Viola M. Frymann Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title
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Creator
Frymann, Viola M., D.O.

Extent
0.75 linear feet (2 document boxes)

Repository
Western University of Health Sciences, The Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz
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Abstract
The materials in this collection were created from 1947 to 1990. The files include correspondence, journals, newsletters, board minutes, literature, proposals, legal proceedings, financial reports, photographs, and articles of incorporation. Although the collection does not contain much evidence of Dr. Frymann’s professional activities or affiliations, it does contain the files of Ruth Kelley, the President of the lay organization “Californian’s in Support of Osteopathy” for which Dr. Frymann was a consultant.
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Administrative Information

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Provenance and Acquisition
This collection was received as a gift of Viola M. Frymann on June 2, 2006.

Processing Information
Processed by Olivia Solis in 2006. Loose records were placed in file folders. During processing, duplicates, rusted staples and paper clips were removed. Photographs were placed in sleeves and retained in their original location. A proof sheet of the Osteopathic Center for Children was removed and placed in the photograph collection. Additional materials were later obtained in August of 2008 and incorporated into the collection. All materials were re-housed in archival quality acid-free folders.

Preferred Citation
Folder title, Series, Box number, Collection title, followed by Archives, Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz Library, Western University of Health Sciences.

Dr. Viola M. Frymann is a native of England. She is a graduate of the University of London, earning the degree of M.B. and B.S. She also received an M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. from the Royal Colleges.

Dr. Frymann has received numerous awards in the osteopathic field, including: the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor, the William G. Sutherland Award of the Cranial Academy, an Honorary Doctorate of Science in Osteopathic Medicine from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Osteopathic Physician of the Year from the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California, the Philip Pumerantz Medal for “Distinguished Service and Extraordinary Commitment to the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and the Osteopathic Medical Profession,” and life membership in OPSC for “the sacrifices and labor of love in bringing the osteopathic profession back from extinction.”

Helping to reinstate the osteopathic profession in California, Dr. Frymann was appointed a Founding Board member of the newly formed professional organization, the Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California, replacing the California Osteopathic Association whose charter was revoked by the AOA. She was instrumental in establishing the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific as one of its Founding Board members as well. Dr. Frymann has also served as President of the Cranial Academy and Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California, and on the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Osteopathy.

Dr. Frymann’s many years in family practice in La Jolla were focused on the problems of children. Then in 1982, she founded the Osteopathic Center for Children which became a clinical teaching affiliate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, now the Western University of Health Sciences. Dr. Frymann remains a member of the faculty at the Western University of Health Sciences, and has taught at many colleges of osteopathic medicine in the U.S. and throughout the world, regularly teaching courses in France, Italy, Canada, Switzerland, Belgium, England, China, Japan, Latvia, Russia, Australia and Denmark.

An author of many published journal articles, Dr. Frymann has published research on new born babies, the cranial rhythmic impulse, learning disabilities of children and the effect of osteopathic manipulative treatment of children with neurologic developmental problems. Her collected works have published in a book by the American Academy of Osteopathy in 1998.
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

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The collection does not contain much material regarding Dr. Frymann’s professional activities or affiliations. It also is lacking in documentation of Dr. Frymann’s involvement as a Founding Board of Director for the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, as the Founding Director of the Osteopathic Center for Children, and her teaching career at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES I: General Files

Inclusive Dates: 1947-1985
Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological.

This series contains AOA material, OPSE material, correspondence, a speech, judicial proceedings, and contributions to the Viola M. Frymann Scholarship Fund. In it is found the proposed By-laws for the organization Californians in Support of Osteopathy, written in 1968, and other correspondence and information relating to the CSO. Additionally, a proposal for a film about osteopathic medicine by David Korr is contained in this series, and an OPSC Five Year Plan. Of interest is an article written by Dr. Frymann in response to individuals wanting to practice in California but have been failed by the Board of Osteopathic Examiners and therefore cannot work in California. She finds that the Board is not setting unreasonable standards, instead the fault lies in the inadequate education received by the individuals. Of importance are several documents: the Articles of Incorporation of Academy of Osteopathic Family Medicine, the new college prior to the name change to COMP; a letter with attached merger of the California Osteopathic Association and the California Teamsters Union; and bulletin of the California College of Medicine, a new college supposedly affiliated with the original COPS school.
SERIES II: Ruth Kelley

Inclusive Dates: 1968-1978
Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological

This series includes biographical information on Ruth Kelley, photographs, a job description for the position of president of CSO, information on CSO activities, financial reports, CSO articles of incorporation, CSO Board minutes, form letters, and correspondence. Ms. Kelley directs many of her letters to Dr. Frymann who appears on some letterhead as an OPSC consultant as was Dr. Ethan Allen, however, the letters reveal that Dr. Frymann was also a personal friend.

SERIES II: Journals, Newspaper Articles, Newsletters

Inclusive Dates: 1947-1990
Arrangement: Chronological.

This series contains some of Dr. Frymann’s journal articles and articles by others. Also, selected osteopathic journals are included. Newspaper clippings deal with the restoration of osteopathy in California.
CONTAINER LIST

Box 1


1.1 AOA Literature (1947-1985)
1.2 AOA Seminar Programs (1971-1972)
1.3 Articles of Incorporation of Academy of Osteopathic Family Medicine (1975)
1.4 California College of Medicine and COPS (1976)
1.5 COA and California Teamsters Public, Professional Medical Employees Union Merger (1976)
1.6 Correspondence (1968-1977)
1.7 David Korr (1971)
1.8 Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
1.9 New College (1976)
1.10 OPSC (1963-1977)
1.11 Osteopathic Profession (1958-1964)
1.12 Viola M. Frymann Scholarship Fund (1977-1978)
1.13 WSCOM/COMP (ca. 1977)


1.14 Biographical Information (1968-1977)
1.15 CSO Activities (1968-1978)
1.16 CSO Articles of Incorporation (1968)
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1.18 CSO Correspondence (1968-1977)
1.19 CSO Finances (1968-1978)
1.20 CSO Form Letters (1968-1977)

Box 2

2.1 CSO Public Information
2.2 Students (1973-1977)

Series III: Journals, Newspaper Articles, Newsletters, 1947-1990

2.3 Articles Written by Viola Frymann (1966-1990)
2.4 “Cranial Academy News Letter” (1982)
2.5 Issue of “D.O.” Magazine (1982)
2.6 Issues of “Osteopathic Annals” (1974-1985)
2.7 Issues of “The Journal” (1979-1983)
2.8 Issue of the “Texas Osteopathic Physicians Journal” (1972)
2.9 Journal Articles (1962-1978)
2.10 Newspaper Clippings (1970-1990)
2.11 “Osteopathic Magazine” (1947)
2.12 “Osteopathic Horizons” Newsletters (1964-1972)