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Descriptive Summary

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4 linear feet

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Abstract
The material in this collection spans the distinguished career of Dr. Louis C. Chandler as a teacher of medicine, both general and osteopathic, and basic sciences; a senior administrator in hospitals, school of osteopathy, and professional organizations; and a practitioner of manipulative osteopathy. The collection is primarily comprised of manuscripts, correspondence, drafts and copies of published addresses and research, and ephemera, focusing on Dr. Chandler’s professional activities in the field of osteopathy and emphasizing his personal beliefs on osteopathic medicine.
Administrative Information

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Provenance and Acquisition
This collection was received as a gift of Mrs. Dwight Harper and Mrs. Edwin Steen Jr., daughters of Dr. Chandler, on January 24, 1980.

Processing Information
The original order has been lost through two previous processing procedures and shifting material between boxes and binders. Only a few of the original folders remain. It appears that correspondence was in some kind of chronological order and that the published and unpublished manuscripts were also filed chronologically. This order was maintained as well as some subject series. Some materials were removed for framing or placed in binders located in the historical museum. These materials have since been restored to their rightful place in the collection. Year books and the hard copy of “Reflexes” were also removed and placed in the rare books collection in the historical room. They will remain there with a reference note to that effect. Because the majority of the correspondence and manuscripts are on tissue paper, they are very fragile and difficult to handle. It is assumed that the decision to place each document into protective sleeves was made just for that reason and to prevent the carbon copies from smudging. It was determined that some documents would remain in their sleeves for added protection in handling. During this last processing, duplicates, rusted staples and paper clips were removed. Newspaper articles were photocopied. Processing completed by Olivia Solis. The Gray Audograph dictation disks included in the collection were reformatted on CDs using the Broadcast WAVE format and technical metadata conforming to archival best practices by an outside vendor.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH of LOUIS L. CHANDLER, D.O., 1886-1950

Dr. Chandler was born in 1886 in Scranton, PA. He was a graduate of Lafayette College, earning his BS in Chemistry in 1908. He moved to California in 1910 and attended UC Berkeley and graduated with an MA in Public Health in 1912. While attending Berkeley, Chandler was employed at the California State Board of Health as a Food and Drug Chemist and Bacteriologist.

Chandler then taught biology and bacteriology at the Los Angeles College of Osteopathy while attending the Pacific College of Osteopathy. He graduated in 1913 and received his license to practice medicine and surgery in 1918. He continued to lecture in heart, lungs and nutritional diseases. He was a member of the California Board of Medical Examiners from 1921 to 1922, and the Osteopathic Staff of the Los Angeles P.T.A. Clinic.

He was past president of the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons 1920 to 1922 and had 25 years of teaching experience on the subjects: Physiology, Public Health, Pharmacology, Cardiology, Principles of Therapeutics, Endocrinology, clinical Medicine, and Principles of Osteopathy; and wrote over sixty articles for the Journal of American Osteopathic Association, the Western Osteopathy, and The Clinical Osteopathy. Chandler also served as Chief of Staff of the Los Angeles County General Hospital Unit #2 and Director and Staff Internist of Monte Sano Hospital. He was president of the American College of Osteopathic Internists from 1941 to 1943.

Other positions he held include: Chief of Staff at Monte Sano Hospital, Head of Internal Medicine at Monte Sano Hospital, Consultant in General Medicine at Los Angeles County Osteopathic Hospital, Glendale Community Hospital, and Doctors Hospital. Board of Trustees for the American Osteopathic Association, Chairman of the Advisory board of Osteopathic Specialists, Chairman of the Osteopathic Research Board, Member of the Research Council, and Head of general clinics of the Los Angeles Parent-Teachers’ clinic for school children. He also held a private practice in manipulative osteopathy for 30 years.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

The materials in this collection range from 1895 to 1970. The collection houses manuscripts, correspondence, biographical information, notes, and information pertaining to the osteopathic profession and education. Additionally, the collection also contains photographs, newspaper and journal clippings, brochures, ephemera, and interestingly five Gray Audograph dictation disks. The collection documents Dr. Chandler’s professional activities and affiliations in the field of osteopathy; his published addresses and research; and reflects his personal philosophy on osteopathic medicine and its position in the medical field.

The collection contains considerable information on the history of osteopathy from the 1920s through the 1940s, particularly in the development of osteopathic standards in the profession and in education, the developing crisis within the osteopathic profession in California, and the problems involving the Osteopathic Unit of the Los Angeles County Hospital, as well as hospital reports and statistical information. The lecture notes and outlines provide unusual insight into classroom discussions at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Furthermore, printed literature reflects the concerns of many DOs in favor of the MD degree, and the impact it would have on the College and the Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES I: PERSONAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS

Inclusive Dates: 1905-1950
Arrangement: Alphabetical

This very small series containing a biographical sketch of Dr. Chandler consists of vita, a list of articles authored by him and a list of his lectures and things to do. It also includes college notes, newspaper articles, memorabilia, and some photographs.

SERIES II: CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Inclusive Dates: 1928-1951
Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological
This series contains materials from organizations and medical groups that Dr. Chandler was professionally affiliated with, and employed with. These are organized as subseries: the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, American Osteopathic Association, California Osteopathic Association, College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, the Los Angeles Clinical Group, the Los Angeles County General Osteopathic Hospital, and Pacific College of Osteopathy. The materials consist of correspondence, memoranda, minutes, convention program information, notes, joint resolutions with the Trustees of the COA and COP&S, reports from the president, appointments, ephemera, recommendations, staff performance, student statistics, faculty information, catalog information, teaching schedules, clinical instruction, research planning, and.

The series also contains valuable information relating to Unit #2 of the Los Angeles County Osteopathic Hospital, including patient letters, laboratory methods, dismissals, resignations, expenses, negative publicity, progress reports, patient care, space issues, fiscal reports, civil service exams, bulletins, letter of appointment to the position of Chief of Staff and a letter to the community regarding the distinction between the two types of medical and surgical treatment offered to patients between the Los Angeles County Hospital and the Los Angeles County Osteopathic Hospital.

Additionally, the series contains a student publication, “Reflexes,” dated 1913. This publication contains information about the classes at Pacific College of Osteopathy, its faculty, student activities, athletics, poetry, and trivia. In it, Dr. Chandler has a handwritten note to his mother where he indicates that he is the editor of the publication. The list of student association officers, reveals that Dr. Chandler was President for the Fall term.

SERIES III: GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Inclusive Dates: 1920-1970
Arrangement: Chronological

This series consists of chronological incoming and outgoing correspondence and some third party correspondence. It includes letters of appointments and resignations for various positions, manuscript submissions for publication, progress reports, internal professional issues, participation in national conferences, colleagues’ work, osteopathic education and research, fundamental concepts, techniques and terminology and suggestions and criticisms.

Noteworthy are letters explaining why students are unable to understand the value of osteopathic education and Chandler’s opinion on the osteopathic profession and personal statement of belief. Also of interest are statements on the concept of osteopathy and osteopathic identity.

Included in this series is a small subseries containing Mrs. Chandler’s correspondence after the death of Dr. Chandler.
SERIES IV: MANUSCRIPTS, REPRINTS, AND ADDRESSES

Inclusive Dates: 1913-1950
Arrangement: Chronological and thereafter Alphabetical

This series consists of carbon copies of manuscripts and addresses given at professional conferences. Some accompanying correspondence, notes, and reprints from journals of these essays and lectures may be included in the folder. The subseries contains the Becker Memorial address with corrections, alterations, and notes given before the American College of Osteopathic Internists convention. It also includes pertinent correspondence, proposed subtitles, deadline for submission, and questions.

SERIES V: NOTES AND TEACHING MATERIAL

Inclusive Dates: 1945-1949
Arrangement: Alphabetical

This series consists of notes and outlines for class instruction as well as subject matter for possible future manuscripts.

SERIES VI: OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND PROFESSION

Inclusive Dates: 1895-1961
Arrangement: Alphabetical

This series consists of osteopathic brochures, physical exercises, issues of pro-Re-Nata, newspaper clippings, and ephemera. Noteworthy is the information on the Committee for the MD degree.

SERIES VII: WRITINGS BY OTHERS

Inclusive Dates: 1921-1948
Arrangement: Alphabetical

This series consists of miscellaneous manuscripts by others in the osteopathic profession.

SERIES VIII: SOUND RECORDINGS

Inclusive Dates: 1931-1950
Arrangement: None.

This series consists of five dictated correspondence and a lecture on Gray Audograph dictation disks.
Louis C. Chandler

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1


1.1 Biographical Information, 1948-1950, n.d.
1.2 College Notes, n.d.
1.3 Memorabilia, 1905-1925, n.d.
1.4 Miscellaneous Items, 1895-1946
1.5 Photographs, n.d.


Subseries A: American College of Osteopathic Surgeons

1.6 Miscellaneous Materials, 1948-1951

Subseries B: American Osteopathic Association

1.7 Fifty-Second Annual Convention, 1948
1.8 Letters, Memoranda, and Minutes, 1929-1930

Subseries C: California Osteopathic Association

1.10 Letters, Minutes, and Notes, 1932 & 1948
1.11 L.A. County Council Member List, 1934

Subseries D: College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

1.12 Administrative Information, 1917-1944
1.13 Annual Reports – 1933
1.14 “Cortex Edition of The Western Osteopath,” May 1920
1.15 Issues of the “Tenaculum,” 1945 & 1948
1.16 Letters and Inter-Office Communications, 1920-1946
1.17 Minutes and Notes, 1920-1945

Box 2
2.1 Miscellaneous Materials, 1914-1948 [1]
2.2 Miscellaneous Materials, 1914-1948 [2]
2.3 “Organization and Conduct of the General Clinic,” 1946
2.4 Research Board Planning, 1944-1945, n.d.

**Subseries E: Los Angeles Clinical Group**

2.5 Memoranda, 1930-1935
2.6 Miscellaneous Materials, 1932, n.d.

**Subseries F: Los Angeles County General Osteopathic Hospital**

2.7 Applicant Evaluation, 1933
2.8 Correspondence, 1928-1949
2.9 Notes and Newspaper Clippings, 1930, n.d.
2.10 Promotional Examinations, 1931-1933, n.d.
2.11 Reports 1929-1934, n.d.

**Subseries G: Pacific College of Osteopathy**

2.12 “Reflexes,” 1913 & 1914 [2 copies]

**Series III: General Correspondence, 1920-1970, n.d.**

**Box 3**

3.1 1920-1930
3.2 1931-1933
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3.4 1945
3.5 1946
3.6 1947-1948
3.7 1949-1950

**Subseries: Mrs. Chandler**

3.8 1925-1970

**Series IV: Manuscripts, Reprints, and Addresses, 1913-1950, n.d.**

3.9 “The Disposal of Garbage and Sewage,” 1913
3.10 “Harmless Drugs,” 1922
3.11 “Los Angeles Plague Epidemic,” ca. 1924
3.12 “The Los Angeles Pneumonic Plague Epidemic,” 1924
3.13 “The Hygiene of Heart Disease,” 1925
3.14 “The Laboratory as an Aid in Prognosis,” 1925
3.15 “Metabolism and Arthritis,” 1926
3.16 “The Early Detection of Heart Disease,” 1927
3.17 “The Meaning of the Electrocardiogram,” 1927
3.18 “Causes and Modes of Heart Failure,” ca. 1928
3.19 “Everyday Heart Disease,” 1928
3.20 “Interpretation of Chest Pains,” 1928
3.21 “The Exercise Treatment of Chest Diseases,” 1928
3.22 “The Present-Day Status of Endocrin Therapy,” 1928
3.23 “Value of Liver Treatment in the Anemias,” 1928
3.24 “Asthma and the Lung Specialist,” 1929
3.25 “Diagnosis of Heart Failure versus Heart Disease,” ca. 1929
3.26 “The Non-Medical Management of Heart Failure,” 1929

Box 4

4.1 “Mocous Colitis,” 1930
4.2 “Rheumatic Heart Disease,” ca. 1930
4.3 “Electrocardiograph in Cardiac Diagnosis,” 1931
4.4 “Applied Physiology in the Management of Cardiac Disease,” 1932
4.5 “Fishbein vs. the Osteopathic Unit,” 1932
4.6 “Osteopathic Versus Medical Hospital Efficiency,” ca. 1932
4.7 “Management of Arterial Hypertension,” ca. 1932
4.8 “Metabolism and Arthritis,” ca. 1932
4.9 “How Important is Osteopathy,” ca. 1933
4.10 “Avoiding Unnecessary Deaths From Acute Coronary Thrombosis,” 1935
4.11 “Heart Trouble,” 1935
4.12 “Arterial Hypertension,” 1937
4.13 “Diagnosis: A Foreword,” 1937
4.14 “Making Surgery Safer,” 1937
4.15 “The Menace of Medical Discoveries,” 1937
4.16 “Management of Constipation,” 1938
4.17 “The Clinical Significance of Constipation,” 1938
4.18 “Worth While Professional Writing,” 1938
4.19 “Common Errors in Cardiac Diagnosis,” 1939
4.20 “Summary of Papers and Discussions on Hyperglycemia, Diabetes, and Hypoglycemia,” 1939
4.21 “Surgery and Its Relation to Heart Lesions,” 1939
4.22 “Adjuncts in the Treatment of Pneumonia,” 1940
4.23 “Arterial Hypertension,” 1941
4.24 “Manipulative Treatment in Angina Pectoris,” 1941
4.25 “The Heart in Pregnancy,” 1941
4.26 “Recognition and Classification of Heart Disease in Children,” 1942
4.27 “Indigestion,” 1944
4.28 “What Causes Osteopathic Popularity?” 1944
4.29 “What is Osteopathy Good For?” 1944
4.30 “Osteopathy,” 1945
4.31 “Recognition Through Specialty Certification,” 1945
4.32 “Specialty Certification is Important,” 1945
4.33 “The Importance of Internal Medicine in Osteopathy,” 1945
4.34 “A Laboratory in Doctoring,” 1946
4.35 “Can Osteopathic Education Succeed?” 1946
4.36 “Clinic Reorganization,” 1946
4.37 “Early Osteopathic Theories,” ca. 1946
4.38 “Nutritional Factors in Disease,” ca. 1946
4.39 “Osteopathy, Quo Vadis?” 1946
4.40 “Professional Education and Our Programs,” 1946
4.41 “Specialty Certification Requirements,” 1946
4.42 “Strategy vs Tactics In Research,” 1946
4.43 “The College Clinic and the Profession,” ca. 1946
4.44 “The Modern Doctor’s Dilemma,” 1946
4.45 “So You Want the Degree M.D.?” 1947
4.46 “The Basic Principles of Therapy,” 1948
4.47 “The Management of Angina Pectoris as an Illustration of the Basic Principles of Therapy,” 1948
4.49 “Why We Do Research?” 1948

Box 5

5.1 “Diagnostic Considerations in Functional and Obscure Heart Problems,” 1949
5.2 “Dicumarol or Vitamin K in Myocardial Infarction,” 1949
5.3 “Osteopathy Versus Medical Pedanticism,” 1949
5.4 “Pharmacology of Cardiac Drugs,” 1949
5.5 “The Evaluation of Osteopathic Therapy,” 1949
5.6 “The Evaluation of Specific Manipulation in Osteopathic Therapy,” 1949
5.7 “Therapy of Thyroid Disease Thyrotoxicosis,” 1949
5.8 “Diabetes in Pregnancy,” 1950
5.9 “Adrenalectomy for Hyperadrenalineina in Spontaneous Gangrene,” n.d
5.11 “A Statement of Comprehensive Concept of Therapy by Structural Correction,” n.d.
5.12 “A Suggested Declaration of Policy,” n.d.
5.13 “Coke,” n.d.
5.14 “Heart,” n.d.
5.15 [Health] n.d.
5.16 “Intravenous Use of Magnesium Sulphate,” n.d.
5.17 “Iodin, a Double Edged Weapon,” n.d.
5.18 “Iodine and Goiter,” n.d.
5.19 “Needless Jaundice Fatalities,” n.d.
5.20 “Osteopathic Research is Different,” n.d.
5.21 “Overcoming Stooped Shoulders and a Flat Chest,” n.d.
5.22 “Pill Bottle Vitamines,” n.d.
5.24 “Soundness and Aging of Cement,” n.d.
5.25 “The Bassler Quantative Test of Pancreatic Activity,” n.d.
5.27 “The Cornerstone in Osteopathic Practice,” n.d.
5.28 “The Integration of Osteopathic Principles Into the Curriculum of Osteopathic Colleges Recognized and Approved by the American Osteopathic Association,” n.d.
5.29 “Three Accusations,” n.d.

**Subseries: Becker Memorial Address**

5.30 “Physiological Integration as the Basis for Recovery from Disease and Its Osteopathic Implication” 1949
5.31 Correspondence, 1949 -1950

**Series V: Notes and Teaching Material, 1945-1949, n.d.**

5.32 Cardio-Vascular Disease, 1949
5.33 Clinical Practice, 1945-1946, n.d.
5.34 Diabetic Coma, n.d.
5.35 Diseases of Liver and Gall Bladder, 1946-1947
5.36 Drugs & Osteopathy, n.d.
5.37 Liver and Biliary Tract Disease, 1946
5.38 Miscellaneous Notes, 1918 & 1946, n.d.

**Box 6**

6.1 Notes and References used in Relation to Faculty Meeting Lecture, 1945
6.2 Osteopathic Spinal Lesion Discussion, 1945
6.4 Principles of Osteopathy, 1945-1946
6.5 Relation Between Spinal Posture and Ocular Function, n.d.
6.6 The Pneumonias – Treatment, 1940
6.7 The Stethoscope in Cardiac Diagnosis, n.d.
6.8 Topical Outline for Instruction in Osteopathic Manipulative Technic, 1946
6.9 Vegetative Laws Contributing to the Scientific Basis of Osteopathy, n.d.


6.10 Book Review: Eyster, *Clinical Aspects of Venous Pressure*, 1929
6.12 British Osteopathic Situation, 1939
6.13 Committee for the MD Degree
6.14 Exercises, n.d.
6.16 Issues of “Pro-Re-Nata,” 1948
6.17 List of Professional Leaders, 1946-1947
6.18 Literature, 1914-1945, n.d.
6.20 Panel Discussion – College Internists Meeting, 1946
6.21 Preface to Monograph, 1948
6.22 Osteopathy – The Basic Problem, n.d.
6.23 Various Newsletters, 1920-1951

**Series VII: Writings by Others, 1921-1948, n.d.**

6.25 Editorial, J.E.R. McDonagh, 1933
6.26 “High on a Watchtower,” W.W. Oliver, 1943
6.27 “Human Readjustment,” J. Madison Taylor, 1921

**Box 7**

7.1 “Kinetic Disorders of the Pelvis,” Carter Harrison Downing, 1939
7.4 “Mechanical Control of Posture,” Carter Harrison Downing, 1938
7.5 “Medical Research, a Critique,” Allen Gregg, 1944
7.6 “Osteopathic Education,” Doctors Becker, Pritchard and Holden, 1934
7.7 “Spinal Headache: Its Etiology and Treatment,” David A. Gardner, 1948
7.8 “The Birthright of Osteopathy,” Otterbein Dressler (1941)
7.9 “The Electrogram of the Auricles and Great Vessels,” Kisch, Groedel and Burchardt, 1947
7.12 “Trophic Centers or Areas,” A.D. Ketcham (1944)

**Series VIII: Sound Recordings, 1931-1950, n.d.**

7.13 Dictation Discs:
   a. Correspondence (1931)
   b. Correspondence (1949)
   c. Lecture (1949)
Series IX: Oversize

Newspaper: “Pasadena Star-News,” October 3, 1942

The following materials were removed and deposited in the rare books collection:

- *Reflexes* – 1914 [hard cover].