The MedChi Collection of Bookplates

Dating from the 1700’s to the mid-1900’s.
MedChi’s Collection of Bookplates

History
After the death of Sir William Osler, M.D., MedChi’s librarian, Marcia Crocker Noyes was inundated with requests for a copy of his bookplate. Most unfortunately, Sir William had never been able to decide on a design for a bookplate, and therefore didn’t have one.

But the interest was great in honoring the work that Sir William did in Baltimore and specifically at MedChi, so his former colleague at Hopkins, the noted medical illustrator, Max Brödel created one for the William Osler Testimonial Fund for the Advancement of Medicine at the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

The plate incorporates the four seals of the universities with which Osler was affiliated: McGill in Montreal, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and Oxford in England.

As physicians from across the country requested a copy of this new bookplate, in turn, Miss Noyes asked that they send her several copies of their bookplates. A copy of each plate was affixed in an album, now lost, but the extra copies were filed away, each with notes regarding the donor, and any other relevant information.

Most of these bookplates are small, as you might imagine, measuring at most two by three inches. But what is hard to comprehend now, in our digital age, is the fact that each one is hand engraved or etched. The detail on these plates is exquisite and incredibly intricate. Many times, there are personal details in the plates, including hobbies and interests.

Enjoy!

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Dr. Benjamin Abeshouse
*Baltimore, Maryland*

Dr. Herman J. Achard
*Chicago, Illinois*
Linotype, Design by Harbitzon,
Zurich, Switzerland, 1905

Dr. Herman J. Achard
*Chicago, Illinois*

Dr. Edmund Samuel Foster Arnold
*New York & Jacksonville, Florida*
Dr. Harvey Grant Beck

Baltimore, Maryland

This depicts his residence in at 215 Northway, Guilford, Baltimore, Maryland. The house is still standing.

Dr. Robert Emery Brennan

New York, NY

Bernard Lucien Brun

Boston City Hospital Medical Library

Boston, Massachusetts
Dr. John Buckler
*Baltimore, Maryland*
Early Vaccine Physician

Dr. Alfred Stephen Burdick
*Chicago, Illinois*
President of Abbott Labs

The Chatard Family
*Baltimore, Maryland*
This family of physicians arrived in Baltimore from France via Santa Domingo. For more than 100 years, members of this family practiced medicine in Baltimore.

Dr. Thomas Beath Christie
*Ealing, England*
The Royal India Infirmary in Ealing.
Dr. George Oliver Clark  
*Boston, Massachusetts*  
Very detailed plate, including a fishing rod and fish, a shot gun, a paddle, a sphinx and pyramid and much more.

Dr. Logan Clendening  
*Kansas City, Missouri*  
Design taken from a woodcut from the Middle Ages.

Cleveland Public Library  
*Cleveland, Ohio*  
Collection of Folklore and Orientalia, A Gift to the Cleveland Public Library.

Dr. John Crawford  
*Baltimore, Maryland.*  
The father of the germ theory of disease.
Dr. Thomas Stephen Cullen  
*Baltimore, Maryland*
Plate designed and signed by Max Brödel, a close friend of Dr. Cullen’s and a neighbor at their summer homes on a lake in Canada. Dr. Cullen wrote a biography of Max Brödel. Dr. Cullen was a gynecologist at Hopkins.

Dr. Harvey Cushing  
*Baltimore and Boston*
This is the family coat of arms, and various family members’ initials are arrayed around the edge of the design. The plate was engraved by E.D. French. Dr. Cushing was an early neurosurgeon at Hopkins and a close friend of Sir William Osler, M.D.

Dr. Walter Edward Dandy  
*Baltimore, Maryland*
Dr. Dandy was an early neurosurgeon, as indicated by the brain at the top of his bookplate design. The plate is initialed DHP and dated 1939.
Dr. Christian Deetjen  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Dr. Deetjen was an early pioneer of radiation therapy. He was a close friend of H.L. Mencken, whose Saturday Night Club was a respite from medicine for Dr. Deetjen. The plate is dated 1917.

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Samuel K. Dennis, Esq.  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Mr. Dennis was the counsel to the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty.

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Dr. Nicoll Havens Dering  
*Utica, New York*  
“This is the Thomas Dering plate by Hurd, with the name altered, but this plate is not signed.”

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Detroit Public Library
I. Johnson Ebor
Found in a 1700’s book.

Frederick Erickson

George W. Ferrar (?)

Dr. John M.T. Finney
*Baltimore, Maryland*
Bookplate for books purchased through a specific fund at MedChi. Signed and dated by Max Brödel in May of 1912, at the bottom.
Books donated to the Frick Library at MedChi in our Eutaw Street building, pre-1909.

Isabel Crichton Fleming

Dr. Royale Hamilton Fowler

*Newark, New Jersey*

Signed and dated, MBB 1908

Dr. Samuel Louis Fox

Charles Frick Library
Dr. Julius Friedenwald  
*Baltimore, Maryland*

Plate designed by W. Wirte and signed on the lower right.

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Dr. Edgar B. Friedenwald  
*Baltimore, Maryland*

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Edward H. Goodman
*Baltimore, Maryland*
Plate is signed and dated (1908) at the bottom, although signature is illegible.

Dr. Samuel A. Green
*Boston, Massachusetts*
Gift to Harvard University, February 1, 1871. Dr. Green was an 1851 graduate of Harvard.

Dr. Leslie Newton Gay
*Baltimore, Maryland*
Plate was designed by Mrs. Newton (Adele Griffith).

Hennepin County Medical Society Library
*Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.*
Dr. Caroli Henschel
Found in a 1700’s book.

Dr. Arthur Pendleton Herring
*Baltimore, Maryland*
Commissioner of the Maryland State Board of Mental Hygiene

James Austin Holden
Holden was a friend of Marcia Noyes. He was a prolific writer of historic books, and was the New York State Historian from 1911 to 1916. Marcia grew up in the same region as Holden and had a summer camp in the Adirondacks.

Johns Hopkins University
*Baltimore, Maryland*
One of many bookplates for the numerous Hopkins Libraries.
Dr. John Jeffries  
*Boston, Massachusetts*  
“Rendered service to British in the American Revolution, and recognized the body of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The plate was probably done by Callendar, but it is not signed.

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Dr. John Vernon Hopkins  
Signed EM

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Dr. Henry Mills Hurd  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Superintendent at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Plate was designed by his daughter.

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Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Plate designed by W.H. Ritter and dated 1928.

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Dr. David Israel Macht  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Pharmacologist

Dr. Alexander McGlannon  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
This is probably a stock bookplate, as evidenced by the hand-written inscription.

Dr. Roy Donaldson McClure  
*Detroit, Michigan*  
Dr. McClure was the Surgeon-in-Chief at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit from 1916 to 1951.

The Library of the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland  
This bookplate was placed in all of the books in MedChi’s library from the 1930’s to the 1960’s. It is the organization’s seal, redesigned by Max Brödel in 1930, as marked.
Dr. Charles Midlo

“Dermatoglyphics, a terminology coined by Drs. Harold Cummins and Charles Mildo in 1926, is a science, which involves the study of fine patterned dermal ridges on digits, palms and soles.”

Dr. Joseph Lyon Miller

*Thomas, West Virginia*

Dr. Miller was a collector of medical books, many of which he gave to the Medical College of Virginia. The plate is signed and dated by Miss Adelaide Everhart in 1917.

Dr. John Morris

*Baltimore, Maryland*

Dr. Morris was a medico-legal expert.
Dr. John F. O’Connor  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Dr. O’Connor was a surgeon’s mate in the early 1810’s, possibly during the War of 1812. Engraving by Freeman.  
“The wicked man borroweth and returneth not again.”

Edward Revere Osler  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Designed by Revere Osler for himself and his own books.

In Memory of Revere Osler (1895-1917)  
After Revere’s untimely death, a fund was established to create a Tudor & Stuart Club at Johns Hopkins, with a special room dedicated to it. The club is still in existence today.

William Osler Testimonial Fund for the Advancement of Medicine  
After Sir William’s death, a fund was established to purchase books for MedChi’s library. The plate was designed by Osler’s friend Max Brödel, the medical illustrator at Hopkins.
Dr. Edward R. Owings
Signed “Hogboom”

Dr. Leo Pariseau

William W. Parrick

J.L. Perry
Dr. Blanche Gardner Powell
Grafton, West Virginia
Dr. Powell was the superintendent of the Grafton City Hospital in Grafton, West Virginia.

Dr. Ninian Pinkney, USN
Annapolis, Maryland

Dr. Edwin Spooner Potter
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Signed J. Fincken, Phila. 1904

College of Physicians, Philadelphia
Dr. John R. Quinan
*Baltimore, Maryland*

Dr. Quinan wrote the Medical Annals of Baltimore, From 1608 to 1880, a definitive history of medicine in Baltimore.

Dr. Ralph A. Reis
*Chicago, Illinois*

Obstetrician and Gynecologist
Plate is signed R.L. Drucker

Dr. George C.M. Roberts
*Baltimore, Maryland*

Dr. Roberts was one of the founders of MedChi. He was also a Lutheran minister.

Dr. Priestly

“Art is long, life is short”
Dr. Harry Maximillian Robinson  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Dermatologist

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Dr. Cornelius Henricus Roy  
*Circa 1800*

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Dr. John Ruhräh  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Dr. Ruhräh worked closely with Marcia Noyes to create MedChi’s library after the move to Cathedral Street. He was a pediatrician.

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Dr. Samuel Salinger  
*Chicago, Illinois*  
Nose & Throat doctor
Dr. Charles Carroll Shippen
*Baltimore, Maryland*

Dr. Alexander Johnson Chalmers Skene
*Brooklyn, New York*
Gynecologist

Dr. Albert Holmes Smith
*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Dr. Nathan Ryno Smith
*Baltimore, Maryland.*

Unclear which Dr. Nathan Ryno Smith this bookplate belongs to, as it looks to be a pre-printed plate, with the name added later. Probably not The Emperor’s.
Dr. George N.J. Sommer  
*Trenton, New Jersey*

Flora K. Sonnenschein  
*Chicago, Illinois*  
Signed and dated MHN, MCMXXXV (1935) The Sonnenscheins were collectors of bookplates. He was a physician in Chicago in the early 1900’s.

William Steele

Dr. William Olin Stillman  
*New York, New York*  
President of the American Humane Association (1905-1924)
Dr. Edward Carl Streeter
*Chicago, Illinois*
Signed Y.L. in the upper right corner. He gave his collection to the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library at Yale, after he was asked to do so by his friend Harvey Cushing. A simpler version of this plate is in that collection.

Dr. Howard Anderson Sutton
*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*
Otolaryngologist

Dr. Reed Wallace Teed
*Ann Arbor, Michigan*
Otolaryngologist

Dr. Henry M. Thomas
Dated 1919
“The leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations”
Dr. William Bradley Tyler  
*Frederick Town, Maryland*

University of Maryland, School of Medicine  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
This bookplate shows the school’s historic Davidge Hall in Baltimore.

Arthur Upsom  
This bookplate is from an endowed room at the University of Minnesota. Upsom was a lecturer at the school’s English Department.

Dr. Arthur Van Harlingen  
*Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania*  
The plate is signed and dated Katherine Richardson, 1904
Dr. A. Earl Walker
Baltimore, Maryland
Former chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.
Signed C.N.

Walter Reed US Army Hospital
Bethesda, Maryland

Dr. Duncan Cameron Walton
Washington, DC
U.S. Navy

War Department Library
Washington, DC
Dr. Bernard Weinstein

New Orleans, Louisiana

Taught gynecology at Tulane University and specialized in fertility issues.

Signed and dated C.M. Ogden, 1941

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Dr. Fred Lloyd Wells

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Dr. Lilian Welsh

Baltimore, Maryland

Physician at the then all-girls Goucher College

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Philip Weston
Dr. Laurence Wheeler  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  

Dr. Huntington Williams  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Dr. Williams was the Health Commissioner of Baltimore for three decades. The plate was designed by his Harvard classmate, Kenneth J. Conant, who became part of the architectural faculty at Harvard. The bird is taken from a plate by Albrecht Dürer.

Dr. Nathan Winslow  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
This unusual round bookplate has the names and colleges of Dr. Winslow’s family members.

Dr. Nathan Winslow  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
This bookplate depicts Davidge Hall, the medical school building at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.
Dr. Joseph Edcil Winters
New York

Dr. Walter Dent Wise
Baltimore, Maryland
President of MedChi, 1951

Dr. Henry Ludwig Wollenweber
New York

Yale University Library
New Haven, Connecticut
Dr. Thomas Richmond Boggs  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Designed by Mr. Hiyons of New York, an architect, from an idea of Dr. Boggs.

Dr. William Worcester Elgin  
*Towson, Maryland*  
Dr. Elgin designed this plate.

Addendum: Plates found after this book was assembled.