's. Twenty-four dealers (61%) reported that they began in the 1970's, and four dealers started selling medical rare books in the 80's. Fully

77% of the dealers have entered the trade in the last quarter century and 54% in the last decade.

Only ten (26%) of the rare book dealers specialize exclusively in medical works, while 29 (74%) sell antiquarian books in other fields as well as in medicine. Fourteen (36%) of the rare book dealers started selling rare books in other subjects prior to expanding to offering medical materials. Thirty-three (85%) of the dealers cover all areas of the health sciences. Seven dealers (18%) reported emphasizing neurology/neuroscience, at present the only clear pattern of subject emphasis reported. It is through their catalogs that rare book dealers most frequently reach out to the majority of librarians, and 32 of the responding 39 dealers do send out a catalog. Some send purely medical catalogs, while others include such works in more generalized catalogs. After a decade of immersion in reading colorful accounts of dealers and collectors, some scintillating titles were anticipated in response to a question regarding the date and title of the dealers' first catalog. However ... "Medical Books, Catalogue One" prevails.

Seventeen (44%) of the respondents offer a full range of the services <1> that librarians find so helpful. These services include bidding for libraries at auctions, evaluating books for tax and insurance purposes, checking submitted desiderata lists against their stocks, checking submitted desiderata lists beyond their stocks, buying duplicate books from libraries, and selling duplicate books on commission for libraries. Evaluating books is the most troublesome of these services for librarian and dealer, particularly for tax purposes. Dealers' responses indicate that they are becoming reluctant to perform evaluations, however 24 (62%) do. In addition, a third of the dealers reported that they do not sell books on commission for libraries.

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<1> Services provided are coded as follows and appear with each dealer's entry.

- a. bids at auctions
- b. evaluates books for tax, insurance, etc., purposes
- c. checks desiderata lists against stock
- d. checks desiderata lists beyond stock

- e. buys duplicates
- f. sells duplicates on commission for libraries

DIRECTORY

Argosy Book Store,
116 E. 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
Tel. (212) 753-4455

Began selling rare books in 1926, medical rare books in 1940 at which time sent out first medical rare book catalog. Emphasizes medical history, sells antiquarian books in all fields. Louis Cohen, Pres. (a, c, d, e)

Richard B. Arkway, Inc.
538 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022
Tel. (212) 751-8135

Began selling rare books in 1974, medical rare books in 1979. The latter are incorporated into his science catalogs. Covers early medicine; sells antiquarian books in history of science, travel and voyages to about 1800. Richard B. Arkway (a, c, e)

Edward C. Atwater
195 Whitewood Lane
Rochester, NY 14618
Tel. (716) 473-4356

Began selling medical rare books in 1982, with "History of Medicine, Catalogue #1" appearing in December. Covers all the health sciences, emphasizing North American books and ephemera with special interest in pamphlets and in 19th and 20th century. Edward C. Atwater (c, d, e)

Bauman Rare Books
1807 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Tel. (215) 564-4274

Began selling medical rare books in 1972, with emphasis on general rare medical and science treatises, manuscripts and autographs, forensic medicine, psychiatry and works relating to insanity, obstetrics. Sells antiquarian books in American and English law, Americana, travel and exploration, natural history, historical works, literature, etc. David and Natalie Bauman (e)

Webb Dordick
15 Ash Avenue
Somerville, MA 02145
Tel. (617) 776-1365

Began selling medical rare books in 1983. Issues 2 catalogs per year. Covers all the health sciences, with large numbers of medical history and of neurosciences. Webb Dordick (c, e)

Elgen Books
336 Demott Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Tel. (516) 536-6276

Began selling rare books in 1976, medical rare books in 1977 with "Antiquarian Books of Medical and Scientific Interest." Covers all the health sciences, emphasizing neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics. Sells antiquarian books in science, math, technology. Esther and Leonard Geller (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Lawrence Feinberg
68 Ashford Street
Brooklyn, NY 11207
Tel. (718) 235-7106

Began selling medical rare books in 1977. Issues general catalogs that include medical works. Covers all the health sciences; sells rare books in all fields, incunabula, and manuscripts. Lawrence Feinberg (a, b, c, d, e)

W. Bruce Fye Antiquarian Medical Books
1607 N. Wood Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

Tel. (715) 384-8128 24-hour answering machine
(715) 387-5892 personal (evenings)

Began selling medical rare books in 1973. Covers all the health sciences, with great depth in secondary sources. W. Bruce Fye (c, e, f)

Edwin V. Glaser Rare Books
P. O. Box 1765
Sausalito, CA 94966
Tel. (415) 332-1194

Began selling rare books in 1964, medical rare books in 1976 with "Five Centuries of Rare and Important Books in the History of Medicine and Science -- Catalogue 20." Covers all the health sciences; sells physical sciences, bibliography, early printed books. Edwin V. Glaser (a, b, c, d, e, f)

James Tait Goodrich
Antiquarian Books and Manuscripts
214 Everett Place
Englewood, NJ 07631
Tel. (201) 567-0199

Began selling medical rare books in 1978. Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on neurosciences, Sir William Osler, Harvey Cushing, Charles Sherrington. James Goodrich (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Goodspeed's Book Shop, Inc.
7 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108
Tel. (617) 523-5970

Began selling medical rare books in 1898. Covers all the health sciences; sells all rare books, literary first editions, historical Americana, genealogies, local histories, autographs, science, etc. (a, b, c, d, e, f)

F. Thomas Heller
PO Box 356
Swarthmore, PA 19081
Tel. (215) 543-3582

Heller began selling medical rare books in New York in 1942 (previous long history in book-selling in Europe). Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on early medicine, early psychiatry and psychoanalysis. Sells early science and relevant horizon disciplines. James A. Hinz, owner; Christopher Wolfe, operating manager (a, b, c, d, e, f and collection development)

Hemlock Books
170 Beach 145th Street
Neponsit, NY 11694
Tel. (718) 318-0737

Began selling medical rare books in 1976, with

"Old and Rare Medicine, Catalogue One" appearing in October 1977. Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on old and rare medicine. Sheila and Norman Shaftel (a, b, c, e)

Jonathan A. Hill, Bookseller Inc.
470 West End Avenue
New York, NY 10024
Tel. (212) 496-7856

Began selling medical rare books in 1978, with "Cat. 1" issued that year. Covers all health sciences; sells science, bibliography, travel, literature. Jonathan A. Hill (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Harry A. Levinson Rare Books
PO Box 534
Beverly Hills, CA 90213
Tel. (213) 276-9311

Began selling rare books in 1929, medical rare books in 1936. Sells incunabula, early continental books (history, literature, science), English 17th - 18th century books, bibliography. Harry A. Levinson (a, b, d, e)

Jeffrey D. Mancevice, Inc. Rare Books
PO Box 413
West Side Station
Worcester, MA 01602
Tel. (617) 755-7421

Began selling medical rare books in 1978. Issues general catalogs. Covers all pre-1800 health sciences, with emphasis on 16th - 17th century pharmacy, chemistry, alchemy. Sells early illustrated books, mathematics, early science, humanism, theology. Jeffrey D. Mancevice (a, c, d, e, f)

M & S Rare Books, Inc.
PO Box 311
45 Colpitts Road
Weston, MA 02193
Tel. (617) 891-5650

Began selling medical rare books in 1969. Emphasizes American health sciences, 17th century through about 1900. Sells American books to 1900, and selected European books that are first editions of science, medicine, philosophy, economics, political science. Daniel G. Siegel, Pres. (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Martayan Lan Inc.
36 W. 9th Street
New York, NY 10011
Began selling medical rare books in 1976; issues general catalogs that include medical books. Covers all the health sciences; sells history of science, travel, Americana, botany. Richard Lan, Seyla Martayan (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Bruce McKittrick Rare Books
2240 Fairmount Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Tel. (215) 235-3209
Began selling rare books in 1975, medical rare books in 1979. Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on 15th to 18th-century European books and particular interest in history of medical education, the organization and administration of medical university instruction and popular European medicine. Sells European books to 1800 in all fields. Bruce McKittrick (a, b, c, e, f)

Jeremy Norman & Co., Inc.
442 Post Street
San Francisco, CA 94102-1579
Tel. (415) 781-6402
Began selling rare books in 1965, medical rare books in 1970, with "Catalogue 1, Medicine & the Life Sciences" appearing in 1971. Covers all the health sciences. Sells science, technology, economics, social science, art history, bibliography, natural history. Jeremy M. Norman (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Emil Offenbacher
Old and Rare Books
P.O. Box 96
84-50 Austin Street
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
Tel. (718) 849-5834
Began selling rare books in 1934 (in Europe); first medical rare book catalog appeared in 1942 (in New York). Covers rare books only in all the health sciences. Sells general early printed books occasionally. Emil Offenbacher (a, b, c, d, e)

Old Galen's Books
Box 3044
W. Durham, N.C. 27705
Tel. (919) 489-6246 (evenings)
Began selling medical rare books in 1971, with "Catalogue One" appearing that year. Covers all the health sciences; sells some science and bibliography. G. S. T. Cavanagh (b, c, d, e, f)

Old Hickory Bookshop, Ltd.
20225 New Hampshire Avenue
Brinklow, MD 20862
Tel. (301) 924-2225
Began selling medical rare books in 1940. Covers all the health sciences. Ralph and Johanna Grimes (a, b, c, d, e)

Old South Books
4639 Peppertree Lane
Memphis, TN 38117
Tel. (901) 767-1514
Began selling medical rare books in 1979 and "Antiquarian Medical Books, Catalog #1" appeared that summer. Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on neurosciences and history of medicine. Sells novels and collected works by literary physicians. Dee J. Canale (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Palinurus Antiquarian Books
2210 Delancy Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Tel. (215) 735-2970
Began selling rare books in 1976, medical rare books in 1978. Covers all the health sciences, especially pre-1850. Sells physical science, economics, engineering and early Americana, philosophy, early literature. John Hellebrand (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Jean-Maurice Poitras & Sons
Antiquarian Medical Books
107 Edgerton Road
Towson, MD 21204
Tel. (301) 821-6284
Began selling medical rare books in 1981, with "Medical History" appearing that Spring. Covers

all the health sciences. Helen M. Poitras (a, c, e)

The Printers' Devil
1 Claremont Court
Arlington, MA 02174
Tel. (617) 646-6762 (office) 267-9313 (shop)
Began selling rare books in 1973, medical books in 1976 with "History of Medicine" appearing in March of that year. Covers all the health sciences and history of medicine. Offers antique instruments, prints, and ephemera. Maintains small stock of technical books and oddities. Barry A. Wiedenkiller (a, b, c [will accept lists on PC DOS or MS DOS disks], d, e, f)

Bruce J. Ramer
Experimenta Old and Rare Books
401 E. 80th Street, Suite 24-J
New York, NY 10021
Tel. (212) 772-6211 or 772-6212
Began selling medical rare books in 1980, with first catalog that summer. Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on medicine, history of medicine, classics. Sells 16th to late 19th century works in science, natural history, technology, mathematics, scientific voyages and travels, selected bibliography and scholarly works related to these subjects. Bruce J. Ramer (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Rittenhouse Book Store
1706 Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Tel. (215) 545-6072
Began selling medical rare books in 1946, with first medical catalog in 1958. Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on history, neurology, surgery, quackery, women in medicine. Richard W. Foster (c, d, e, f)

B & L Rootenberg Rare Books
PO Box 5049
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
Tel. (818) 788-7765
Began selling rare books in 1970, medical rare books in 1974, with first medical catalog, "Fine Books - A Choice Selection" appearing in 1976. Covers all the health sciences. Barbara Rootenberg and Leon Rootenberg (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Karl Schick
15 Depot Street
Montague, MA 01351
Tel. (413) 367-9740
Began selling medical rare books in 1978, with first medical catalog appearing in 1982. Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on neurology and psychiatry. Sells science, history of ideas. Karl Schick (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Oscar Schreyer
230 E. 79th Street
New York, NY 10021
Tel. (212) 628-6227
Began selling rare books in 1968, medical rare books in 1970. Covers all the health sciences. Sells science, North Africa, history. Oscar Schreyer (e)

Scientia Books
Box 433

Arlington, MA 02174
Tel. (617) 643-5725 or 646-7336
(Shop is at 432A Massachusetts Ave)
Began selling medical rare books in 1977, with "History of Medicine, Catalogue 2" appearing that year. Covers all the health sciences. Sells biological and physical sciences. Malcolm Jay Kottler (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Titles, Inc
1931 Sheridan Road
Highland Park, IL 60035
Tel. (413) 567-6466
Began selling medical rare books in 1977, with first medical catalog, "Medicine, Science, Technology" appearing in February 1936. Covers all the health sciences. Sells natural history, true crime, Americana. Rocco and Barbara Verrilli (a, b, c, d, e, f)

Ursus Books Ltd. incorporating
William Wyer Rare Books
981 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10021
Tel. (212) 772-8787
Began selling rare books in 1964, medical rare books in 1979. The latter are incorporated in general catalogs. Covers mainly illustrated medical works before 1800 and Heirs of Hippocrates titles. Sells 15th - 20th century illustrated books, natural history, art reference, continental literature. T. Peter Kraus and William J. Wyer (a, b, c - d, e, f for high spots only)

William P. Wreden
Books and Manuscripts
206 Hamilton Avenue
P.O. Box 56
Palo Alto, CA 94302-0056
Tel. (415) 325-6851
Began selling medical rare books in 1938; they are incorporated in general catalogs. Sells general antiquarian books, English and American literature, Western Americana, trade catalogs, fine printing. William P. Wreden (c)

Zeitlin & Ver Brugge Booksellers
815 N. La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90069-0600
Tel. (213) 655-7581 or 652-0784
Began selling rare books in 1925, medical rare books in 1928. First medical catalog was "Catalogue 159, Bacteriology, Microscopy, Parasitology, Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine" which appeared in September 1953 to sell works from the collection of Charles Kofoed. Covers all the health sciences, with emphasis on medicine and surgery primarily, also anatomy and neurology. Sells all areas of history of science, fine press, art (as well as fine prints and drawings). Jacob I. Zeitlin, Josephine Ver Brugge Zeitlin (a, c, d, e, f)

John T. Zubal, Inc.
Scholarly Books & Periodicals
2969 West 25th Street
Cleveland, OH 44113
Tel. (216) 241-7640
Began selling medical rarities in 1961; first medical catalog "History of Science & Medicine:

Antiquarian and Rare Books" November 1985. All health sciences; back medical periodicals. Sells rare books in all scholarly fields. John T. and Marilyn Zubal, Stockholders (a, c, e, f)

DISCUSSION

It is clear that many new sources of rare medical books became available to librarians during the last two decades. It is important that the full range of dealers become known to librarians so that they may use multiple sources. Broad knowledge of active dealers and systematic perusal of their catalogs result in the widest possible range of materials from which to choose, in an awareness of what is available, of where it is available, and of general prices and price ranges. The survey conducted has resulted in a directory of dealers and information regarding dealers' services which provide an introduction to the medical rare book trade.

A complete and current list of dealers is absolutely essential to librarians. Therefore we request that any book dealer whose name we have missed, or who is just beginning to sell medical materials, or who is changing address, etc., to please write to Judith Overmier, so that an appropriate announcement may be published in The Watermark and an updated list printed every few years.

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Editorial note

With this issue, the present, now former, Editor, Lisabeth Holloway, hands the Watermark on to the new, most welcome, Editor, Robin Overmier. Lisabeth wishes to thank very warmly all those who contributed articles, news, ideas, and support of all kinds during her ten-volume tenure. Most warmly of all, she would like to thank Glen Jenkins, Publications Committee chairman, whose enthusiastic and gracious efforts have given the Watermark a new scope.

Glen remains as Chairman of an expanded Publications Committee, including tried and true members Deborah Woolverton, Mary Teloh, Beth White, Margaret Jerrido, Dorothy Whitcomb, and Joan Echtenkamp. Five additional volunteers have joined: Nancy Zinn, Sam Davis, Mary Ann Hoffman, Estelle Brodman, and Lucretia McClure. These and all members of ALHHS should give Robin steady and enthusiastic support.

ALHHS officers are: President Dorothy Whitcomb, Librarian, History of the Health Sciences, Middleton Medical Library, University of Wisconsin, 1305 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706 (608) 262-6594 or 2402. Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Borst White, History of Medicine Librarian, Houston Academy of Medicine/Texas Medical Center, Houston, TX 77030 (713)-797-1230. Editor Judith (Robin) Overmier, Owen H. Wangenstein Historical Library of Biology and Medicine, Bio-Medical Library, Diehl Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612) 626-6881.

Conservation News

compiled by

Deborah Woolverton

Audiovisuals. The Columbia University School of Library Service Rare Book School has recently released its second videotape production, How to Operate a Book. This film explains the development of codex books and subsequent book forms; how these books work; and how to handle books to preserve them. How to Operate a Book is available in both 3/4" and 1/2" formats from the Book Arts Press, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027. (O Rare Book School, 5, June 1987). For a review of the above film, see The Abbey Newsletter, 11(5):85.

Slow Fires: On the Preservation of the Human Record, which describes the current crisis in preservation, is available for sale or rental from American Film Foundation, Box 2000, Santa Monica, CA 90406. This production is highly recommended by Ellen McCray, Editor, The Abbey Newsletter, 5(11):85.

A variety of conservation videotapes are available for loan (\$20 refundable deposit per tape plus a separate check for \$3 per tape for shipping) or sale (\$20 per tape plus shipping) from the Guild of Book Workers. For a list of titles available and more information write: J. Franklin Mowery, President, Guild of Book Workers, c/o The Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003.

Book. According to the most recent issue of The Abbey Newsletter (11(5):71), Approaches to Pest Control Management in Museums by Keith Story is available to institutions at no charge from the Conservation Analytical Laboratory of the Smithsonian Institution, provided the requests are written on official institutional letterhead. Direct requests to: Conservation Analytical Laboratory, Museum Support Center, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560.

Warning. Double-sided tapes like those used in manual encapsulation of library and archival materials may not protect enclosed documents from water damage. For more information please refer to Helen M. Donnelly's technical note in the April 1987 Conservation Administration News or a clip from the same article in The Abbey Newsletter (11(5):72).

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A FAST PACE FORWARD
Chronicles of American Podiatry
by Lisabeth M. Holloway
202 p. 324 illus. \$25 to libraries
Available postpaid from
CHFCFW, Pennsylvania College of
Podiatric Medicine
Eighth at Race
Philadelphia, PA 19107 [advt]
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Resources in the history of the health sciences in the Old Dominion by Joan Echtenkamp

Virginia is, in many ways, a state bound by tradition. This tenet works to the advantage of those whose task it is to preserve the historical markers as the state continues to evolve. Virginians, acutely aware of who they are and from whence they come, are disinclined to willingly dispose of the accoutrements which define their heritage. This awareness of the past is evident in the collecting of materials related to the history of health care in Virginia. The following selective list of repositories in Virginia represents the institutions of varying sizes and collecting emphases, whose collections encompass primary resources in the history of the health sciences.

Eastern Virginia Medical School, Moorman Memorial Library, 700 Olney Road, Box 1980, Norfolk, Va., 23501. (804) 446-5845

The most recently established medical school in Virginia, EVMS admitted its first students in 1973. Although relatively young in comparison with the University of Virginia, chartered in 1819, and the Medical College of Virginia, begun in 1838, the school's historical collections reflect the medical heritage of the state. The historical medical book collection of the Norfolk Academy of Medicine is owned by the school. The institute also houses the Norfolk Academy of Medicine Auxiliary museum collections of medical artifacts and specimens.

Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University, Tompkins-McCaw Library, MCV Station, Box 667, Richmond, VA 23298. (804) 786-9898

The Medical College of Virginia archives contains, as might be expected, the records of the school since its founding in 1838. The repository also holds the records of the institution which predated the establishment of MCV, the University College of Medicine, as well as the papers of the St. Philip School of Nursing. Here also are materials relating to medicine, dentistry and pharmacy in the state. The Virginia Nurses Association, the Virginia League of Nursing and the Student Nurses Association of Virginia are also represented. MCV also owns an impressive collection of medical artifacts.

Richmond Academy of Medicine, 1200 East Clay Street, Richmond, VA 23219. (804) 643-6631

The Richmond Academy of Medicine, organized for the professional edification and camaraderie of 19th-century Richmond physicians, today contains the Miller Collection of rare medical books. The collection focuses on general surgery, obstetrics and Virginiana, and holds large

numbers of medical prints and silhouettes.

University of Virginia Medical Center, The Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, Box 234, Charlottesville, VA 22908. (804) 924-0052

The University of Virginia, founded by Thomas Jefferson, included medicine in its curriculum from its inception. Robley Dunglison was chosen as the first professor of anatomy and medicine when classes began in 1825. Reflecting UVA's rich medical history, the Library's historical collections include the extensive Walter Reed Yellow Fever Collections compiled by Philip S. Hench and William B. Bean. Walter Reed graduated in medicine at UVA in 1869. Here also are materials relating to Wade Hampton Frost (UVA MD 1903), a renowned epidemiologist, and many works on yellow fever, febrile diseases, public health and epidemiology. Military medicine and nursing, especially as related to the World War I base hospital and the World War II evacuation hospital founded and staffed by UVA physicians and nurses, also are represented. The Library collects papers, photographs and memorabilia of the Medical Center and the schools of Medicine and Nursing. Many medical artifacts are here too.

The Valentine Museum, 1015 East Clay Street, Richmond, VA 23219. (804) 649-0711

This is the museum of the life and history of Richmond. In its collections are included several account books, bills and prescription books of Richmond physicians, also photographs illustrating the medical heritage of the city.

Virginia Historical Society, 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23211. (804) 649-0711

These collections present a fitting tribute to the tradition and sense of place which characterize Virginians, and the esteem in which they held physicians. Family and personal papers may be found here of virtually every prominent physician throughout Virginia history.

Virginia State Library and Archives, 12th & Capitol Sts., Richmond, VA 23219. (804) 786-2306

This vast repository, contains in its Archives Branch, records of Virginia's Board of Medical Examiners, Bureau of Maternal Health, Department of Mental Health and Retardation, as well as licensing and certification records for nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and optometry. Medical records for the state penitentiary are here. The Medical Society of Virginia, which established the State Board of Vital Statistics, houses its records here.

ALHHS

ANNUAL MEETING, Philadelphia, April 30, 1987

Dorothy Whitcomb called the business meeting to order at 11:25 AM at the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Announcements. ALHHS is now listed in the Bowker Annual, Encyclopaedia of Associations, and the Abbey Newsletter. Katherine Donahue is replacing Vicki Steele at UCLA Biomedical Library. Nancy Bruce has joined a firm as an information specialist. Doris Thibodeau is retiring this year and will move to New Mexico. Lisabeth Holloway is resigning as Editor of the Watermark. Robin Overmier will assume the duties of Editor. On behalf of their work with ALHHS, Doris and Lisabeth were presented with gifts.

New members present were: Virginia Fisher, Barbara Irwin, Barbara Paulson, and Sue Cronenwelt.

Officers' reports. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as printed in the Watermark. Janet Sutton reported a checkbook balance of \$1500; Beth White reported a balance of \$570. Election results were announced: Beth White, Secretary-Treasurer; Robin Overmier, Editor. Steering committee: Deborah Woolverton, Mary Teloh, and Mary Claire Britt.

Old business. The Women's Medical Journal will soon be filmed. Robin Overmier's compilation of 39 rare book dealers will be in the summer issue of the Watermark. Glen Jenkins reported that the Publications Committee needs new members. Deborah Woolverton will chair the membership brochure committee. The brochure will be used as a recruitment tool. Eight members indicated that they would like to receive MLA continuing education credit for ALHHS programs. It will not be available this year.

New business. Mary Teloh, program chair for the ALHHS New Orleans meeting, is working with Cindy Goldstein from Tulane. Our annual meeting next year will be on May 3, 1988. A joint cocktail party with the museum association and a session on volunteers were suggested. Dorothy Whitcomb called for volunteers to organize the AAHM luncheon workshop on resources, and for volunteers to present papers at the workshop.

Our informal liaison with AAHM will be maintained. Janet K. Sutton is currently on the AAHM board; Phil Teigen has been elected to the board for 1988-1991.

Dorothy Whitcomb called for a discussion on how ALHHS can best form a liaison with MLA-HHS (Medical Library Association, History of the Health Sciences Section). Lucretia McClure moved that the following proposal be taken to

MLA-HHSS at the meeting in Portland: "The Watermark be the official organ of both ALHHS and MLA-HHSS, that some arrangement be made for MLA-HHSS members to receive the Watermark, that these details be negotiated by the ALHHS Publications Committee." The motion carried.

Dorothy Whitcomb asked whether retiring members should be presented with certificates. No interest was expressed in this.

The conflict of the ALHHS and Osler Society meetings was discussed. Six of our members are also members of the Osler Society. The general consensus was that our meeting date not be changed, in spite of the conflict.

Barbara Paulson can provide information on Columbia University Rare Books School. Nancy Zinn announced that the RBMS section of ALA will include a session on history of medicine special collections on June 22 at Stanford.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Sunday, May 3, 1987.

NLM news. John Parascandola announced Dorothy Hanks' retirement from NLM/HMD. The first in a series of articles on unique history of medicine collections was published in NLM News. Phil Teigen described the addition to DIRLINE of history of medicine libraries willing to be open to the public. Plans are being made to allow institutions to update their own entry in DIRLINE at any time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Sutton,
Retiring Secretary-Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

Paul G. Anderson
Washington University School of Medicine
Box 8132
660 So. Euclid Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

Nancy Ann Austin
Health Sciences Library - 223 H
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Leonard M. Eddy
University of Louisville
Kornhauser Health Science Library
Louisville, KY 40292

Esther Geller
336 DeMott Ave.
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Cynthia Goldstein
Tulane University Medical School Library
1430 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112

Rebecca Hardie
Bernard Quaritch Ltd.
5-8 Lower John St.
Golden Square
London W1R 4AU England

ADDRESS CHANGES

Nancy Rucker Johnson
HAM-TMC Library
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ANNUAL MEETING, Portland, OR, May 18, 1987

The History of Health Sciences Section sponsored a Contributed Paper Session, May 18. For the first time, the Section was responsible for sending out the call for papers, evaluating the abstracts, selecting topics to be developed, and finally choosing papers for the program. HHSS had selected as its topic, "From Fabricius to Floppy Disc." The following papers were presented:

"The Impact of Technology upon Medical History Research: the Past, the Problems, the Potential." James J. Kopp, Systems Librarian, Washington State University, Pullman.

"Microcomputer Registration of Medical Artifacts." Martha Whaley, History of Medicine Librarian; Charles Moore, Registrar; Janet S. Fisher (presenter); Quillen-Dishner College of Medicine Library, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City.

"The Botanical Garden as Precursor." Elizabeth B. Davis, Biology Librarian and Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"The Billings Connection." Lucretia McClure, Medical Librarian, Miner Library, School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Rochester, NY.

In addition, the Section sponsored a dinner with an invited paper by a local physician-hist-

orian, Eldon G. Chuinard, M.D., the author of Only One Man Died: Medical Aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. His subject was: Medical Aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The dinner was held at Chang's Yangtze, and wine was provided by Bruce Ramer of New York and Jeremy Norman of San Francisco.

Next year's meeting will be in New Orleans, May 20-26. Incoming officers of HHSS are:
Robin Overmier, Chairman
Dorothy Whitcomb, Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor
Mary Ann Hoffman, Section Council Representative
Elizabeth Crahan, Alternate Section Council Representative

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MURRAY GOTTlieb PRIZE

This prize is awarded annually by the Medical Library Association for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian. It was established in 1956 by Ralph and Jo Grimes of the Old Hickory Bookshop, Brinklow, Md., in memory of Murray Gottlieb, an antiquarian book dealer of New York. Its purpose is to recognize and stimulate interest by health sciences librarians in the history of medicine. The winner receives a cash prize of \$100 and a certificate at the Association's annual meeting.

Eligibility. Authors must be health sciences librarians, but not necessarily members of MLA. Papers must not have been published or be under consideration for publication, and must treat some aspect of the history of the health sciences.

Requirements for submission include a set format (typed, double-spaced, one side of paper, not to exceed 25 pages, references in format set by Bulletin, MLA); author's name, title, and address to appear only on a separate sheet; a 150-word abstract, on a separate sheet; must be submitted to Chairman of Awards Committee by October 1.

Standards for judging: a) bibliographic research; b) quality of experimental design or of arguments developed; c) contribution to study of the history of health sciences; d) originality; e) style (clarity, appearance, conciseness, structure); f) conformity to bibliographic standards of Bulletin, MLA.

The winning paper will be submitted to Bulletin, MLA, for consideration. This year's chairman: Betsy L. Humphreys, NLM, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894. Further information from Professional Development Dept., MLA, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 3208, Chicago, IL 60611 (tel. 312/266-2456).

Ex Libris

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MAIN ENTRIES

Gay Takahoshi moved to Washington, D.C. from Indiana to become Librarian, Historical Collection, Resource Center at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a newly created position. In addition to caring for 1700 volumes in the historical collection, she is engaged in video-taping members of the College and its administration.

The Curator of the Waring Historical Library, Medical University of South Carolina, Anne K. Donato, retired in June of this year. She began in 1967 as a part-time assistant to Joseph I. Waring, M.D., and became Curator in July, 1975. In 1978 she was appointed to the General Faculty. She has been active in many historical and archivists' societies. She was given the title of Curator Emerita.

Her replacement is Elizabeth (Betty) Newsom. She will be joined by Jane Brown, Associate Curator. Betty and Jane prepared themselves this summer by working under James Wayre, Conservator for Canterbury Cathedral and the town of Canterbury learning techniques of conservation and restoration of books and documents. Betty and Jane, how about writing up your experiences for the Watermark?

Moving onward and upward is Robert E. Skinner, formerly in Medical Bibliography at Louisiana State University Medical Center, and member, ALHHS. He has recently been named Director, Xavier University Library of Louisiana.

And welcome Donald S. Pady who is the new History of Medicine Librarian at the Mayo Foundation Library. Among his goals -- adding Mayo's rare book records to the OCLC data base.

Also on the new members list is Rose Thompson from the Maine Medical Center who has "inherited" an historical collection and hopes that membership in ALHHS will provide some insights into its management.

Professor Elizabeth Krakauer, now a librarian at Stanford, prepared herself for this position by learning 5 languages and first pursuing careers in ballet, chemistry and anthropology. She recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union where she had the rare privilege of visiting the treasure rooms of the Leningrad Library and talking with Dr. Alexander Garfunkel. He showed her her collection of chained books in the room Voltaire had worked. She, in turn, presented him with her recent

article from The Imprint of the Stanford Libraries Association, "Liber Pandectarum Medicine: a fifteenth-century chained book," and dedicated the article to him.

Katharine E. S. Donahue has been appointed Head of the History and Special Collections Division of the Biomedical Library, UCLA, effective 1 July 1987. She had been head of the Research Library of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

Deborah Woolverton, Collection Manager of the History of Medicine and Rare Book Collection at the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, served a 3-month conservation internship at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D.C. from July to September of this year.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Chris Hoolihan reports that the Edward S. Miner Library, Rochester, has received the papers of physiologist Edward Frederick Adolph (1895-1986). A scientist of international reputation, Adolph trained several generations of physicians and physiologists and made major contributions to the understanding of the body's regulatory functions and the physiology of adaptation. An inventory is available from Christopher Hoolihan, History of Medicine Section, Edward G. Miner Library, 601 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY, 14620.

Kathy Donahue writes that UCLA's Special Collections has acquired Nicholas Culpepper's The English Physician (Boston: Reprinted for Nicholas Boone, 1708). This small (12mo.), 94-page volume is considered the first medical book printed in the British North American colonies. Only four other copies are known, two of which are incomplete, as is this. Two leaves are lacking, to be replaced in facsimile.

From Vanderbilt Medical Center Library, Mary Teloh reports the donation of the Todhunter Culinary Collection, consisting of over 1,000 19th- and 20th-century cookbooks and works on food history and gastronomy. The collection was formed by Dr. Elizabeth Neige Todhunter and will be a part of the History of Nutrition Collection.

MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS

Lisabeth Holloway reports that her book A Fast Pace Forward: Chronicles of American Podiatry (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, 1987) came out just in time for distribution at the 75th anniversary meeting of the American Podiatric Medical Association in early August. This is the first book-length publication on the history of foot care in America, and is based on the collections of the Center for the History of Foot Care and Footwear at PCPM.

Note that NLM NEWS (April-May, 1987) features the Julius M. Cruse Collection in Immunology in the Center for Health Sciences Library, Madison, Wisconsin. A bibliography of its holdings

was prepared by **Dorothy Whitcomb**, and the holdings entered in the OCLC data base. For further information, contact Dorothy Whitcomb, Health Sciences Library, University of Wisconsin, 1305 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53705.

Beth White's article, "Patterns of development in Texas hospitals, 1836-1935: preliminary survey" (Texas Medicine 82:55-60, December, 1986), gave her an opportunity to utilize an unusual resource -- the postcard collection at HAM-TMC. Six exterior views, dating from the first decade of this century, provide visual interest for Beth's survey, prepared from a database she developed holding information on 733 institutions in existence during the period.

Mary Ann Hoffman writes from Wright State University, Fordham Health Sciences Library, that two publications are now available on the Ross A. McFarland Collection in Aerospace Medicine and Human Factors Engineering. The first is the Catalog of the Library, with entries for 2204 cataloged monographs, corporate technical reports, reference materials, and 16 videocassettes, plus listings of journal holdings, and over 3,000 federal technical reports. Inventory of the Manuscripts (182p.) lists 397 Hollinger boxes (204 lin. ft.) of material, with indexes. These may be ordered (\$15 ea., incl. postage and handling, prepaid; checks to Fordham Health Sciences Library) from Special & General Collections Librarian, Fordham Health Sciences Library, Wright State University School of Medicine, PO Box 927, Dayton, OH 45401-0927.

QUERIES

Does a directory exist that indicates 1) members of ALHHS, and 2) collecting interests of participating member libraries and staffs?

Some years ago Lisabeth Holloway began a project which profiled member libraries. Publishing funds never materialized but some of those profiles may be seen in back issues of the Watermark. Periodically membership lists appear either separately from Dorothy Whitcomb or in the Watermark. Dorothy, perhaps every new member should receive a membership list with payment of dues!

Does anybody work on watermarks before 1480?

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Archivist, Houston Academy of Medicine - Texas Medical Center Library. To assist in development of collections documenting the history of health care, biomedical research and medical education in Houston, Texas. Job responsibilities include contacting potential donors, arrangement and description of the 20th century collections, reference and supervision of department volunteers and one part-time manuscript processor. The position requires a Master's degree in Library Science, Archives/American Studies, History or related field; good oral and

written communication skills; and a minimum of two years relevant post-Master's experience. Familiarity with the history of medicine is preferred.

HAM-TMC is one of the largest health-sciences libraries in the US, with a full-time staff of 26 professional employees and 44 FTE support staff. It serves 19 health science institutions including 2 major medical schools, 3 nursing schools, and 6 major hospital systems. Technological support is provided by the OCLC LS/2000 System; an online search system providing a local version of the MEDLINE database; a Microcomputer Skills Lab; formal education programs in information access and management; and extensive microcomputer technology in its departments.

Fringe benefits include paid medical/dental/life insurance, TIAA-CREF retirement plan, 24 paid vacation days per year, and a moving allowance for relocation to Houston. There is a training and development budget to support professional growth. Starting salary is \$22,000 and is commensurate with experience. Deadline for applications is October 15, 1987. Send letter of application, resume, and names of 3 references to Janis Apted, Assistant Director for Administration, HAM-TMC Library, 1133 M.D. Anderson Blvd., Houston, Texas 77030.

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARLY PROJECTS

Robin Overmier notes the appointment last spring of **Michael A. Osborne**, a Ph.D. candidate in the History of Science at the University of Wisconsin, as Wangenstein Library Fellow at the University of Minnesota. Osborne previously held a post as historian for the History of Medicine Division, NIH and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. His activities at the Wangenstein include work in the history of French medicine and the writing of an institutional history of the College of American Pathologists.

The **Osler Library Fellowship Programme** for 1988 announces two Fellowships designed to assist researchers in the history of medicine who need to travel to and establish temporary residence in Montreal to use the resources of the Osler Library at McGill. The Scholar's Fellowship is directed to historians and physicians engaged in specific research projects. The Student's Fellowship is aimed at medical students desiring to broaden their background in medical history through a reading programme based on the Library's collections. Each Fellowship carries a stipend of \$1,200 (Canadian) and may be held for one month during the calendar year 1988. Address Dr. Faith Wallis, Osler Library, McGill University, 3655 Drummond St., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1Y6. Deadline for application in December 31, 1987.

NLM Visiting Historical Scholar Program. The National Library of Medicine plans to select one recognized scholar to engage in historical research and staff consultation during the 1988-

89 season. Applications are now invited from individuals interested in spending from 6 to 12 months at the Library between September 1, 1988 and August 31, 1989. Detailed announcements and application forms may be obtained from the Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20894 (tel. (301) 496-5405). Closing date in February 1, 1988.

Collaborators are invited to join a small British-American ad hoc group to produce a "Readers' Guide" to Abraham Rees's *Cyclopaedia*. The guide will in all likelihood include biographical notes on the contributors to this multi-volume 19th-century work; a discussion of the major articles; an analytical subject index; and chapters on the printing and publishing history of both the English and American editions. Because the *Cyclopaedia* is so inclusive, collaborators from many fields, including all the humanities, the sciences, medicine, the arts and technology can be accommodated in areas coinciding with their scholarly interests. For further details, please write: Prof. J. Z. Fullmer, Department of History, Dulles Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

GOOD SHOW

Barbara Irwin, Special Collections Librarian/Archivist and Curator of the new Library Exhibition Gallery at the George F. Smith Library, University of Medicine and

Dentistry, New Jersey reports its inaugural exhibit. Featured in "Classics in Medical History" are rare books from the Morris H. Saffron Collection on historical medicine. This exhibit will be followed in November by "The Art of Medical Illustration," showing artwork by Bob McBride of UMDNJ Educational Communications Center and photographs of French illuminated manuscripts. The gallery, at 30 12th Avenue, Newark, NJ is open to the public.

Robin Overmier reports unusual participation by the Wangenstein Historical Library, University of Minnesota, in an exhibit entitled "In Praise of Wood," at a local gallery. Two pieces of furniture, an 18th-century Dutch marquetry-inlaid chest of drawers and a 17th-century carved and gilded Spanish bargueno, were donated to the Library by Helen and Melville H. Manson, also donors of endowment funds for the acquisition of rare books in the history of the health sciences.

From UCLA, Kathy Donahue reports the renovation of exhibit cases in the foyer of the Biomedical Library. Including new glass doors and tracks, new track and overhead lighting, new fabric panels for the built-in cases, and general repainting, the face-lift was donated by Mrs. Estelle Cohen and Mrs. Sylvia Helfert. The first exhibit mounted was "Women in Health Care Delivery," the traveling show originated by Archives and Special Collections on Women in Medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

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