

Title: Foerster, Otto H. Papers

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Inclusive Dates: 1880 – 1962

Bulk: 0.5 cu. ft.

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Historical Note: Otto H. Foerster was born on May 19, 1876 in Milwaukee to Erwin and Mrs. Foerster. He graduated from medical school at the University of Pennsylvania in 1898, then served as chief hospital steward for the Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish-American War. He began his private practice in Milwaukee in October 1902. His specialty was dermatology and x-ray therapy. Dr. Foerster was one of the organizers and founders of the Wisconsin Medical Journal (1903). In 1909, he helped found and organize Columbia Hospital and served as its second Chief-of-Staff for 10 years. During World War I, Dr. Foerster served on the State Medical Advisory Board and later as a medical officer for the U.S. Army at Camp Greenleaf and Camp Gordon, Georgia. He became the University of Wisconsin’s first Professor of Dermatology in 1925 and held that position until 1946, when he became professor emeritus. Dr. Foerster died on July 18, 1965 at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee.

Scope and Content: The records of this collection consist of awards and certificates, correspondence, medical records of a Spanish-American War unit, and a scrapbook from his years at the University of Pennsylvania.

Administrative Note: The collection was processed on April 1, 2000 by Stephanie Ferguson.

Contents	Box #	Folder #
Awards and Certificates – 1890-1957	1	1
Biographical Information	1	2
Correspondence – 1896-1944	1	3
Elementary/High School Records and Programs – 1886-1894	1	4
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Miscellaneous – Medical Related	1	6
Newspaper Clippings – 1934-1953	1	7
Programs	1	8
Spanish-American War Related Information – 1898-1957	1	9
-Discharge papers		
-Correspondence		
-Newspaper clippings		

-Newsletter		
-Medical records		
University of Pennsylvania – 1885-1944	1	10
Book from the Testimonial Banquet Tendered to Dr. and Mrs. David Hopkinson – February 24, 1921	1	Loose in box
Scrapbook from years at the University of Pennsylvania	1	Loose in box
2 ledgers of Spanish-American War Medical Records	1	Loose in box
Oversize Items	Location	
Certificate of Graduation, Milwaukee High School, June 26, 1894	OS SM “F”	
Certificate of Appreciation, Chicago Dermatological Society, January 17, 1951	OS SM “F”	
Distinguished Senior Alumnus award, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, January 31, 1962	OS SM “F”	
Certificate of Membership, The Milwaukee Medical Society, July 1904	OS SM “F”	
Certificate of Membership, The State Medical Society of Wisconsin, June 4, 1903	OS SM “F”	
Certificate from his fraternity	OS SM “F”	
Wisconsin Board – Medical Examiners, License – October 14, 1902	OS LG “F”	
Resident Physician certificate from the Howard Hospital in Philadelphia, PA – June 15, 1899	OS LG “F”	