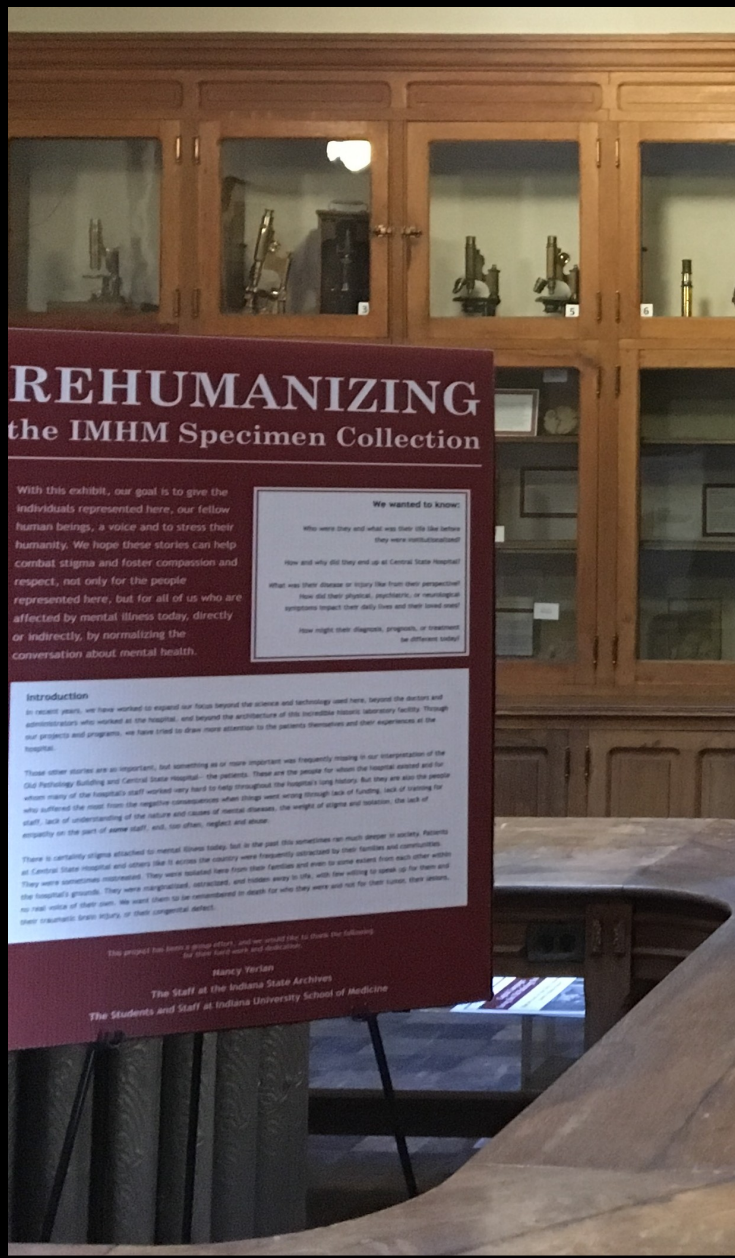


Indiana Medical History Museum

Winter, 2019-2020



Rehumanizing the IMHM Specimen Collection

IMHM in the news!

Our new exhibit Rehumanizing the IMHM Specimen Collection has received national attention including on SiriusXM Doctor Radio's "Everyday Health" and in Smithsonian Magazine online, Indianapolis Business Journal, TheStateHouseFile.com, and others.

In recent years, we at the Indiana Medical History Museum have worked to expand our focus beyond the science and technology, beyond the doctors and administrators who worked here, and beyond the architecture of this incredible historic laboratory facility. Through projects, programs, and exhibits we have tried to draw more attention to the patients themselves and their experiences at the hospital. One of the ways we've done this is by reinterpreting our specimen collection and changing the way we display them.

What was frequently missing in our interpretation of the Old Pathology Building and Central State Hospital were the patients themselves. These are the people for whom the hospital existed and for whom many of the hospital's staff worked very hard to help throughout the hospital's long history. But they are also the people who suffered most from

the negative consequences when things went wrong through lack of funding, lack of training for staff, lack of understanding of the nature and cause of mental diseases, the weight of stigma and isolation, the lack of empathy on the part of *some* staff, and too often neglect and abuse.

Clinical descriptions of tumors and lesions are important and fascinating, but they're not the whole story. These new labels that tell the human stories behind each specimen can be viewed alongside the old labels in the IMHM Anatomical Museum. In January of 2020, they will also be available on our website. In the meantime, you can read more about the exhibit and find articles about the project at www.imhm.org/specimens.



Progress toward Saving the Old Pathology Building

In recent years, our wonderful 1896 building had been showing its age, and multiple structural issues and aging systems and materials were threatening its survival. You probably know that a few years ago, the Museum hired Pyramid Architecture and Engineering to complete a full assessment of the building- top to bottom and inside and out, and upon receiving this report undertook a major project to completely restore and repair the building.

Based on that report, we set a goal to \$2.2 million and launched our Capital Campaign to Save the Old Pathology Building...a lofty but necessary goal to ensure the long-term survival of this one-of-a-kind historical treasure.

Thanks to gifts from donors like you, we are more than halfway to our fund raising goal!

Since being added to Indiana Landmarks Ten Most Endangered List in 2015, we've made incredible progress. Thanks to grants received and generous gifts from donors, we've already repaired the gutters and chimneys, repointed the mortar, and replaced spalled and damaged bricks on the building's exterior. Three new skylights were installed in the Spring of 2018, and that summer the Old Pathology Building's many exterior windows and doors were restored and repaired. Early this year, we overhauled our HVAC system to increase comfort in the building and better protect the artifact collections. And late this summer we completed the first phase of electrical work in the building.

We've accomplished so much! But we have a long way to go, and we still need your support to keep our momentum going and Save the Old Pathology Building. To learn more or to find out how you can help, please visit our website at www.imhm.org/capital_campaign or email Sarah Halter at shalter@imhm.org.

We hope you are as encouraged by our progress as we are, and we sincerely appreciate your support! Thank you so much!



IMHM News

• Last year we converted to a new CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system. We think we've worked out most of the kinks from the data conversion, but if you have a new email or mailing address or have noticed an error in our mailings to you, please let us know.



• We joined the Indianapolis Public Library's Shared System this year and are nearing completion of our project to catalog our historic library collection! Nearly 6,000 of our historic medical and scientific texts are now searchable on the Indy PL website. To find our materials, you can search their online catalog or narrow your search to the "Indiana Medical History Museum branch." We will not be circulating our books, but we're working to set up a reading room at the Museum where our materials can be viewed by appointment. For more information or if you'd like to volunteer contact Sarah Halter at shalter@imhm.org.

• Our Winter Hours have begun. Between December 14th and January 11th, we are only open for drop in tours on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm (last tour begins at 3pm). But you can still make an appointment to visit the Museum at other times. Call Mary Mauer or email her at mmauer@imhm.org to schedule an appointment.

• Save the date for the 2020 John E. Pless, MD Memorial Central State Circle Lecture on Sunday, March 1st at 2pm. Dr. Charles Hazelrigg will present "A Pictorial History of Hook's Drugstores." Learn the history of the Hook's Drugstore chain in Indiana. Reminisce with photographs from the early 1900s— both inside views and outside views of these early drugstores. There will also be an opportunity to see early drugstore artifacts that our presenter, Dr. Hazelrigg, has collected over the years. This lecture is \$5 or free to Central State Circle and Edenharter Circle members. Information about registration will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for our email!

• It's that time again, and our Annual Campaign is underway. With your help, we've accomplished a lot this year as we celebrated the Museum's 50th Anniversary- from cataloging our historic library and expanding our school programs to improving accessibility in the Old Pathology Building and the Medicinal Plant Garden and "rehumanizing" the IMHM specimen collection...and so much more! In 2020, we are excited to take our impact even further. We know you are dedicated to preserving Indiana's medical history, and want you to be a part of the investment. Kindly consider a contribution to help us reach our Annual Fund goal of \$85,000. We know we can depend on you. For more information or to donate online visit our secure website at www.imhm.org/donate. Thank you!

• And finally, we'd like to extend a huge thanks to our two newest Capital Campaign Room Sponsorships!

The Library is now named for Richard and Patricia Schreiner.
The Histology Laboratory is now named for the Indiana Pathology Endowment.

1896 Legacy Society

Medical history is important! The past informs the present and inspires the future.

We are proud to announce a new giving level for Indiana Medical History Museum donors— the 1896 Legacy Society of generous, forward-thinking donors who have remembered IMHM in their estate planning.

You too can inspire the future and leave a lasting legacy while helping to secure the future of the Old Pathology Building and the Indiana Medical History Museum in which it is housed.

We asked one of the 1896 Legacy Society's founding members, Kathleen Hull, MD, why remembering the Indiana Medical History Museum in her estate planning was so important to her. Here's what she had to say about her decision to support IMHM with a planned gift.



“There are so many organizations worthy of one’s financial support: those focused on important causes - environmental, humanitarian, cultural, educational, etc. I’m particularly passionate about helping the Indiana Medical History Museum because its Old Pathology Building is the irreplaceable real thing. We could create a new food bank, symphony, or college if an existing one was lost, but the Old Pathology Building and its authentic original contents could never be recreated. Surely there is a special value in protecting this unique and remarkable historical artifact. My husband and I are happy to support the museum with annual donations, and it gives me ongoing pleasure to think that I will be making one more generous donation after I’m gone. I hope others will discover how satisfying - and easy - it is to make this kind of gift.”

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Become a Volunteer!

Want to meet new and interesting people and have fun working in an incredibly unique historic building?

We are looking for outgoing volunteer docents to bring the history of science and medicine in Indiana to life and share the importance of the Old Pathology Building and Central State Hospital to the study of mental illnesses for our visitors.

Visit www.imhm.org/volunteering to learn more and apply today!



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WINTER HOURS

The IMHM will be open on Saturdays only or by appointment from December 14, 2019 through January 11, 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the
***John E. Pless, MD Memorial
Central State Circle Lecture***

Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 2pm

**“A Pictorial History of Hook’s
Drugstores” presented by
Charles Hazelrigg, DDS**

Registration Information Coming Soon



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