

Richard N. MacBain, D.O. Collection



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1897-1979

Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** Richard N. MacBain, D.O.
- Title:** The Richard N. MacBain, DO Collection
- Inclusive Dates:** 1924-1974
- Abstract:** The Richard N. MacBain, D.O. Collection contains certificates, awards and personal items that Dr. MacBain acquired during his lifetime. It also includes a scrapbook from the Reception and Dinner Honoring Dr. Norman MacBain by the Chicago College of Osteopathy, May 21, 1967.
- Extent:** 1 box, 1 shelf, 3.5 linear feet
- Language:** English
- Repository:** Archives, University of North Texas Health Science Center, Gibson D. Lewis Library.

Historical Note

Richard Norman MacBain was born January 29, 1897 in Mild May, Ontario, Canada, the son of an Anglican/Methodist minister. The family with five children moved every two years, and he lived in many small towns in southern Ontario. He served in the Canadian Army during WWI and shortly after came to

study at the Chicago College of Osteopathy, graduating I believe in 1924. Not too long after, he became dean and later president of the college and held that office until retirement. Somewhere along the line, when Dr. Floyd Peckham retired, he also became administrator of the Chicago Osteopathic Hospital. He always said no one should run a hospital unless they knew how to start the boiler—and he did.

In 1936 he married the widowed Alice Peterman Peckham and thereafter raised her son, John Russell Peckham, now a retired D.O. (The Peckhams were influential in osteopathic medicine and politics.) Dr. and Mrs. MacBain had one daughter, Judith Ann, born in 1938.

During many of his administrative years, Dr. MacBain maintained a private manipulative practice in downtown Chicago. He treated many celebrities and made house calls for regular patients. He was also active in national osteopathic affairs. One of his major accomplishments, working with Dr. Floyd Peckham, was to push through a state law giving full medical license privileges to osteopathic physicians. The bill passed in 1955. Dr. MacBain realized that they would never get full rights without a strong background in the basic sciences, and building the basic sciences program at the college was an early and important goal.

He retired in 1969, and the MacBains moved to Tryon NC. In the early 1970s a new wing of the Chicago Osteopathic Hospital was dedicated to him. He died November 1, 1979 in Houston TX.

Restrictions The collection is open for research. The collection is non-circulating and can be viewed by appointment.

Provenance The Richard N. MacBain, DO Collection was donated to Lewis Library by his daughter, Judy MacBain Alter.

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Container List

Box	Title	Date
OS 00006	Address Book	Undated
OS 00006	Chicago College of Osteopathy Appreciation Certificate	1950 Sep 21
OS 00006	College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, CA, Degree of Doctor of Science	1949 Jun 17
OS 00006	Handwritten Note	Undated
OS 00006	Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery Honorary Degree: Doctor of Science in Osteopathy	1953 May 29
OS 00006	Letter of Appreciation from Chicago Osteopathic Hospital	1955 Dec 21
OS 00006	North Carolina State Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration	1958 Nov 24
OS 00006	Photograph: Richard Norton MacBain (digital copy: Q:Library\Images\1-4999)	Undated

Box	Title	Date
OS 00006	Scrapbook from the Reception and Dinner Honoring Dr. Richard Norman MacBain by the Chicago College of Osteopathy	1967 May 21
OS 00006	Sigma Sigma Phi Certificate of Award	1965 Sep 20
OS 00006	State of Illinois Appointment to the Commission to Study Problems Involved in the Administration of the Medical Practice Act	1957 Oct 23
OS 00006	State of Illinois Appointment to the Commission to Study Problems Involved in the Administration of the Medical Practice Act	1960 Jan 26
OS 00006	State of Illinois Department of Registration and Education Osteopathic Practitioner and Obstetrician	1924 Aug 12

Plaques

- Cab-1, DWR-3 Plaque:
 American Osteopathic Association: Academy Lecturer Award
 Presented by the American Academy of Osteopathy to Richard Norman MacBain, DO
 Twenty Fifth Academy Lecturer Award on the occasion of the Annual Convention
 Program in appreciation of his Services to the osteopathic Profession
 Honolulu, Hawaii, 1971
- Cab-1, DWR-3 Plaque:
 American Osteopathic Association: A.T. Still Memorial Lecturer
 The Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association presents this award to
 Richard N. MacBain, DO; AT.T. Still Memorial Lecturer AOA Annual Convention,
 Milwaukee 1951
 1951
- Cab-1, DWR-3 Plaque:
 American Osteopathic Association: Special Award
 American Osteopathic Association presents this Special Award to Richard N. MacBain,
 DO for outstanding service in Osteopathic Education by Action of the Board of Trustees
 on July 14, 1967
- Cab-1, DWR-3 Plaque:
 The Chicago College of Osteopathy
 As Evidence of Our Great Esteem This Plaque is inscribed to Richard Norman MacBain,
 DO Who Built an Enduring monument to Himself Through His Unswerving and Tireless
 Dedication to the Advancement of The Chicago College of Osteopathy and The
 Osteopathic Profession
 The Board of Trustees, 1967 May 21
- Cab-1, DWR-3 Plaque:
 Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine Richard N. MacBain, DO This certificate is give
 in honor of your Fifty Years of service to your community and profession as an
 Osteopathic Physician in the anniversary of your graduation. Presented at Chicago,
 Illinois October 5, 1974

1974 October 5

Cab-1, DWR-3 Plaque:

Illinois Osteopathic Association: Honorary Life Member

This is to Certify that Richard Norman MacBain, DO is an honorary life member of The Illinois Osteopathic Association

Undated

Cab-1, DWR-3 Plaque:

Illinois Osteopathic Association: Tribute

The Officers, Trustees, and Members of the Illinois Osteopathic Association join in tribute to Richard Normal MacBain, DO, DSC in recognition of more than three decades of service to the Chicago College of Osteopathy. In retiring from his position as president of this institution, he leaves the Chicago Osteopathic Center as a monument to his vision and as an example of the osteopathic profession to emulate. Signed on behalf of the profession in Illinois this sixth day of May, Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Seven.

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