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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Dorothy Marsh was president of the California Osteopathic Association (COA) during the time it merged with the California Medical Association in 1962. The doctors of osteopathy not accepting the merger formed an independent organization called the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC) in December 1960, just after the parent organization, the American Osteopathic Association, had voted to revoke the charter of the COA. The OPSC was then recognized by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) in January 1961. The collection contains correspondence, clippings, subject files, other printed material, and publications of the California Osteopathic Association and includes material concerning the merger of the Association with the California Medical Association and materials of the American Osteopathic Association, and the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California.

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dr. Dorothy Marsh, 1969.
Biography
Dorothy Marsh was president of the California Osteopathic Association (COA) during the time it merged with the California Medical Association in 1962; before 1961, when the organization agreed to the merger, the osteopathic profession constituted 10% of the physicians and surgeons in California, and provided care for approximately 15% of the state's population; the doctors of osteopathy not accepting the merger formed an independent organization called the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC) in December 1960, just after the parent organization, the American Osteopathic Association, had voted to revoke the charter of the COA; the OPSC was then recognized by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) in January 1961.

Scope and Content
Collection contains correspondence, clippings, subject files, other printed material, and publications of the California Osteopathic Association. Includes material concerning the merger of the Association with the California Medical Association in 1962. Also contains materials of the American Osteopathic Association, and the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California.

Expanded Scope and Content Note
Prior to 1962, the Osteopathic profession constituted 10 per cent of the physicians and surgeons in California and provided care for approximately 15 per cent of the state's population. This ended in late 1961 when the California Medical Association (CMA) and the California Osteopathic Association (COA) agreed to merge into a single professional body of physicians and surgeons. In effect, both the profession and doctors of osteopathy lost their identity as the only degree now awarded is doctor of medicine.

Those doctors of osteopathy (D.O.'s) not accepting the merger formed an independent organization called the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC) in December, 1960, just after the parent organization, the American Osteopathic Association, had voted to revoke the charter of the COA. The OPSC was then recognized by the AOA in January, 1961, and the OPSC remains today the official California division of the AOA.

This collection of materials provides the day to day details of the planned merger, the renegade OPSC and its formation, the AOA view of COA's activities, and the actual negotiations and agreements reached between CMA and COA. The greater part of the collection presents the inside view through official COA correspondence and various printed materials. Supplementing this type of information is a sizable group of newspaper clippings providing the view of the merger plans given to the public.

Consisting of about 3000 pieces, the collection was the gift of Dr. Dorothy Marsh, D.O., president of the COA during the final merger negotiations and when the contract was signed. For a detailed narrative of the events concerning osteopathy in California and the 1961 merger, see Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathy in California... box 5, folder 4.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
- COA correspondence (Boxes 1-2).
- American Osteopathic Association, and Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (Box 3).
- Miscellaneous subject files (Box 4).
- Clippings, publications, miscellaneous (Box 5).

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

Subjects
Marsh, Dorothy--Archives.
California Osteopathic Association.
American Osteopathic Association.
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California.
Osteopathic physicians--California--Archival resources.
Grace B. Bell. Dean of College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.
Dr. Glen D. Cayler. Secretary of California Board of Osteopathic Examiners.
Dr. David Dobreer. Head of OPSC.
Dr. True B. Eveleth. Executive director of AOA.
Dr. Paul Foster. CMA.
Dr. Forest J. Grunigen. COA.
Dr. Roy J. Harvey. President of AOA.
Mr. Howard Hassard. Executive director of CMA and attorney representing CMA in the negotiations.
Dr. W. Ballentine Henley. President of California College of Medicine.
Mr. J. Frank Holt. Chairman Board of Trustees of College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.
Seth M. Hufstedler. Lawyer for COA.
Dr. Dorothy Marsh. President of COA.
Dr. Wayne Pollock. CMA, Committee on other professions.
Thomas Schumacher. COA.

**COA Correspondence. 1960-1961**

Scope and Content Note

*re plans for merger with California Medical Association; American Osteopathic Association's revoking of COA's charter, November 1960.*

Box 1, Folder 1

Miscellaneous items. 1954-1959.

Box 1, Folder 2


Box 1, Folder 3


Box 1, Folder 4

July 1960.

Box 1, Folder 5

August 1960.

Box 1, Folder 6

September 1960.

Box 1, Folder 7

October 1960.

Box 1, Folder 8

November 1960.

Box 1, Folder 9

December 1960.

Box 1, Folder 10

Fragments. 1960 and n.d.

Box 1, Folder 11


Box 1, Folder 12

February 1961.

Box 1, Folder 13

March 1961.

Box 1, Folder 14

April 1961.

**COA Correspondence. 1961-1963**

Scope and Content Note

*re merger with CMA; conversion of the Los Angeles College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons to the California College of Medicine.*

Box 2, Folder 1


Box 2, Folder 2

June 1961.

Box 2, Folder 3


Box 2, Folder 4

August 1961.

Box 2, Folder 5

September 1961.

Box 2, Folder 6

October 1961.

Box 2, Folder 7

November 1961.

Box 2, Folder 8

December 1961.

Box 2, Folder 9


Box 2, Folder 10

Fragments. 1961 and n.d.

Box 2, Folder 11


Box 2, Folder 12

February 1962.

Box 2, Folder 13

March 1962.

Box 2, Folder 14

April 1962.

Box 2, Folder 15

May 1962.

Box 2, Folder 16

June 1962.
Box 2, Folder 17 | July 1962.
Box 2, Folder 18 | August 1962.
Box 2, Folder 19 | November 1962.
Box 2, Folder 20 | n.d., 1962.
Box 2, Folder 21 | January-February 1963.

The American Osteopathic Association, [1959-1962]
Scope and Content Note
Chiefly copies of correspondence, printed material, etc. distributed on a mass basis.

Box 3, Folder 1 | 1959.
Box 3, Folder 2 | April-July 1960.
Box 3, Folder 3 | August-September 1960.
Box 3, Folder 5 | January-February 1961.
Box 3, Folder 6 | March-August 1961.
Box 3, Folder 7 | 1962.

Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California, [1958-1965]
Scope and Content Note
Chiefly copies of correspondence, printed material, etc. distributed on a mass basis.

Box 3, Folder 10 | Emergency Action Committee, Pomona Valley. 1960.
Box 3, Folder 11 | January-February 1961.
Box 3, Folder 12 | March 1961.
Box 3, Folder 13 | April 1961.
Box 3, Folder 14 | May-September 1961.
Box 3, Folder 16 | 1962.
Box 3, Folder 18 | Articles of incorporation & by-laws. 1965.

Miscellaneous Subject Files

Box 4, Folder 1 | American Medical Association.
Box 4, Folder 1 | Essentials of an approved internship. Revised to June 17, 1960.
Box 4, Folder 1 | Essentials of approved residencies. Revised to June 17, 1960.
Scope and Content Note
Includes COA presentation to convention - Dr. Dieudonne and Dr. Marsh.

Box 4, Folder 3 | California College of Medicine (formerly College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons).
Scope and Content Note
Includes forms and applications for M.D. degrees. 1961-1962.

Box 4, Folder 4 | California Medical Association.
Scope and Content Note
Mimeographed letters, news releases, etc. re CMA view of merger. 1961-1964.

Box 4, Folder 5 | COA Convention. 1961.
Box 4, Folder 6 | COA newsletter. 1960-1962 (incomplete).
Box 4, Folder 7 | COA newsletter (duplicates).
Box 4, Folder 8 | Miscellaneous re hospitals and health care in California. 1959.
Box 4, Folder 9 | Miscellaneous.
Box 4, Folder 10  Out of state Osteopathic Society letters re merger.
Scope and Content Note

Scope and Content Note
Correspondence to and from Glen D. Cayler, D.O. Secretary of Board of Osteopathic Examiners, California.

Clippings, Publications, Miscellaneous

Box 5, Folder 1  Contracts and legal opinions. 1951-1961.
Scope and Content Note
Includes employment agreement between COA and J. Stuart Page as Administrative Director, 1960.
Also, preliminary drafts of agreement of merger between COA and CMA, 1961.

Box 5, Folder 2  OPSC suit against CMA injunction to prevent merger. 1961.
Box 5, Folder 3  OPSC vs. CMA - copy of complaint.
Box 5, Folder 4  Printed accounts of the merger.
Physical Description: (2 items)

Box 5, Folder 4  California merger program.
Physical Description: 11 leaves (photocopy).

Physical Description: 58pp.
Scope and Content Note
Preliminary edition for evaluation purposes only.

Box 5, Folder 5  Printed publications - CMA.
Physical Description: 11 items, mostly pamphlets.
Scope and Content Note

Box 5, Folder 6  Printed publications - miscellaneous.

Box 5, Folder 6  Printed publications - OPSC.
Physical Description: (6 items)
Scope and Content Note
Includes: The real package to date, 1961 (19pp.).

Box 5, Folder 7  “A plot to create a health care monopoly in California,” n.d.
Clippings, unsorted.
Box 5, Folder 8  Clippings, unsorted (mostly from Allen’s Press Clipping Bureau).