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Abstract

Contains personal items of Eugene A. Stead, Jr. and his wife, Evelyn donated to the PAHx Society by his family soon after his death in 2006. Many of the items in this collection, or replicas of these items, reside within the Stead Office-Museum located at the Eugene A. Stead Jr. Center for Physician Assistants, Durham, NC. The Stead Office-Museum contains items from his lake home in Bullock, NC, complete with furniture, books, family photographs, personal gifts, medals and awards. A formal garden behind the Stead Center is adorned with bronze statuary that once was located on the grounds of the Stead's lake home. Other items are maintained at the PAHx Society Archives located in Johns Creek, GA and include personal papers, original family photographs, rare books, publications, and museum objects.

Descriptive Summary

Title

Creator
Stead, Eugene A, Jr.
Stead, Evelyn

Extent
Office –Museum (Stead Center)
xx Items
4 boxes, - PAHx Society
xx items
x linear feet

Repositories
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Biographical Note

Dr. Stead is recognized as the founder of the PA profession. He was born on the outskirts of Atlanta, Georgia on October 6, 1908. He received his undergraduate and medical education at Emory University and interned at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. He was a resident at the Cincinnati General Hospital and held a faculty position at Harvard and the Boston City Hospital prior to becoming the youngest person to chair the Department of Medicine at Emory University in 1942. He was named Dean of the School of Medicine at Emory in 1946, but left one year later to become Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Duke University. After 20 years, he relinquished his Duke chair to explore other avenues of research and medical care.

Although Dr. Stead is internationally recognized as a clinical scientist, educator and administrator, his greatest legacy is the large number of former students who became department chairmen and leading educators and researchers throughout the United States. As the founder of the physician assistant concept, he is recognized as one of the leading educational innovators of the twenty-first century. Although not planned, it is only appropriate that National PA Day (now week) is celebrated each year on his birthday - October 6th.

Collection Overview

This collection is organized into five series according to types of materials.

Arrangement Note

The ordering system of these records was developed for consistency since items were donated in bulk and had no organizational structure. Photographs were in frames that hung on walls or were on Dr. Stead’s desk. Replicas of photographs were made from originals and used to recreate the Stead Office-Museum located at the Stead Center in Durham, NC. All items in the Stead Collection have been imaged, cataloged and placed into the PAHx Society’s PastPerfect© database.
Online Catalog Headings
These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Stead, Eugene A., Jr.
Stead, Evelyn
Duke University. School of Medicine.
Physician Assistants -- education -- North Carolina

Collection Series
Series 1: Awards, Medals and Plaques
Series 2: Books and Publications
Series 3: Museum Objects
Series 4: Photographs
Series 5: Statuary in Stead Center Garden

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1. Awards, Medals and Plaques, 1957-2003

25th Anniversary: Institute of Medicine Award, 1995
Abraham Flexner award, 1970
American Academy of Physician Assistant Plaque, 1988
American College of Physicians Award, 1969
American Physiological Society Medal, 1987
Articles Published by Dr. Stead, 1939-1944
Buffalo Nickel Plaque, undated
Citation for Distinguished Service Research, 1959
City of Medicine Award, 1988
Distinguished Internist Plaque, 1989
Distinguished Service Plaque, 1995
Duke University Medal, 1996
Gold Heart Award Plaque, 1976
Golden Apple award Plaque, 1963
Groedel Award, 1981
Health Science Center Medal (speaker gift), 1986
James B. Herrick Award, 1970
Johnson Foundation Medal, undated
Kober Medal, 1980
Medical Alumnus of the Year Award, 1964
Medical University of South Carolina Medal (speaker gift), undated
North Carolina Heart Association award, undated
Ohio State University Medal (visiting professor gift), 1970
Republican Medal of Merit, undated
Russell Award, 1968
Ruth Gray Lecture Award, 1970
Scroll of Merit Plaque, 1988
Service recognition Award, undated
Service recognition Award, undated
South Carolina Heart Association Award, 1957
Southern Society for Clinical Investigation Award, 1973
Stone with plaque
Visiting Professor of Cardiology medal, 1966
Wilburt Cornell Davison Award, 1969
William G. Anlyan, Lifetime Achievement Award, 2003

**Series 2: Books and Publications, 1906-2004**

'39 Aesculapius, 1939
'78 Aesculapian, 1978
'80 Aesculapian, 1980
Academic Heritage: The Transmission of Excellence--Cardiology at the Ohio State University, 1992

. . . And the Pursuit of Healthcare: Considering Challenges with Dr. Eugene Stead, 2000

As the Twig Is Bent, 1954

The Bantam New College French & English Dictionary, 1991

Beginning of the School of Medicine at East Carolina University: 1964-1977, 1998

The Bench and Me: Teaching and Learning Medicine, 1992

Cecil Essentials of Medicine, 1986

Complications: Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science, 2002

Davison of Duke: His Reminiscences, 1980

Defining Women's Scientific Enterprise: Mount Holyoke Faculty and the Rise of American Science, 2005

Differential Diagnosis Presented through an Analysis of Cases, 1912

Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 1965

Duke Cardiology Fellows Training Program, 2004

Duke University James B. Duke Society, undated

Essays by an Unfinished Physician: Lessons from People, Patients, and Life, 1994

Essential Immunology, 1997

Eugene A. Stead Jr., Notebook, Boston City Hospital, 1938

The Eugene A. Stead, Jr. Symposium, 1968

Familiar Quotations; Collection of Passages, Phrases, and Proverbs Traced to their Sources in Ancient and Modern Literature, 1955

The First Forty Years at Duke in Surgery and the P. D. C., 1971

The Fragile Species, 1992

The Future of Medical Education, 1973


The Heart, Arteries, and Veins, 1966
I Can't Believe [believe] There’s more Mnemonics, Rhetoric and Poetics for Medics: If This Is for Profit, They Must be Ascetic, 1989

In Memoriam: Soma Weiss, 1899-1942, 1942 [Facsimile 2008]

The Inquisitive Physician: The Life and Times of George Richards Minot, M.D., 1956

The Irritable Heart of Soldiers and the Origins of Anglo-American Cardiology, 2002

Judith's Pavilion: The Haunting Memories of a Neurosurgeon, 1997

Just Say for Me, 2000


Life and Writings of Stewart R. Roberts, M. D.: Georgia's First Heart Specialist, 1993

Low-Fat Cookery, 1956

Low-Fat Cookery 2nd ed., 1959

Low-Fat Cookery 3rd ed., 1973

Low-fat Cookery 4th ed., 1975

Low-Fat Cookery 5th ed., 1977

Medical Education for the 21st Century: Proceedings of a Sesquicentennial Conference, 1984

Medical Education in the United States and Canada, 1990

Medical Epidemiology, 2001

Medicine for the Practicing Physician, 1996

A Memoir of Dr. James Jackson with Sketches of his Father Hon. Jonathan Jackson, and his Brothers, Robert, Henry, Charles, and Patrick Tracy Jackson; and Some Account of their Ancestry, 1906

Metamorphoses: Memoirs of a Life in Medicine, 2004

Modern Medicine Journal, 1963

Molecular Biology of the Cell, 1994

More Mnemonics Rhetoric and Poetics for Medics, 1984

Morris' Human Anatomy, 1925


A Practical Medical Dictionary, 1926
Practicing the Art while Mastering the Science, 2000
Proceedings of Conference on Physician Assistant Profession, 2004
A Quail Hunter's Odyssey, 2003
The Quest for Excellence, 1997
The Quotable Osler, 2002
Report of the Medical Delegation to the People's Republic of China, 1973
The Rhyming Dictionary of the English language, in which the Whole Language is Arranged according to its Terminations, with an Index of Allowable Rhymes, undated
Rounding Note, undated
Scientific Publications by Walter Kempner, MD: Studies in Cellular Physiology, 2002
Sir William Osler Aphorisms, from His Bedside Teachings and Writings, 1950
Taking Care: The Legacy of Soma Weiss, Eugene Stead, and Paul Beeson, 1994
Thermodynamics of the Heart, 1996
To Improve Human Health: A History of the Institute of Medicine, 1998
Transactions of the Association of American Physicians (serial), 1982
Transactions of the Association of American Physicians (2), 1978
The Way of an Investigator: A Scientist's Experiences in Medical Research, 1945
Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, 1965
William Carlos Williams: The Doctor Stories, 1984

**Series 3: Museum Objects, 1953-2005**

Academic Robe with three green velvet bands on sleeves, undated
American Society for Clinical Investigation Clock, 1953
… And the Pursuit of Healthcare: Considering Challenges with Dr. Eugene Stead, Jr., M.D.: Physician, Teacher, Investigator Print, undated
Blood pressure monitor with cuff, undated
Blue flower Vase, undated
Buffalo nickel replica Paperweight, undated
Business card, undated

Calendar 2005

City of Medicine Award Letter Opener, undated

Duke University Medical Center trinket box, 1998

Eugene A. Stead Jr. MD: Physician, Teacher, Investigator print, undated

Eskind Biomedical Library Paperweight, 1994

Eyeglasses with case, undated

Fantastic Voyage: Journey Videotape into the Living Body of a Man VHS Tape, 1996

Institute of Medicine Magnifying Glass commemorative, 1995

Letter Opener, undated

Liquor Chest, undated

Mount Holyoke College Chair, undated

Office Desk, undated

Office Lamp, undated

Oriental trinket box with painted flowers, undated

Paperweight with enclosed photograph of Dr. and Mrs. Stead Jr., undated

Prescription Pad, undated

Side chair, undated

The Sower Sculpture, undated

Stead construction cartoon drawing, undated

Stethoscope, undated

Stone with Plaque, 1980

Red Vase, undated

Rounding Note, undated

University of Missouri Pen Holder: memorial lecture gift, 1986

University of California Paperweight, undated
Wallet with Eugene Stead Jr.’s Initials, undated
What This Patient Needs Is a Doctor Drawing, undated
White Vase, undated

**Series 4: Photographs, 1913-1999**

1977 wedding, 1977
1993 wedding, 1993
Alan and Nancy Atwood, 1989
Baron and Roddy, 1982
Beesons’ fiftieth anniversary party, 1992
Bill, 1953
Bill, Janet, and Snoopy, 1978
Christie at staff picnic, 1976
Christina Louise Lavarre, 1975
Christina Louise LaVarre, undated
Curt and Lucy, undated
Dr. and Mrs. Stead in Hawaii, 1968
Dr. Peete, his wife Mary Francis, and their daughter, undated
Dr. Stead and Son, 1991
Dr. Stead on rounds, undated
Dr. Stead, president of AAP, undated
Dr. Stead with his children, Nancy, Bill, and Lucy, 1949
Duke University Medical faculty office, 1990
Duke victory over North Carolina, undated
Elizabeth, undated
Elizabeth and dog, 1985
Elizabeth and Freckles, 1988
Eugene Stead, 1968
Eugene Stead at staff picnic, 1976
Evelyn Stead, undated
Ike the Beagle, 1994
Infant Elizabeth, undated
Lucy Stead, 1953
Lucy Stead taking off a shoe, 1965
Medical Staff Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 1940
Nancy and Alan Atwood, undated
Nancy, Bill and Lucy as children, 1950
Nancy in Snowmass, 1985
Pat at staff picnic, 1976
Patrick, Christina and Elizabeth, 1984
Patrick Eugene Lavarre, 1975
Photograph of "The Letter", 1999
Sandy, 1983
Snow postcard, 1996
Stead family album, undated
Stead family group, 1913
Stead family in garden, 1958
Taylor Hobbes and Santa Claus, 1993
Wedding of Patrick and Penelope LaVarre, 1987
Wedding of Patrick and Penelope LaVarre, 1987
William Stead, undated
Young girl with blue bow, undated
Young girl with book, 1949
Series 5: Statuary in Stead Center Garden, 1994-1997

Great Blue Heron Statue, 1997
Isadora IV Statue, undated
Sleeping Heron Statue, 1997
Stalking Great Blue statue, 1994
White-Tailed Fawn Statue, 1989