
Barlow Medical Library Construction photographs, 1906-1907

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Barlow Medical Library Construction Photographs,

Date (inclusive): 1906-1907

Collection number: 409

Creator: Farquhar, Robert D. 1872-1967

Extent: 1 document box

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library History and Special Collections Division

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Abstract: A collection of photographs (positives and negatives) taken during the construction of the Barlow Medical Library building in Los Angeles during 1906-1907 by the architect, Robert D. Farquhar, or his associates.

Physical location: History and Special Collections Division, Biomedical Library, University of California, Los Angeles

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

The photographs were purchased by the UCLA Biomedical Library in 2006 from Ricardo Bandini Johnson, whose family had obtained them from Robert D. Farquhar, architect of the Barlow Medical Library building.

Historical Note

As a service to the students of the College of Medicine, University of Southern California, of which he was a faculty member, and to the practicing physicians of Los Angeles, Dr. Walter Jarvis Barlow funded the construction of a handsome domed building just across the street from the College to house a medical library open to all members of the medical profession. The building was dedicated in 1907 and deeded by Dr. Barlow to the Los Angeles College Clinical Association (a non-profit holding corporation of the College of Medicine). Control and management of the library collection was vested in the Board of Trustees of the Barlow Medical Library Association.

In 1909 the College of Medicine changed its affiliation to become part of the University of California, with the buildings including the Barlow Library building deeded to the University of California. The Barlow Medical Library Associates continued to run the Library and retained ownership of its books and journals. On November 7, 1932, the Board of Trustees of the Barlow Medical Library Association adopted resolutions providing for the transfer of the books and journals of the Barlow Medical Library to the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and by December 1934 that transfer was completed.

The building was sold and torn down in the 1950's. In 1958 money from this sale established the Walter Jarvis Barlow History of Medicine Collection Fund in the History and Special Collections Division of the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, for the purchase of secondary historical materials.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of 56 original and 6 additional duplicate 3x4" prints, and 62 original 3x4" negatives. The photographs depict the exterior of the Barlow Medical Library building during various phases of construction and after completion, and some views of the completed interior.

Also included is a two-page article from "The Pacific Outlook", titled: "Dr. Barlow's great gift; new home for a medical library, built by a Los Angeles philanthropist, nearly ready for occupancy", and three envelopes from the photo-finishing shop that processed the prints.

Related Material

UCLA Biomedical Library Manuscript Collection #93: Barlow Medical Library records.

UCLA Biomedical Library Manuscript Collection #134: Barlow Medical Library ephemera and papers separated from books in the Barlow Medical Library collection.

UCLA Young Research Library Department of Special Collections Collection #1578: Robert D. Farquhar architectural drawings.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Barlow Medical Library (Los Angeles) -- Archives
Los Angeles College Clinical Association -- Archives
Los Angeles County Medical Association -- Archives
Barlow, Walter Jarvis
Farquhar, Robert D., 1872-1967
Facility Design and Construction -- Photographs
Libraries, Medical -- California -- Photographs
Libraries, Medical -- history -- California

Genres and Forms

photographs

- Box 1, Folder 1 **"Dr. Barlow's Great Gift: New home for a medical library, built by a Los Angeles philanthropist, nearly ready for occupancy." 1907**
 Scope and Content Note
 Article with illustration of the new building, in: "The Pacific Outlook" v. 2: 25-26, 1907.
- Box 1, Folder 2 **Construction Photographs. 1906-1907**
 Physical Description: 3x4" positive prints, mounted on both sides of 5x7" sheets of black construction paper; 3x4" negatives
 Scope and Content Note
 22 photographs mounted on 11 sheets, all with matching negatives; building exterior and interior during successive phases of construction, and the finished facade
- Box 1, Folder 3 **Construction Photographs. 1906-1907**
 Physical Description: 3x4" positive prints, some mounted on both sides of 5x7" sheets of black construction paper, some unmounted; 3x4" negatives
 Scope and Content Note
 16 photographs on 8 sheets, some with matching negatives and duplicate prints; building exterior and interior during successive phases of construction, and the finished facade
- Box 1, Folder 4 **Construction Photographs. 1906-1907**
 Physical Description: 3x4" positive prints, unmounted; 3x4" negatives
 Scope and Content Note
 6 photographs and matching negatives of the construction of the dome
- Box 1, Folder 5 **Construction Photographs. 1906-1907**
 Physical Description: 3x4" positive prints, unmounted; 3x4" negatives
 Scope and Content Note
 6 photographs and matching negatives of the building facade during construction
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Box 1, Folder 6

Construction Photographs. 1906-1907

Physical Description: 3x4" positive prints, unmounted; 3x4" negatives

Scope and Content Note

5 photographs and matching negatives of the completed facade, and 1 photo and negative close-up of front entrance detail

Box 1, Folder 7

Construction Photographs. 1906-1907

Physical Description: 3x4" negatives

Scope and Content Note

13 negatives without matching prints. 3 original print envelopes from Howland and Dewey Co., Los Angeles