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## American Newsletters in the History of Medicine and Related Fields: A Checklist

by Philip J. Weimerskirch

In the past ten years a number of newsletters in the history of medicine and science started publication. The following list of those published in America excludes newsletters published by libraries and those which have ceased publication. It makes no claim to exhaustiveness, and the compiler would be glad to learn of those he may have missed. At a future date he hopes to compile a list of newsletters on the history of medicine published abroad.

AAHM Newsletter, No.1, September, 1979-

Published three times a year by the American Association for the History of Medicine and edited by Ynez Viole O'Neill, Ph.D., Division of Medical History, Department of Anatomy, Center for the Health Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Sent free to members of the Association.

A.I.H.P. Notes, n.s., No. 1, 1971-

Published by the American Institute for the History of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Bldg., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706. Sent to members of the Institute. Issued irregularly; the most recent issue is No. 17, Feb., 1980.

The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. Newsletter, No.1, 1970-

Quarterly. Sent to members. Dues for individuals are \$10.00 a year and for institutions, \$25.00 a year. Applications for membership should be sent to John F. Reed, Permanent Secretary, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, N.Y. 10458.

History of Anthropology Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1974-

Semi-annual. Available from R.Bieder, Box 1384, Bloomington, IN 47401. \$3.00 to individuals; \$4.00 to institutions.

History of Science Society Newsletter, Vol. 1, No.1, Feb. 1972-

Quarterly. Sent free to individual members of the Society; for others the cost is \$5.00 a year. Available from Dr. Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Maxwell School, Syracuse, New York, 13210. Among other things this newsletter lists all books received for review by the History of Science Society.

The Mendel Newsletter; Archival Resources for the History of Genetics & Allied Sciences, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1968-

Issued occasionally by the American Philosophical Society, 105 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. No. 17 was published in June, 1979.

Newsletter [of the] American Academy of the History of Dentistry, Vol. 1, No. 1, April, 1967-

Quarterly. Only sent to personal members of the AAHD. Edited by Dr. Malvin E. Ring, 216 E. Main St., Batavia, N.Y. 14020. Includes lists of recent publications in the history of dentistry.

Newsletter of the Optometric Historical Society, Vol. 1, No. 1, Jan. 1970-

Quarterly. Address: 243 North Lindbergh Blvd., Saint Louis, Missouri 63141. Subscription is \$5.00 a year. Vol. 10, No. 4, October, 1979 contained an index to the first ten volumes.

Palaeopathology Newsletter, No.1, Mar. 1973-

Quarterly. Available from Mrs. P. A. Cockburn, Editor, 18655 Parkside, Detroit, Michigan 48221. Subscription is \$10.00 a year.

Society for Ancient Medicine Newsletter, No.1, June, 1978-

Published occasionally. Available gratis from Dr. John Scarborough, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 40506. Contains extensive lists of recent references on ancient medicine.

Teaching the History and Sociology of Pharmacy,  
No. 1, May, 1977-

Sponsored by the Committee on Teaching of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Building, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706. Sent to members of the Institute and to others on request. Three issues have appeared so far, and a fourth is scheduled for 1980.

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The Editor takes the liberty of adding to Dr. Weimerskirch's informative list the name of this publication, although, strictly speaking, it may not be eligible, being concerned principally with the librarianship of the history of the health sciences rather than with the substance of said history. Nevertheless.

The Watermark; Newsletter of the Association of Libraries in the History of the Health Sciences, Vol. 1, No. 1, October, 1976-

Issued quarterly, since Vol. 1, No. 2, to members of the Association (dues \$10.00 per year) and to subscribers (\$5.00 per year). Edited by Lisa-beth M. Holloway, 58 W. Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

## ALHHS doings...

### BETHESDA IN JUNE

For our members who may be attending the Medical Library Association annual meeting in June, the ALHHS has planned a business meeting and a special tour of the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine. Our group will meet in the John Shaw Billings Study at NLM on Monday, June 16, 1980. The program is as follows:

- 1: 30 PM An Overview of the History of  
Medicine Division  
Dr. John B. Blake
- 2: 15 PM The Manuscripts and Oral History  
Program  
Dr. Peter D. Olch  
Mr. Manfred Wasserman
- 3: 00 P.M. The Print and Photograph  
Collection  
Ms. Lucinda Keister
- 3: 30 P.M. Business Meeting
- 4: 00 P.M. Tour of the History of Medicine  
Division

Arrangements for this meeting were made by Dr. Peter D. Olch, member of the ALHHS Steering Committee and Deputy Chief, History of Medicine Division, NLM. Dr. Olch suggests that the best way to get to the library from Washington, D.C. is by cab. If you plan to attend, please fill out the RSVP form enclosed with this issue.

## President's column

by Janet Kubinec

The Association of Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences is a small organization, which I believe has the potential to be the means to an effective network of librarians in the history of the health sciences. We members can create its parameters through our support of the Association. This includes support, not simply through membership dues, but more importantly through participation in meetings and activities of the Association and through written contributions to our communications and exchanges of ideas. Our combined talents, reflected in the quality of our meetings and our publication, The Watermark, can advance our interests.

The Association can act as an arena for expounding new ideas, sharing events, relating activities, suggesting methodology, warning of failures and recording successes. It can be a place to go to ask questions and talk over problems; a place to meet and socialize with colleagues. Our interests include all areas of librarianship in the history of the health sciences, and each of our members has something to contribute, some area of expertise to share through the Association. As members, if we communicate our interests, if we actively participate, we can determine the successes of the Association.

As stated in our Constitution and Bylaws, "The purpose of this organization shall be to serve the professional interests of librarians, archivists, and other specialists actively engaged in the librarianship of the history of the health sciences. . . ." With the support and participation of the officers, steering committee and membership, as president, I hope to further that purpose.

### SPRINGTIME IN BOSTON

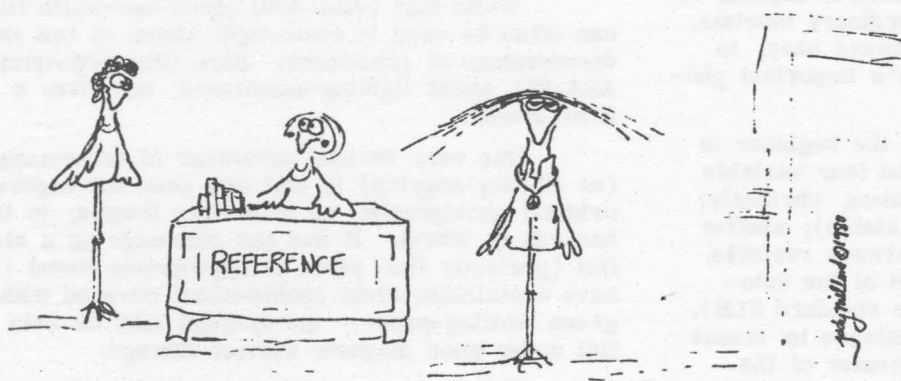
Delays in the preparation of this issue have made it necessary to distribute announcements of the ALHHS meeting in Boston, May 2nd, under separate cover. We hope each of you received the announcement.

This issue will be distributed in Boston to those members attending, and mailed to others promptly thereafter.

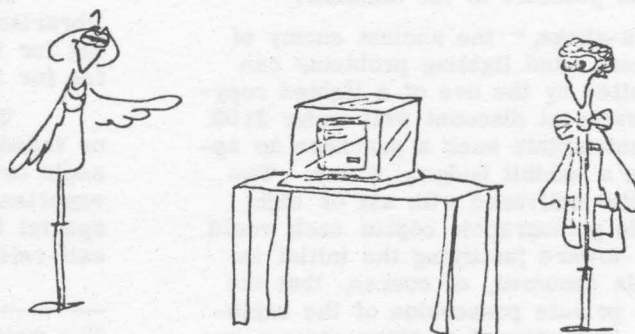
For the record, however, we should record plans to meet in Boston at the Park Plaza Hotel at 7:30 A.M., Friday, May 2, 1980. Breakfast, a brief business meeting, and a presentation by Dr. John B. Blake on automated cataloging at NLM in relation to the history of medicine, constitute the agenda.

We present these two cartoons through the kind courtesy of Frank Gyorgyey. Jody Millard, the artist, is sister to a reference librarian at Yale. We are much obliged, to Jody, Frank, and, of course, Yale.

BUT I DON'T know! HE JUST KEEPS ASKING ME  
WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?



...PUT IT THIS WAY, YOU'RE FEASTING YOUR  
EYES ON THE BO DEREK OF MEDICAL BOOKS.





## The kitchen table...

### Copying photographs for fun and profit;

or, Some, but not all....

by Lisabeth M. Holloway

The new or newish SLR (single-lens-reflex or reflection) automated cameras lend themselves to copying as well as to other exercises. In simplifying closeup work — and portrait, wide-angle and telephoto shots too, of course — they have brought some, but not all, the esoteric aspects of photography within the range of ordinary mortals. Nowadays it is possible, if not always easy, to reproduce some, but not all, one's important photographic representations.

What automation means to the beginner is that he must watch only two of the four variable elements in any photograph: distance, obviously; aperture, or lens opening (automatable); shutter speed (automatable); and light (always variable, but now subject to the kind advice of the automated electronic equipment of the standard SLR). Now one may easily adjust for distance by means of the hairline focus ring in the center of the SLR's through-the-lens viewfinder; one may choose one's SLR to automate either aperture or shutter speed and indicate preferred options for the other; and one may be deflected from disastrous misjudgments of light by the blinking warnings of the electronic light-meter.

With the standard lenses (as large as f 1.8 maximum aperture) offered with most SLR's, and with the addition of one, two or three close-up lenses costing as little as \$15 per set, one can get as close to one's subject as 4.9 inches. Copying is thus possible to the amateur.

"Camera-shake," the ancient enemy of all photographers, and lighting problems can both be controlled by the use of a lighted copy-stand, purchasable at discount well under \$100. (One might contemplate such a purchase as applicable to one's exhibit budget, if any. Two or three exhibits enlivened with six or eight good homemade photographic copies each would go a long way toward justifying the initial investment. This assumes, of course, that the camera is the private possession of the exhibitor, or of an impassioned amateur camera-bug. Nearly every institution has at least one im-

passioned camera-bug about. One word of warning: it is unwise to screw the camera too far into the copystand holder: the writer has found that that may somehow spoil the electronic trigger mechanism which operates the shutter.)

While fast (ASA-400) black-and-white film can often be used in room-light alone, it has the disadvantage of graininess. Slow film (Panatomic-X, ASA-32) needs lighting-assistance, but gives a finer result.

One very decided advantage of home-copying (or library-copying) is that one need not expose original photographs, so often very fragile, to the hazards of travel. If one can rummage up a clean, flat (perfectly flat) piece of appropriate metal (I have a stainless-steel cookie-sheet covered with green blotting-paper), the original may be held flat under good magnets without damage.

With this equipment (copy-stand, closeup lenses, and appropriate film), reasonably clear originals may be copied successfully. The resulting negative may be enlarged for display or reproduction by a good professional photographic laboratory. Visitors with SLR — and with an adapter or coupling ring or with their own closeup lenses — can be accommodated, and the librarian's time in finding, instructing and making arrangements with a competent local photographer, will be much reduced.

And with courage, the amateur-photographer-librarian may even embark on a little simple copying for the wandering scholar, and charge a modest fee for it. But only simple copying.

To copy slides, colored prints, very large or faded, poor-quality black-and-white or blue or sepia originals, however, one very much needs the experienced professional photographer with his special film, lenses, and filters. One may be self-reliant, but after all, one must not be brash.

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The writer is indebted to Dr. Steven J. Peitzman for his kind advice in her own experimentation.

THANK YOU to Warren Albert.

We can think of no better way to thank Warren Albert for his gracious surprise gift to members of the Association of the Osler Commemorative Issue of the JAMA, December, 1969, than by reproducing his beautifully written letter of presentation. This will be a surprise to him — we hope, a pleasant one.

-Ed.

Warren Albert  
1702 North Laundale Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

to

*Association of Librarians in the History  
of the Health Sciences*

*Last year, I was able to procure, for free  
distribution, the remaining copies of the  
Journal of the American Medical Association  
Sir William Osler Commemorative reprint.*

*I am pleased to present this copy to you for  
your personal files.*

*Respectfully  
Warren Albert*

*Ed*

**Directory of libraries in the  
history of the health sciences...  
Selected entries**

HOUSTON ACADEMY OF MEDICINE — TEXAS  
MEDICAL CENTER LIBRARY Founded 1907  
Jesse H. Jones Library Building, Houston, Texas,  
77030  
713-797-1230

Hours: 8 - 5, Mon.-Fri. Weekends and evenings  
by appointment

Special Collections Librarian: Elizabeth Borst  
White.

Services to the general public: Reference; photocopying (5¢ page); interlibrary loan (early material available at discretion of the Special Collections Librarian); microfilming by special arrangement; no borrowing.

General collection: 54,000 books; 2,600 journal titles currently received.

Materials in the history of the health sciences (including materials from the Baylor University College of Medicine Library, founded 1907; and from the Houston Academy of Medicine Library, founded 1915): estimated at 600 linear feet.

Printed materials: Reginald Burbank Collection on Arthritis, Gout and Rheumatism: 1,475 volumes (15th century - 1; 16th century - 10%; 17th century - 10%; 18th century - 30%; 19th century - 30%; 20th century - 20%). Cora and Webb Mading Collection on the History and Development of American Public Health, Epidemiology, and Preventive Medicine: 750 books, 900 pamphlets (17th-19th centuries). Joseph P. Arnold, Jr., Collection on Hematology: 101 titles, chiefly 19th century.

Manuscripts and archival materials: Harris County Medical Archive (220 linear ft.), collecting materials documenting growth and development of institutions within Texas Medical Center and of health-care institutions in Harris County, Texas. Manuscripts from physicians of Houston: Joseph Melnick Collection on Polio (25 lin.ft.); E. W. Bertner Collection (3 lin.ft.); Herman W. Johnson Collection (3 lin.ft.).

Pictorial Works Collection (5,000 items): chiefly photographs of Houston physicians and health care institutions in Harris County.

Secondary materials include 70% of the history of medicine journals listed in Index Medicus; 12 of 20 titles in G. Miller's "Checklist II."

Catalogues, etc.: Holdings listed in regional library catalog only.

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111 South Greene Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201

Hours: Winter: 8-10, Mon.-Fri., 9-5 Sat.,

2-9 Sun. Summer: 8-8, Mon.-Fri., 9-5, Sat.

Historical Librarian: Kathryn K. DeMange.

Services to the general public: Reference; photocopying (5¢ page); interlibrary loan (photocopy substituted for early materials when condition warrants). No borrowing or microfilming.

General collection (as of July 1, 1979): 243,289 volumes; 3,085 periodicals currently received (total periodical titles held, 7,000).

Materials in the history of the health sciences:

Printed materials: Crawford Collection, 400 vols., purchased 1813, original collection of the library. Cordell Medical Historical Collection, 1925, 2,000 vols. to 1870. Grieves Dental Historical Collection, 1926, 500 vols., to 1870. Pharmacy Historical Collection, 1925, 500 vols. to 1870. Uhlenhuth Historical Collection, 1932, 500 vols. on Anatomy. Nursing Historical Collection, 1925, 20 vols., to 1870. Catalogs of Baltimore Medical College, 1882-1913, College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1872-1915, and Maryland Dental College, 1873-1878. Three incunabula.

Manuscripts, archives, etc. Organizations: University professional schools' records, medical theses, 1813-1887; Baltimore Association of Dental Surgeons and the Greenwood Dental Study Club, papers, 9 vols. Maryland State Dental Society, 1883- , papers, 5 vols. Physicians, etc.: John Crawford, 3 letters. Florence Nightingale, 3 letters.

Photographs, engravings, etc.: Saint Apollonia, patron saint of dentistry, 150 representations. May be copied for publication, giving credit to the Library.

Catalogues, etc.: Dental and pharmacy collections reported for Austin bibliography; not reported to regional catalogue or NUC.

# UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI. MEDICAL CENTER LIBRARIES. HISTORY OF HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

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231 Bethesda Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45267  
513-872-5120

Hours: Winter - variable; summer - variable.

Head: Charles A. Isetts. One part-time non-professional.

Services to the general public: Reference; limited borrowing, photocopying (10¢ page); interlibrary loan available on limited basis — fragile items not available. No microfilming.

General collection: Health Sciences Library - 122,734 volumes; 2,000 journals; 1445 audiovisual items.

Materials in the history of the health sciences:

30,000 volumes (approximately 2,000 linear feet), from 1500-1917. Two incunabula. Daniel Drake: 100 volumes. Pre-1900 serials: 450. Garrison-Morton items: 5-10%. Secondary volumes: 2,000. Separate card catalog.

Manuscripts, archival materials, etc. Daniel Drake: 1 linear foot. General Hospital archives, 1837-1920, 20 linear feet.

Museum materials: 20 oil portraits; 3 linear feet of photographs (may be reproduced for publication); small instrument collection.

Catalogues, etc.: David A. Tucker, Jr. Library of the History of Medicine: A Bibliography. Ed. by Joan Titley. Cincinnati, Medical College, Univ. of Cincinnati, 1959. Charles A. Isetts: "The Mussey Medical and Scientific Library; A Short-title Bibliography." Unpubl. ms. Collection not indexed in regional catalog or reported to NUC.



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