Early Osteopathic pamphlets published between 1910-1928 were used to advertise Osteopathic information and share early Osteopathic philosophy—reflective of the time but relevant today.

INTRODUCTION

During the early 20th century, Osteopathic information was circulated by way of journals, pamphlets, booklets and leaflets. Dr. R.H. Williams, Dr. Henry Stanhope Bunting, and the American Osteopathic Association published materials that could be purchased as a way to market Osteopathy. These early forms of “patient handouts” have distinct messages about Osteopathic medicine as illustrated during that time.

The D'Angelo Library’s objective was to digitize the Williams, Bunting, and AOA pamphlet collections to preserve and make available these iconic sources of Osteopathic information.

METHODS

- Identified/compiled 23 pamphlets published by Dr. R.H. Williams, the Bunting Publishing Co., or the AOA
- Evaluated, researched and scanned items for digital display

DR. R. H. WILLIAMS PAMPHLETS

“Antiseptic” Williams—a Doctor for Doctors Only

“Obesity: The Disease”

“Pains and How to Get Relief From Them”

“Osteopathic Health at Par

“The Spinal Origin of Disease

“National Magazine”

April, 1921

pgs. 187, 188

Dr. R. H. Williams published a collection of leaflets

CONCLUSIONS

Early Osteopathic journals, booklets, pamphlets, and leaflets are scarce due to their small size and limited printing, but are significant sources in which physicians have shared information. The 23 pamphlets that have been a part of the D’Angelo Library’s Special Collections were, until recently, only available in print format. By digitizing this collection, the library has made it accessible and has preserved these unique pieces of Osteopathic history. Common themes in these pamphlets underscore the broad scope of Osteopathy and guide students of early historical Osteopathic medicine down a path which shapes the Osteopathic approach to patient care today. http://kcumb.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/