

## **THE MEDICAL SCIENCE CENTER**

Papers, 1940 - 1952  
(Predominantly, 1942-1946)

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The papers of the Medical Science Center were placed in the University Archives in 1980, and were made available for research in December 1989.

The Medical Science Center of Wayne University was organized as a nonprofit corporation in November 1943, at the request of the Detroit Board of Education. It proposed to raise money for, and to build a medical center which would make Detroit and Wayne University one of the world's outstanding medical centers. Wendell W. Anderson, president of Bundy Tubing Company, was president; Edgar H. Norris, Dean of the Medical School, was executive director; and George Pierrot, a specialist in public relations, was executive secretary. Edgar Norris later resigned both as Dean of the Medical School and the executive directorship in March of 1945. The corporation had ambitious plans to become the foremost center devoted to industrial health. In February of 1945, the School of Occupational Health opened under the leadership of Dr. Raymond Hussey, a nationally known specialist in the then budding field. The School was later forced to close in October of 1949 because of lack of operating funds.

At the time of incorporation the Medical Science Center already had a Master Plan prepared by Wayne University's College of Medicine. However, this plan contemplated the use of the Memorial Park site (located on the Detroit River). This site was later discarded when a site closer to the University was chosen. A second Master Plan was drawn up. Eleven units were originally proposed. The first four to be erected were Wayne University County Hospital, a teaching unit to contain over 500 beds; the Halls of Medical Science, to house the Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy; the College of Nursing's classroom, administrative building and connecting dormitories; and a combination powerhouse, laundry, and service building.

Capital costs were to be borne by foundations and private donors. One of the first fund-raising steps was to obtain approximately sixteen million dollars in challenge gifts. They were not successful, and on December 22, 1946 the corporation released an official statement; announcing that the campaign for funds for the Medical Science Center was postponed until business conditions improved. From this date until it dissolved in December 1951, the Center was inactive.

The papers of Wendell Anderson, president and George Pierrot, executive secretary, reflect the corporation's efforts to develop plans and raise money for a medical center. The papers also contain material on the establishment of the Institute for Occupational Health.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

African-Americans, Relocation of Housing  
Edgar Norris's Resignation  
Nursing Program  
School of Occupational Health, Establishment and Development

Among the important correspondents are:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Wendell W. Anderson  | David D. Henry  |
| Warren E. Bow        | Raymond Hussey  |
| Katharine E. Faville | Edgar H. Norris |
|                      | George Pierrot  |

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#### **Non-Manuscript Materials**

Approximately 15 black and white photographs have been placed in the Archives Audio Visual Collection. Pictured are models of the Medical Science Center, publicity photographs, and portraits.

#### **Series I Boxes**

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Clippings, correspondence, minutes, plans, proposals and other materials relating to the Medical Science Center's operation and planning. Much of the material concerns the fundraising efforts, planning and site selection of the Center. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject. Materials within folder are arranged in chronological order.

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