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Organizational History

Homeopathic practice had been established on the East Coast of the United States some 20 years before it arrived in California. In the 1880/81 edition of the *Catalogue of all Physicians and Surgeons... of the State of California*, (San Francisco, Geo. Spaulding, 1880-81), the section titled "Homoeopathic Physicians" lists 146 physicians. Under the law of 1876 each medical society created a Board of Examiners to determine the competency of its members. Homeopaths were

approved to practice in California by the Board of Examiners of the California State Medical Society of Homoeopathic Practitioners. By 1889 the total number of registered homeopathic physicians reached 423 (61 of whom practiced in San Francisco), and by 1899, 774.

In January 1881, several homeopaths gathered in the office of Dr. J. A. Albertson in San Francisco, to establish a homeopathic medical school to provide access to the discipline in California and the west coast. Financial difficulties prevented the wish from being fulfilled until several years later, in 1883, when four San Francisco homeopaths, F.E.J. Canney, J. N. Eckel, C. B. Currier and William Boericke (of the noted Philadelphia homeopathic family) took up the challenge, and made an appeal to the community for support for the project.

The first meeting of the faculty of the Homeopathic Medical College of San Francisco took place on September 25, 1883, the first class of 16 students met June 3, 1884, and graduated in October that same year. Designed from the first as a three year school, it saw the merit of the advice of the American Institute for Homeopathy in the longer course, and adopted a four year plan in 1894. From its earliest period it was agreed that "women should be admitted on an equal footing with men to all the privileges of the college."

Students gained clinical experience at the Pacific Homoeopathic Dispensary, affiliated with the College, but the college opened a very small hospital of its own in a small cottage on Sacramento Street, early in 1887. Dr. James W. Ward was the superintendent. Financial disruptions continued into the 90s, requiring annual resolutions to keep the College going. Perhaps in search of greater stability, early in 1897 the College made overtures to the University of California (established in Berkeley in 1868) for an affiliation between the two institutions, which were rejected. This defeat spurred the college regents to build their own plant, which got underway in 1898. Funds were sought across the state; the amount required for a four story building was \$10,000. The cornerstone was laid February 4, 1899, and the building dedicated in July. Over the main entrance were the words "Hahnemann Hospital College."

A new corporation was formed in 1903, known as the Hahnemann Medical College of the Pacific, which permitted the establishment of a training school for nurses, and the charter and holdings of the Hahnemann Hospital College were transferred in 1902.

Thirteen years later the Regents of the University of California "accepted the proposal of the Hahnemann Medical College of the Pacific and now offer elective courses in homeopathy in the University of California Medical School." Beginning in the 1917-18 academic year, elective courses in homeopathy were offered under the direction of a professor of homeopathic materia medica and a professor of applied homeopathic therapeutics. All matriculants were required to meet entrance requirements of the School.

The Pacific Homoeopathic Dispensary offered the earliest hospital care by homeopathic physicians in San Francisco, and was the first locus of clinical training by the newly established homeopathic medical college in the mid-1880s. Without sufficient financing, several attempts made to establish a homeopathic hospital in San Francisco failed. In 1895, however, under the newly revised charter of the city, the Hahnemann Medical College of the Pacific did gain the right (along with the other medical institutions) to supply interns to San Francisco City and County Hospital. In 1901, under newly elected Mayor E.E. Schmitz, James W. Ward, MD, a prominent homeopath, was appointed as a health commissioner of San Francisco. In 1903 Ward was elected president of the commission, and two wards in the City and County Hospital were assigned to the stewardship of the homeopathic community.

However, the need for an hospital dedicated to the practice of homeopathy continued to assert itself, and in 1905 plans for the Hahnemann Hospital were signed. The opening of the 180-bed hospital, at California and Maple Streets, was delayed due to the earthquake of 1906; it opened in 1907. The management and operation of the hospital was transferred to the University of California Medical School in October 1916, on the occasion of the latter's agreement to offer courses in homeopathy at its Medical School. This governance was in effect until June 1930, when the hospital was returned to the Hahnemann Hospital Corporation. Unfortunately, the building was subsequently condemned by the San Francisco Fire Department and torn down. The second Hahnemann Hospital was opened in 1941, and a third hospital in 1971.

A professional organization and professional literature as means of communication among practitioners were wanting in California until 1871. The California State Medical Society of Homoeopathic Practitioners was organized in San Francisco in 1871, and reorganized in 1874 as the Pacific Homoeopathic Medical Society. It held its first annual meeting and issued its first publication, the *Transactions* of the Society, in the latter year. In 1877, under the legislative act of 1875-76, the Pacific Homeopathic Medical Society merged with the Pacific Medical Society to become the California State Homoeopathic Medical Society, which would have the power to license homeopathic practitioners. At a meeting of the state society in 1923, at Santa Cruz, Dr. James W. Ward, a long time leader of the homeopathic community, announced the formation of the Homeopathic foundation of California.

Though it lasted for only four issues, *The American Journal of Homoeopathia*, the first homeopathic periodical in the United States, got underway in February 1835. California's initial homeopathic publication, *The California Medical Times*, edited by

Drs. Hiller and Worth, appeared four times in 1877. This was followed, in 1882, by *The California Homeopath*. It was edited by Dr. William Boericke, until the title changed, with volume nine, to *Pacific Coast Journal of Homoeopathy*.

Scope and Content Note

Records include brochures, correspondence, legal articles, matriculation records, minutes, photographs, invitations, graduation announcements, etc., for Hahnemann Medical College (San Francisco), Hahnemann Hospital (San Francisco), Homeopathic Foundation of California, California State Homeopathic Society and California Women's Homeopathic Society.

Series I. Hahnemann Hospital, 1906-1982

Scope and Content Note

Records include correspondence, legal research, matriculation records, minutes, photographs, invitations, graduation announcements, etc., for Hahnemann Hospital, Hahnemann Training School for Nurses.

Sub-series A. Board of Directors

Carton Ctn. 1 **Board of Directors minutes, 1906-36 (1 v.)**
Board of Directors correspondence, minutes, 1940-50 (1 v.)
Articles of incorporation, certificate, 1909
Articles of incorporation, 1967
Bylaws [s.d.]
Bylaws, 1945
Bylaws, 1974
Bylaws, 1979
Board of Directors, 1973
Miscellaneous, 1973-82
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Sub-series B. Hospital Auxilliary

Carton Ctn. 1 **Bylaws, 1975**
Contract with Homeopathic Foundation (free bed for sick child)

Sub-series C. Hospital and Staff Records

Carton Ctn. 1 **Hospital accounts, 1944**
Hospital administration
Hospital campaign, 1938
Hospital case conference, 1980
Hospital rates, 1943-57
Medical staff, 1951-77
Medical staff bylaws, regulations
Hospital birthday fund
Hospital brochure [s.d.]
Hospital history
Hospital pamphlet [s.d.]
Marshall Hale brochure [s.d.]
Marshall Hale commemorated, 1975
Marshall Hale Board of Directors, 1982
MHHM memorabilia
Maintenance records, 1942-43 (1 v.)
Miscellaneous

Newsclippings (2 folders: 1 folder in o.s. box)

Sub-series D. Training School for Nurses

Carton Ctn. 1

Nursing student records, 1918-1922 (1 v.)
Student nurses senior day books, 1922-23 (4 v.)
Series II. Hahnemann Medical College, 1877-1986

Scope and Content Note

Records include announcements, correspondence, minutes, educational and financial records, lecture syllabi, from the early years of the College.

Sub-series A. Board of Trustees, 1906-86

Carton Ctn. 2

Articles of incorporation, 1901
Board of Trustees minutes, 1906-44
Board of Trustees minutes, 1947-74
Board of Trustees minutes, 1947-82
Board of Trustees, correspondence, 1975
Hahnemann Medical College, 1983-86
Hahnemann/UCSF contract revision, 1955-57

Sub-series B. Faculty, 1884-1982

Carton Ctn. 2

Dean's correspondence, 1914-17 (1 folder: removed from Faculty minutes, below)
Faculty minutes, 1906-1918
Executive Committee [of the Faculty] minute book, 1912-17
Rules...for the Organization and Government of the Faculty [s.d.]
Schedule of lectures (1884-86); Rules and responsibilities [s.d.]; Alumni Day, 1911
Facts, Figures & Faces
Announcements, 1914-1917
Graduates, 1906-17
Graduating exercises, 1884-1915
Miscellaneous, 1982
Mimeographed notes on faculty lectures, 1905-06 (previously owned by Franklin H. Cookinham and E.C. Gould, MD (?), 3 v.): [IN Ctn. 3.]
v. 1: Surgery: Drs. Chislett, Kahkle, Shears, Vaughn
v. 2: Materia Medica: Drs. Blackwood, Collyer, Cowperthwaite, Taylor, Tremain
Theory & Practice: Drs. Autand, Halbert, Lambden, Lowe, McDonald
v. 3: Chemistry: Fisher; Urology: Mitchell
Path. Lab: Wilson
Physical Culture & Adjuvant Treatment: Richmond
Obstetrics: Honberger
Mental Diseases: Adams, Whitman
Neurology: Delamater
Eye & Ear: Fellows
Nose & Throat: Haseltine, Stearns
Gynecology: Bailey, Blouke, Clark

Sub-series C. Student records, 1901-17[?]

Carton Ctn. 3

Medical student educational and financial records, 1901-18 (1 v.)
Medical student fee receipt books (3 v.) **
Alpha Sigma, Pi chapter, minute book, 1899-1915 (1 v.)
Series III. San Francisco County Homeopathic Society

Carton Ctn. 3	Correspondence, pamphlets (2 folders) Series IV. Homeopathic Foundation of California, 1923-41 Scope and Content Note Records include articles of incorporation, by-laws, minutes of the meetings of the Board of the Homeopathic Foundation of California.
Box Box 1	Homeopathic foundation (general) Articles of incorporation, 1923-67 (4 folders) Bylaws, 1940-72 Minutes, 1923-1936 (1 v.) Minutes, 1937-1941 (1 v.) Executive Comm. minutes, 12/75-7/76 Membership Brochure prospectus
Box Box 2	Correspondence re UCSF relationship with Foundation, 1933 Bills Foundation dinner, 1924 Federal emergency administration: loan application, 1935 Estate of Mary T. Emerson: probate litigation Emerson and Dunne litigations Legal research: notes on legal decisions re charitable bequests (1 folder, 2 binders) Series V. California State Homeopathic Medical Society, 1877-1930
Box Oversize Box (2 v.)	Constitution and by-laws, 1891; member list, 1877-1905 (1 v.) Minutes of annual meetings, 1903-1930 [cut from publications, pasted in volume] News clippings; Howard Engel testimonial (framed) Series VI. California Women's Homeopathic Association, 1959-89
Box Box 3, item 1 item 2 item 3-5 item 6 item 7 item 8 item 9 item 10 item 11-13	Correspondence, general Correspondence, Otto Guttentag Information on CWhA Board of Directors, Minutes, 1959-77 Board of Directors, Minutes, financial records, 1980-89 Membership meetings, Minutes, 1959-77 Tax exemption records Membership meetings, minutes, 1959-77 Hahnemann lectureship fund, 1959-77 Series VII. Photographs
Carton Ctn. 4	Individuals, medical staff, student nurses Series VIII. Papers of Homeopathic Practitioners
Carton Ctn. 4	Papers of James Ward, MD Unprocessed: correspondence, manuscripts, reprints, etc.