



# Medical History Society of New Jersey

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## NEWSLETTER

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## 1989 MEETINGS

The Annual Spring Meeting was held on May 10, 1989 at the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. The following papers were presented:

"Wanted: A 'Non-Medical' Medical School", Charles Vevier, Ph.D.

"Transport and Care of Wounded, U.S. Army from the Civil War to the American Centennial", Estelle Brodman, Ph.D.

"Is there a Place for the History of Medicine in a Medical School?", Francis P. Chinard, M.D.

"Ernest Caulfield, (1893-1972) M.D. FAAP: The Philosophical Outlook and Methodology of a Pediatric Historian", Harry Bloch, M.D.

The Fall Meeting was held on October 7, 1989 at the New Jersey Medical School in Newark. The following papers were presented:

"Special Collections at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey: Resources in the History of Medicine and New Jersey Medical History", Barbara Irwin, M.L.S.

"Mercury Finally 'Made It' - The Discovery of the Mercurial Diuretic", Allen B. Weisse, M.D.

"Veterinarians Coping with Disaster", Robert R. Shomer, V.M.D.

"Hippocratic Oath: Myth or Reality?", Helen Blank, Ph.D.

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS (1990 - 1991)

President - Robert Thompson, Ed.D.

Vice President - Estelle Brodman, Ph.D.

Secretary/Treasurer - Sandra Moss, M.D.

## **10th ANNIVERSARY MORRIS SAFFRON LECTURE**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1990**

Barbara Bates, M.D., Lecturer in Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Author of "A Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking" (5th edition, 1990) Topic: The History of Tuberculosis.

### **ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The First Annual David L. Cowan Lecture on the History of Pharmacy was presented on October 23, 1989 at the Rutgers College of Pharmacy by Dr. Glenn Sonnedecker, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Madison. The title of the lecture was "The Virgin Goddess".

Dr. Charles Vevier has arranged a luncheon at the George F. Smith Library of UMDNJ-NJ Medical School with college student advisors for February 15, 1990 in order to seek ways to increase the awareness of medical history among younger students. Drs. Chinard, Thompson and Barbara Irwin will participate in this luncheon.

Essays for the 1990 STEPHEN WICKES PRIZE IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE are to be submitted to the MHSNJ by March 1, 1990.

Richard and Roberta Wedeen presented "A Cautionary Medicine Show", first seen at the MHSNJ Fall Meeting 1988, at the Oregon Health Sciences University, the Yale University Program in the Humanities in Medicine and the University of Antwerp in 1989.

Sandra Moss, M.D., editor of The Journal of the Central New Jersey Medical Group, regularly includes historical vignettes as introductions to articles in this journal. She also publishes full-length historical articles including some she has written (see below).

Donald F. Kent, M.D. is pursuing a course in the History of Medicine at the London Centre for the History of Science, Medicine and Technology.

Peter Guthorn, M.D. delivered a paper entitled, "The Last Independent American Hydrographer", at the Thirteenth Annual Conference on the History of Cartography at the University of Amsterdam on June 27, 1989.

Leon D. Hankoff, M.D., Director, Department of Psychiatry, Elizabeth General Medical Center, 925 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, is preparing a history of the Elizabeth General Medical Center and would welcome any relevant information members might have particularly about the last two decades of the Nineteenth Century.

On October 7, 1989, the Executive Committee agreed unanimously that future meetings of the Executive Committee should include all past presidents of the Medical History Society of New Jersey and all active committee members.

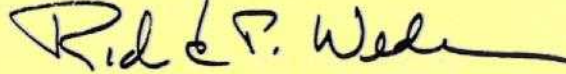
Rutgers University Press is currently reviewing the preliminary chapters for the book proposal Industrial Health and Public Policy (Helen Sheehan and Richard P. Wedeen, Eds.) initiated by the MHSNJ.

### PUBLICATIONS IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Wedeen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard P. Wedeen, M.D.  
President  
January, 1990