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Treadwell Library
Records and Related Materials, 1823-2014

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ACQUISITION: The bulk of the files (ca. 1848-2014) were transferred from the Treadwell Library of the Massachusetts General Hospital in 2015; the original portion of the collection (Series I, boxes 1-3) was found in MGH storage in the 1990s.

ACCESS: Portions of the collection are subject to restricted access due to confidentiality of specific records. Consult the MGH Archivist for further information.

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Agency History (Historical Timeline, compiled ca. 1999)

- 1847-With \$250, the library is established by a group of physicians. At that time, Dr. Henry I. Bowditch is appointed as the library's first librarian.
- 1858-Dr. John G. Treadwell, for whom the library was named, is the library's first benefactor. He donates 2,500 books and leaves a \$5,000 book purchasing endowment.
- 1859- Dr. Benjamin S. Shaw is appointed as overseer.
- 1893- The library is established in the second floor of the Bulfinch Building.
- 1897- Grace Whiting Myers is appointed assistant librarian.
- 1909- Grace Whiting Myers is appointed librarian. During her tenure, Myers employs the Dewey Decimal classification system.
- 1916- The library moves from the Bulfinch Building to the Moseley Building.
- 1925- Carrie L. Williams is appointed librarian. During her tenure, she replaces the Dewey Decimal system with the Boston Medical Library Classification.
- 1941- Eleanore A. Lewis replaces Carrie L. Williams as librarian.
- 1957- Genevieve Cole, the first director with a library degree, is hired.
- 1972- The library's original rare book collection is moved to Harvard University's Countway Library of Medicine, where it could be maintained in an environmentally controlled atmosphere.
- 1973- Jacqueline Bastille is hired as library director. Under her direction, Treadwell adapts to new technological advances.
- The National Library of Medicine names Treadwell a Medline Search Center.
- 1975- Treadwell adopts the National Library of Medicine classification scheme
- 1979- The library moves from the Moseley Building to Bartlett Hall. The Moseley Building is then demolished for the Wang Ambulatory Care Center.
- 1980- Treadwell establishes its first automated catalog. The card catalog is replaced with magnetic tapes.
- 1981- The Palmer-Davis Nursing Library merges with Treadwell.
- 1989- Bartlett Extension is completed, which gives the library more space and greater visibility.
- MAGIC makes Treadwell the first national library with an on-line catalog.
- 1992- Jacqueline Bastille is elected President of the Medical Library Association.
- 1999- Elizabeth Schneider replaces Jacqueline Bastille as library director.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains articles about the library, correspondence, guides, anniversary celebrations, annual reports, photographs, electronic media, realia, publications, bookplates and historical timelines.

For more information about the Treadwell Library and/or MGH history, please refer to the selected bibliography at the back of this finding aid.

Series Descriptions

Series I. Treadwell Library Records, 1823-1939

The bulk of the collection comprises bills and scrapbooks. The bills are for books and journals purchased by the library, and supplies and services obtained by the library. The scrapbooks included biographical information about people associated with the MGH, frequently in the form of obituaries, information, and events at MGH (mostly newspaper clippings), and newspaper clippings relating to books, libraries, and librarianship.

Series II. Administrative and Operational Documents, 1848-2010

This series contains records which reflect the administration and the core mission of the library, such as receipts, bills, annual reports, and manuals. This series also contains information on the physical space of the Treadwell Library, and correspondence as well as other information on collections, guides to usage, visitor registers, documentation of equipment usage, and operational history.

Series III. Photographs [ca. 1909]-2012

This series includes historical photos of the Treadwell in various MGH locations as well as many late 20th century photos of Treadwell celebrations and displays.

Series IV. Publications, 1849-2014

This series includes individual articles and full publications about the Treadwell Library, including many periodicals published by MGH.

Series V. Electronic media [ca. 2001-2012]

This series includes various discs and diskettes holding electronic versions of presentations, videos, and the Partners Virtual Library.

Series VI. Realia [ca. 2003]

Items in this series include artifacts related to the Treadwell Library, including signage and promotional material from events.

Box and Folder List

Series I. Treadwell Library Records, 1823-1939

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Bills [copies], vol. 8, 1918-1923
Bills and Receipts for Subscriptions, 1869-1899
Bills for Books and Journals, 1848-1900
Correspondence, 1899, 1939, 1961
Library School Rules, by Melvil Dewey, 1894
MGH Biography Scrapbook, [ca. 1921-1937]

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MGH Historical Scrapbook, 1899-1937
Receipts for Supplies and Services, 1848-1900
Scrapbook, vol. 1, 1899-1925
Scrapbook, vol. 2, 1925-1939

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Bills for Binding, 1848-1899
Register, 1823 [ca.1830]

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Series II. Administrative and Operational Documents, 1848-2010

Art at the MGH, n.d.
Bastille, Jacqueline, "Treadwell Library" from Benjamin Castleman, MD, *Massachusetts General Hospital*, 1983 (includes typed manuscript, photocopied final version, and correspondence)
Bookplate Exchange- Correspondence and Literature, 1900-1942
Bookplates- from Other Institutions, n.d.
Bookplates- from Palmer-Davis Nursing Collection, n.d.
Bookplates- from Treadwell, n.d.
Cabot Memorial Room, 1959-1972
Cole, Genevieve, Biographical Information, 1959-1972
Correspondence, 1848-1858
Correspondence, 1858-1915
Correspondence, 1919-1964
Correspondence to Williams, Carrie L., 1943
Correspondence to Lewis, Eleanore A., 1949-1956
Correspondence to Myers, Grace W., 1942-1958
Education Programs, [ca. 1994-2004]

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Guest Register, 1990-2010
Historical Documents, 1950-1997
History of Treadwell Library and Library of the Future, 1997
Integrated Library System Grant Proposal, 1990
Inter-Library Loan report, 1991-1995 (primarily contains usage statistics and information regarding an outside document delivery system)
MGH 175th Charter Year Materials, 1986
MGH By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations 1879, 1881, 1890, 1897, 1900, 1905, 1907
MGH Christmas Greetings, 1943
MGH School of Nursing – History, 1883-1981 [ca. 1981]
Notices to Staff, 1964, 1971
PaperChase, Communications and Marketing Material Regarding Medical Literature Search Software, 1985
Steytler, Jessica, Archives Project (list), 1998-2006
Syllabus of References for Hospital Health Science Libraries, 1977
Technological Information, 1979-1986
Treadwell 125th Birthday Brochures, 1983
Treadwell 125th Birthday Celebration, 1983

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Treadwell 150th Anniversary [folder 1], 1997
Treadwell 150th Anniversary [folder 2], 1997
Treadwell 150th Anniversary [folder 3], 1997
Treadwell 150th Anniversary [folder 4], 1997
Treadwell 150th Anniversary [folder 5], 1997
Treadwell Annual Reports and 1846 Bookcase Design, 1850-1858
Treadwell Annual Reports, 1860-1884
Treadwell Annual Reports, 1868-1885

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Treadwell Annual Reports, 1886-1919 (photocopies)
Treadwell Annual Reports, 1920-1924, 1926-1940, 1942-1959
Treadwell Annual Reports, 1952-1953, 1956-1973
Treadwell Annual Reports, 1960-1978, 1979-1981
Treadwell Annual Reports, 1974-1980
Treadwell Annual Reports, 1977-1982
Treadwell Annual Reports, 1974-1988
Treadwell Blueprints, 1988-1990
Treadwell Centennial, 1958

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Treadwell Centennial Correspondence, 1958
Treadwell Comment Book, 1979
Treadwell Guides to Library – Originals, n.d.
Treadwell Guides to the Library, Maps, and Floor Plans [ca. 1950-1980]

Treadwell Historic Memos, 1969-1971
Treadwell Information Fair, 1983
Treadwell, John Goodhue, 1894-1959

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Treadwell, John Goodhue, Source Material, 1958
Treadwell Library Brochures [ca. 1997-2007]
Treadwell New Acquisitions, 1957-1963
Treadwell Original Collection List, 1856-1972 (contains collection list and materials relating to collection transfer to the Countway Library)
Treadwell Pamphlets and Programs, n.d.
Treadwell Procedural Manual, 1973
Treadwell Professional Staff Business Cards, 2013
Treadwell Space Planning, 1990-2001
Treadwell Timeline 1847-1900, 1958

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Series III. Photographs, ca. 1909-2012

Community Languages Exhibit photographs [ca. 2005]
Digital Information Project photographs, n.d.
Graham, Sybil, Retirement Party photographs, 2012
Photographs, n.d.
Photographs [ca. 1909]
Photographs [ca. 1911-1963]
Photograph [ca. 1916]
Treadwell 150th Anniversary photographs [folder one], 1997
Treadwell 150th Anniversary photographs [folder two], 1997
Treadwell family photos and staff greeting cards, [ca. 2004-8]
Treadwell general photographs, n.d.
Treadwell negatives, n.d.
Treadwell online catalog photographs, 1999
Treadwell staff celebration photographs [n.d., ca. 1987-2007]

See also box 16 for oversize photographs and box 14 for snapshots of events

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Series IV. Publications, 1849-2014

Articles about Treadwell Library, 1849-1950
Articles about Treadwell Library, 1899-1964
Articles about Treadwell Library, 1951-2014
Articles about Treadwell Library, 1965-1989
Articles about Treadwell Library, 1990-1999
Articles about Treadwell Library, 2000-2003

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Articles about Treadwell Library, 2003-2014

Cole, Genevieve, "Questionable Medical Literature and the Library: A Symposium," *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, vol. 51, no. 4, Oct 1963

Myers, Grace W., articles, 1915-1925

Quarterly Record of the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association, containing references to Treadwell Library, 1920, 1921, 1928

Quarterly Record of the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association, containing references to Treadwell Library, 1929, 1931, 1934

Treadwell 150th Anniversary, 1997

Treadwell mentions in *Caring Headlines*, 2000

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Treadwell in *MAHSLIN Network News*, 2000-2006

Treadwell in *MGH* 1998, 1998

Treadwell in *MGH Hotline*, 1983

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Treadwell in *MGH Hotline*, 2014

Treadwell in *Synergy*, 2005

Treadwell in *The World of MGH*, 1957

Treadwell in *Watermark*, 2007

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Treadwell Library mentioned in email and website printouts, 2000-2014

Treadwell Library, miscellaneous publications [ca. 2001-2014]

Washburn, Frederic A., The Massachusetts General Hospital: Its Development, 1900-1935, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1939 (includes inscription from Washburn to Robert Oliver Henderson, Sr.)

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Series V. Electronic media, [ca. 2001-2012]

"Partners in Excellence" DVDs, 2006-2008

Partners Remote Access, n.d.
Partners Virtual Library diskette, 2001
Photo DVDs, [ca. 2012] and snapshots of Treadwell events, etc.
Presentation DVDs, [ca. 2004]

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Series VI. Realia related to Treadwell Library [ca. 2003]

MGH Community Health mousepad advertising Access to Resources for Community Health for Head Start, n.d.
eTreadwell stress balls, n.d.
MGH Consumer Health Reference Center notepads, n.d.
Partners Healthcare pencils, n.d.
Reference desk sign with American Medical Association Foundation pin, n.d.
Treadwell bookmarks, [ca. 2003]
Treadwell Celebrates MGH Nurses coin purses, n.d.
Treadwell keychain magnifying glasses, n.d.
Treadwell pens, n.d.

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Series III. Photographs, Oversize [ca. 1909]-2012

Alphabet illustrations, n.d.
Photograph, 1916
Photographs from display, n.d.
Treadwell Library in Bulfinch building, n.d.
Treadwell Library in Moseley Building, n.d.
Treadwell librarian portraits, photographic reproductions (Meyers, Grace Whiting, and Williams, Carrie L.), n.d.
Views of Bulfinch Building, n.d.

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Banner designed and made by Susan Gumb for the Treadwell's 150th Anniversary of the Treadwell Library, 1997

Related Collections Note

See also Grace Whiting Myers (1859-1957) Papers, 1902-1957. (Myers was the Treadwell's Assistant Librarian, 1897-1909, and Librarian (or Librarian Emeritus), 1909-1925. From 1897 to 1925 she was also in charge of the records of house patients.)

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