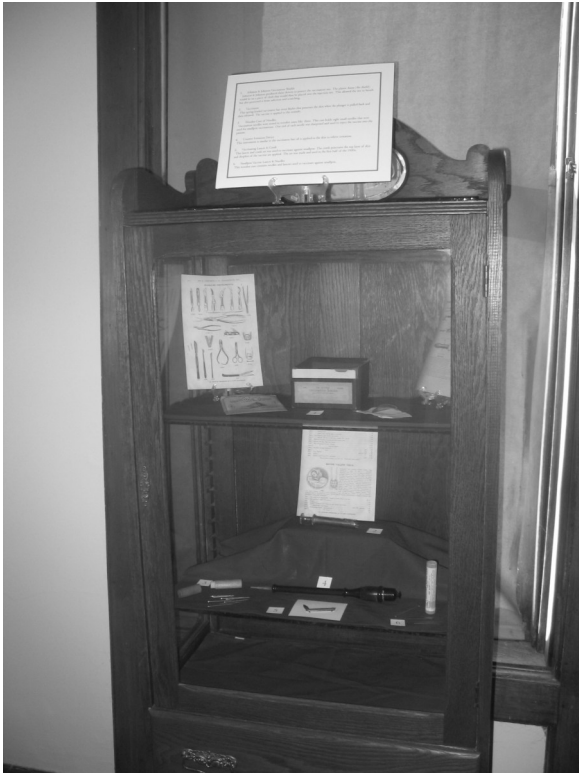




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Disease and Tyranny: The Muncie Smallpox Epidemic of 1893

Kelly received her master's degree in history from Ball State University and wrote her thesis on the same topic, entitled *Vaccination: Who Should Decide When Doctors Disagree*. The exhibit focused on how the town of Muncie reacted to the smallpox outbreak. The city ultimately responded to the outbreak by quarantining the entire city and requiring vaccinations. Both of these actions were met with resistance and controversy.



An exhibit case from *Disease & Tyranny*. On display are instruments used to vaccinate against and

September 2, 2009 saw the opening of another exhibit at the Indiana Medical History Museum. The *Disease and Tyranny* exhibit examined the smallpox epidemic in Muncie, Indiana during 1893. The research for the exhibit was developed with the help of Kelly Hacker Jones.

The exhibit was put up to compliment the museum's Fall Forensic Lecture. Eleanor D. Kinney, JD MPH spoke about the Muncie smallpox epidemic of 1893 and also talked about current public health laws and the government's role in responding to bioterrorism, epidemics, and other health crises.

Over 1,300 visitors to the museum saw *Disease and Tyranny* before it was replaced on November 6th with our new exhibit *Temples of the Future*.

The Forensic Science Lecture Series (FSLs) was established in 2004 to help educate the public in the forensic sciences and related fields as well as to spotlight the fascinating stories that scientists have to tell. The lecture series is sponsored jointly by the Indiana Medical History Museum and the University of Indianapolis Archeology & Forensics Laboratory.

Greetings from the New Director...

Since I started as Executive Director in September, each day brings a deeper appreciation for the Indiana Medical History Museum, its Board of Directors, its members, its contributors, its staff, and its volunteers. Together, all of you have assured that the Old Pathology Building stands in remarkable condition and offers significant educational and cultural experiences to its visitors. I am honored to be entrusted with its care. I must express my admiration for and gratitude to the former Executive Director, Virginia Terpening. Her nine-year tenure is marked with an incredible number of programs, tours, and grant awards – and her assistance to the museum continues! Many, many thanks, Ginny, and thanks to all of you for supporting the Indiana Medical History Museum.

Collection Corner

Interesting items from our collection, plus recent additions!

New Acquisitions: The Reed Collection

The Reed Collection is a recent donation to the museum that consists of artifacts, books, and photographs from the family of Dr. Philip Byron Reed III. Dr. Reed was a distinguished neuropsychiatrist who spent most of his years of studying and practicing medicine in Indianapolis.



A picture of Norways Sanatorium, named for the Norway maples on the lawn pictured here.

One professional position he held was that of medical director of the privately owned Norways Sanatorium, which has links with the Old Pathology Building. Norways Sanatorium began treating patients for mental and physical illnesses at 1800 E. 10th St in 1898. It was originally called the Sterne Sanatorium but Dr. Albert Eugene Sterne (1866-1931) changed the name because of his love for the majestic Norway maples on the lawn. Norways Sanatorium was the first hospital in Indiana to use insulin shock (1937), metrazol (1938), and electric shock therapies (1940). After Dr. Sterne's death, Dr. Larue D. Carter (1880-1946) served as chief consultant for Norways until he died. Both Dr. Sterne and Dr. Carter taught neuropsychiatry at the Old Pathology Building.

2009 Marks the 100th Anniversary of the Gatch Bed

Dr. Willis Dew Gatch, former dean of the IU School of Medicine, made many contributions to medicine, one of the most influential being the creation of the adjustable hospital bed. In March of 1909, Dr. Gatch published a paper in the *Annals of Surgery* documenting the benefits of his adjustable bed in regards to recovery from surgery.

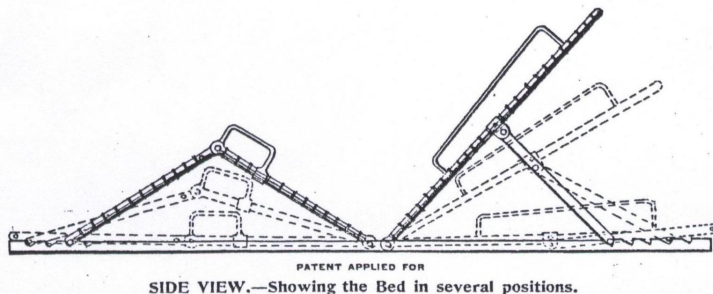
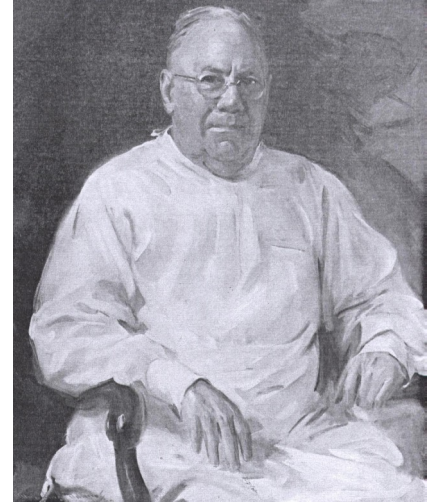


Diagram of the Gatch Bed. Both the back and leg rests were adjustable.

Dr. Gatch's bed became the forerunner to modern hospital beds. Interestingly, Dr. Gatch did not want to patent his invention. He was not interested in making a profit, instead he wanted the technology available to all patients. The Indiana Medical History Museum has two early twentieth century Gatch beds in its collection.

Museum Happenings...

The museum has many new faces this fall!

Mary Ellen Hennessey Nottage came in as the new Director in September. She is excited to be here and is developing plans to continue the growth of this flourishing institution. (See *Greetings from the New Director* on page 1)

New Staff Members

Mary Ellen Hennessey Nottage, Director

Mark Cole, Facilities Manager

Elizabeth Becker, Public History Intern

Corrine Nordin, Public History Intern

Mark Cole was also brought on early this fall as the new Facilities Manager. He is already doing a great job helping us keep our building beautiful.

Elizabeth Becker and Corrine Nordin are this year's IUPUI Public History interns. Corrine is currently working on creating themed tours. Elizabeth is organizing the newsletter and creating an institutional archives for the museum.



World War I nurse's uniform worn by Kathryn Tuttle (Hill). Kathryn Tuttle was a 1917 graduate of the St. Vincent School of Nursing in Indianapolis. Donated to the Indiana Medical History Museum by Patricia Hill Selig, daughter of Kathryn Tuttle.

Annual Campaign

It's that time of year again.... Time for the Annual Campaign at the Indiana Medical History Museum! Please keep us in mind and know that every little bit helps. Your help is crucial to our continued success as a museum. Your support allows us to maintain our amazing historic building and to continue to offer learning opportunities for both kids and adults alike. We would not be where we are today without the generous support of our sponsors - both large and small.

New this year!

Make your contributions to the museum online at www.imhm.org

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Upcoming Events...

Wednesday, January 20 through Saturday, April 3, 2010

Rustic Remedies: Cures from Granny's Garden

This exhibit highlights a few of the many medicinal plants that were available in Pioneer Indiana. Learn more about these plants and their uses, and get a preview of the museum's own Medicinal Garden which is lovingly maintained by IMHM board member Kathleen Hull, M.D. and the Purdue Master Gardeners of Marion County.

This exhibit is free with regular museum admission.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 4-5:15pm

Recovery and Analysis of Rwanda's Mountain Gorillas: Non-Human Forensic Anthropology

This lecture will be given by Amandine Eriksen & Stephen Nawrocki. More information will be available soon.

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