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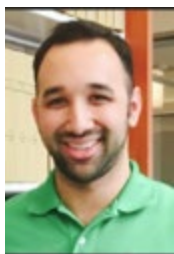
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Fall 2017 update

Even though the Research Medical Library and Historical Resources Center experienced minor leaks during Hurricane Harvey, we are pleased to report that there was no permanent damage. All of the electronic files are stored on a secure server, and the archives and book stacks are well insulated from outside weather. We plan to document MD Anderson's experience during the hurricane later on this fall/winter by conducting oral history interviews with several people on the ride-out team.

As the 2017 fiscal year comes to a close, the Historical Resources Center would like to thank our donors, interview subjects, patrons, volunteers, interns, and steering committee members for contributing to one of the most productive years we've ever had. In addition to processing/publishing new materials, we've also expanded the scope of what the HRC can do for the institution. Tacey has explored new interview subject areas and developed exciting new products that really help clients engage with the materials. We've also been able to process new archival collections and make them available to the public. These endeavors will hopefully lay the groundwork for an even more productive 2018.



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Fish, Flowers and Summer Fun! Cards from the Children's Art Project



Summer Intern - Abi Buchanan

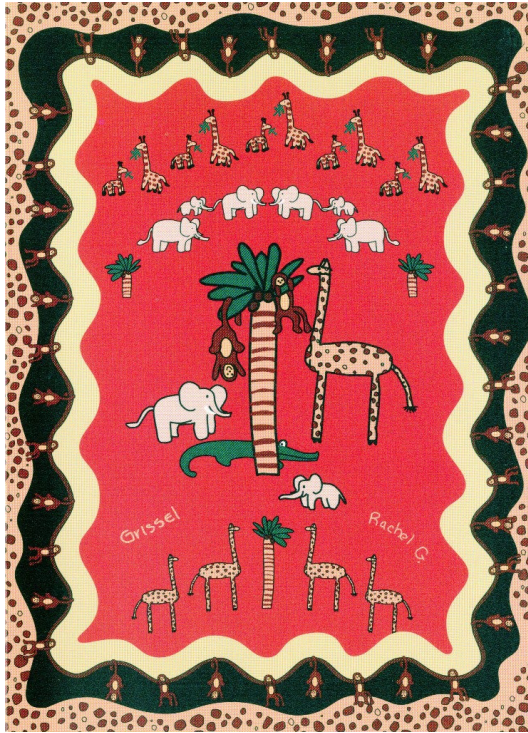


From Abi:

"My main objective was to update the inventory list and create a finding aid for the collection. A finding aid is an electronic document that has detailed information about the context and content of the collection."

[Click here to access the Children's Art Project Archives](#)

[Click here to access the digital card library](#)



Did you know...



Did you know that Dr. Ernst Bertner, our first acting Director, turned 128 earlier this August? To find out more about Dr. Bertner's distinguished and why he's known as the Father of Texas Medical Center, click [here](#).



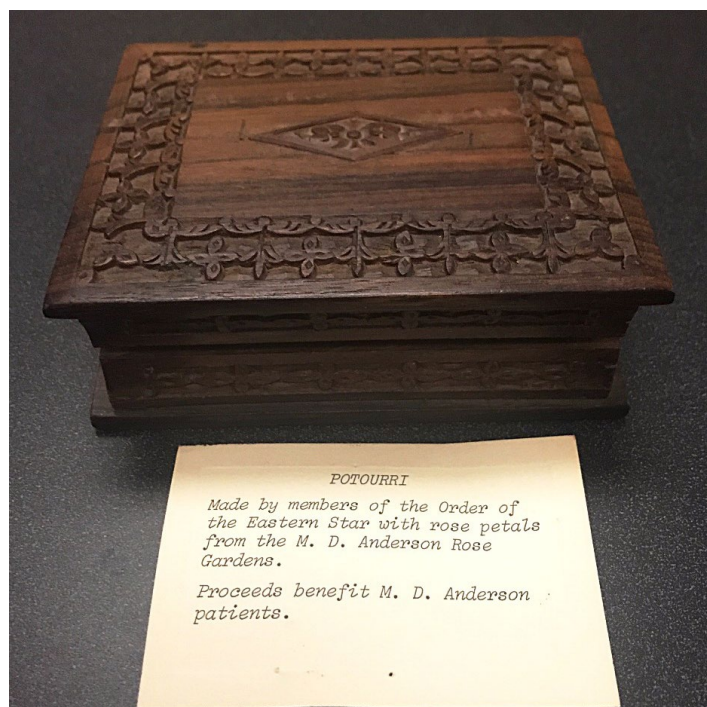
Did you know that MD Anderson used to have an intramural softball league that played during the summer? In 1979, the Anderson Angels were one of the teams vying for the title.

It came from the archives...



Above: A selection of post cards from Dr. Leonard Grimmet's personal archives. Dr. Grimmet served as a radiation physicist at MD Anderson from 1949 until his death in 1951.

Right: A wooden box used to hold potpourri made from flowers from the Tom Jean Moore Rose Garden. Thanks to Dr. Tamara Haygood for the donation. To learn more about the garden and its namesake, click [here](#).



Archives and manuscripts statistics

Reading Room Vists: 33

Reference Calls: 19

Reference emails: 78

Reference Hours: 86

Item Requests: 196

Deliverable: 824

Interviews accessed online: 2100

Images viewed online: 375

Videos viewed online: 601

New accessions: 20

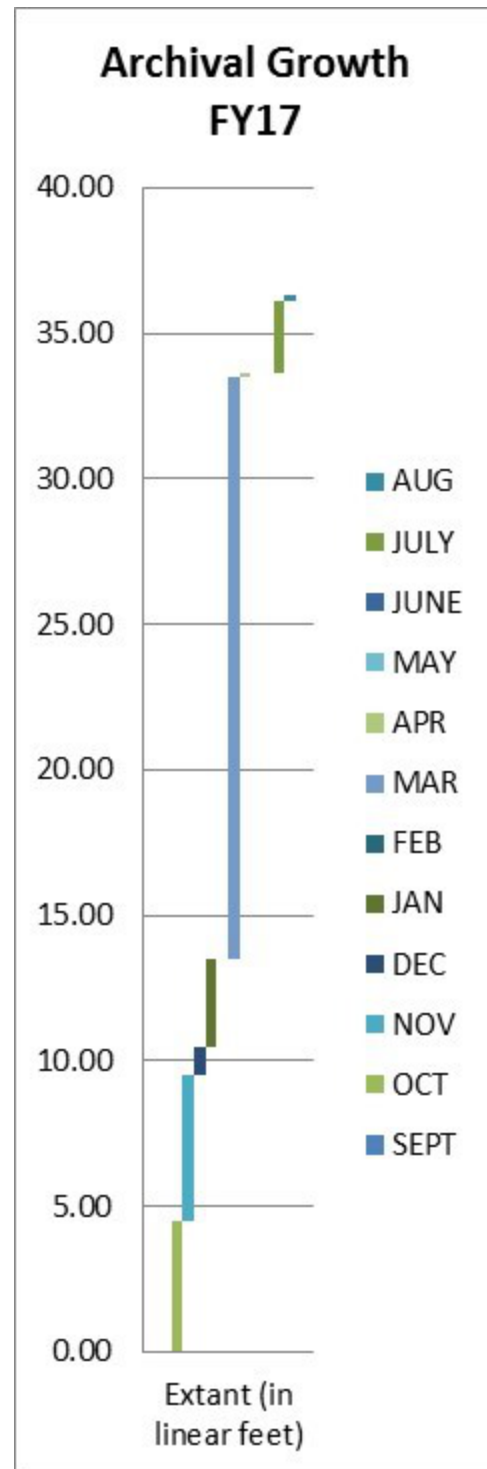
Amount donated: 36.3 linear feet

Digital files donated: 27.8 GB

Digital images uploaded: 564

Images scanned: 928

Right: Image shows the number of linear feet donated to the archives. This year we received approximately 38 feet from 20 accessions. This is a 3% growth in our collection extant.



Javier's Report

This past year, I've explored new options for making our archival collections available to researchers. Working on a pilot with the Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium, I've experimented with collection inventories that will ease archive and collection processing. This will expedite opening archival collections up for research and create a cross-platform for searching archives across the Texas Medical Center.

With the help of interns and volunteers, we've added new images to our digital collections. We now have over 1,000 digital images that span the history of MD Anderson. Collections include: The President's Office Records, The Children's Art Project, Communications Department, and Medical Graphics and Photography.

Lastly, I've created an online research request document to help expedite patron questions. This will help the archives track both collection use and reference data for better metrics reporting.

Making Cancer Voices® Oral History Collection

Tacey's update:

In addition to finalizing the interviews I conducted last fiscal year, I participated in two important collaborations in the past several months.

I contributed to a course offered by John Mulligan, PhD at Rice University on Medical Leadership. I met with John to help him use interviews from the oral history collection as part of his syllabus. I also offered two public lectures attached to this course, using many clips from the collection and showcasing the work we have done. The first was on how oral history interviews provides information useful for the study of leadership in medical institutions. The second focused on interviewing skills so students could learn to elicit information that would provide insight into leadership strategies and their impact on organizations.

Cathy Miller, archivist at UT Southwestern, contacted me for consultative support as that institution develops an institutional oral history project.



FY17 Interview Subjects

****Interviews with links are available online.***

Walter Baile, MD

Behavioral Science

[William Baun, MS, EPD, CWP, FAWHP \(d. 2016\)](#)

Wellness Officer, HR

[Aman U. Buzdar, MD](#)

Breast Medical Oncology

[Wenonah Ecung, MS, PhD](#)

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Marvin Meistrich, PhD

Experimental Radiation Oncology

Gordon Mills, MD, PhD

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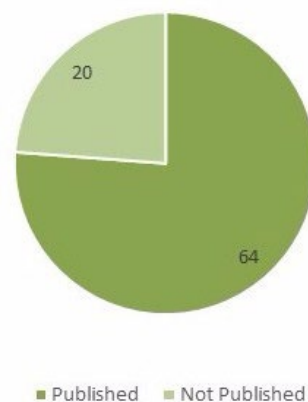
Oral History Processing Statistics

Total interview sessions: 21

Total interview time: 25.7 hours

Interactive clip PDFs created: 30

Interviews available online



One of our favorite products from the previous year was creating brief videos made from clips from our oral history collection. In this video Rebecca Kaul, MBA, Chief Innovation Officer, talks about innovation at MD Anderson.



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