

Rights, Ethics, and Re-Use statement - Digitizing the Prohibited Special Collections of The Cannabis Museum

The Cannabis Museum will ensure that the materials are free of any restrictions and that copies of all digital files are available. If the project is awarded, the Cannabis Museum team will ensure that any additional restrictions or concerns are fully addressed and supported.

Rights Statements

In order to further use and re-use, all materials digitized from this project will be shared with a rights statement in accordance with the statements from RightStatement.org. In particular, we will use the United States - No Copyright statement provided at: <https://rightsstatements.org/page/NoC-US/1.0/?language=en>. As the materials are digitized and more information is available to share with researchers for further investigation on copyright, select materials may be changed to have the “No Known Copyright” statement from RightsStatements.org applied: <http://rightsstatements.org/page/NKC/1.0/?language=en>

Copyright

All US publications prior to 1923 are out of copyright, and roughly 90% of the items in this collection slated for digitization are publications published prior to 1923. For those items published after 1923, we will review relevant copyright restrictions (if any exist) and proceed accordingly. Don Wirtshafter is an Ohio lawyer, and familiar with use, copyright and sharing stipulations having been director of the museum for around 50 years.

Ethics: Moral Rights

Given the historical nature, and United States origination we do not believe moral rights exemptions necessarily apply. However, materials digitized for this project will be presented with full bibliographic citation information. The digitized items for this project will also be presented in full.

Ethics: Privacy

The materials selected for this project are medical in nature, however, we do not believe the museum has a duty of privacy. The respective individuals are long deceased, and only general names are potentially revealed. That said, there are very few items that actually contain the full patient name. There is no modern personally identifiable information or metadata being digitized (i.e. Social Security Numbers, or Personal Addresses). Therefore, the apothecary prescriptions do not infringe upon the privacy rights or concerns of any living individuals. This will be monitored on an ongoing basis, and course corrected should any privacy concerns arise. If necessary, several steps can be taken, up to completely redacting individual patient names - however, do not believe this will be necessary.

Ethics and Re-use

The Cannabis Museum will collaborate with partners and through other libraries, scholarly, archival, and other communities to promote awareness of these materials, in keeping with supporting the communities for context and use of materials.