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The webinar will begin at noon.**

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# Objectives

1. Define primary sources and describe the McGoogan Health Sciences Library Special Collections and Archives holdings.
2. Describe the early history of UNMC in Lincoln and Omaha.
3. Contextualize late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century themes such as World War I, immigration, and the Women's Suffrage Movement.
4. Frame UNMC history through the lens of women faculty, staff, and students.
  1. Stories of select women from the College of Pharmacy, the College of Nursing and the College of Medicine.



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# Background



UNMC Campus  
Omaha, NE  
1920



University of Nebraska Campus  
Lincoln, NE  
1870s



# College of Pharmacy Timeline

## **1908 (April)**

Approved by the Board of Regents as a School of Pharmacy under the College of Medicine, located at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus

## **1914**

College of Medicine moves all classes from Lincoln to Omaha. The School of Pharmacy remains in Lincoln

## **1915**

School of Pharmacy becomes the College of Pharmacy

## **1918**

Pharmacy Hall opens on the Lincoln campus

## **1958**

Lyman Hall, a new building for the College of Pharmacy, is built on the Lincoln campus

## **1972**

College of Pharmacy moves to Omaha and becomes a unit of UNMC



# Women in Pharmacy – National Trends



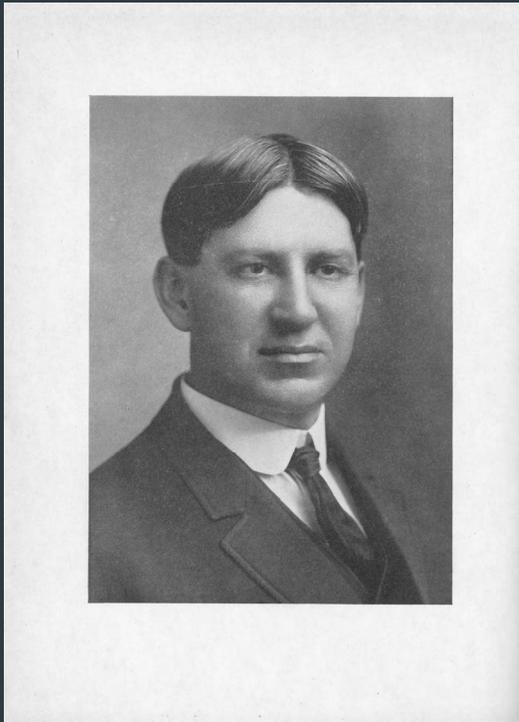
UPPER ROW (left to right)—CREUTZ, SAMUELSON, BATTY, ARENSON, RUSSELL, SCHAUFFELBERGER, BROWE.  
MIDDLE ROW—PFLUG, HANSEN, PAULUS, WARD, BOSTROM, READ, JOHNSON, LESH.  
BOTTOM ROW—DEAN LYMAN, PERUSSE, DAY, LARSON, McMURRAY, TOWNSEND, CHITTICK, BRUNER, THOMPSON.  
NOT IN THE PICTURE—ELLA HANSEN, ROBERT CHITTICK, RALPH ARNER, JOHN L. HARMON, VICTOR JOHNSON, REX V. BIXBY.

## The Pharmaceutical Society

College of Pharmacy, 1915  
Bessie Townsend, front row, second from right



# College of Pharmacy



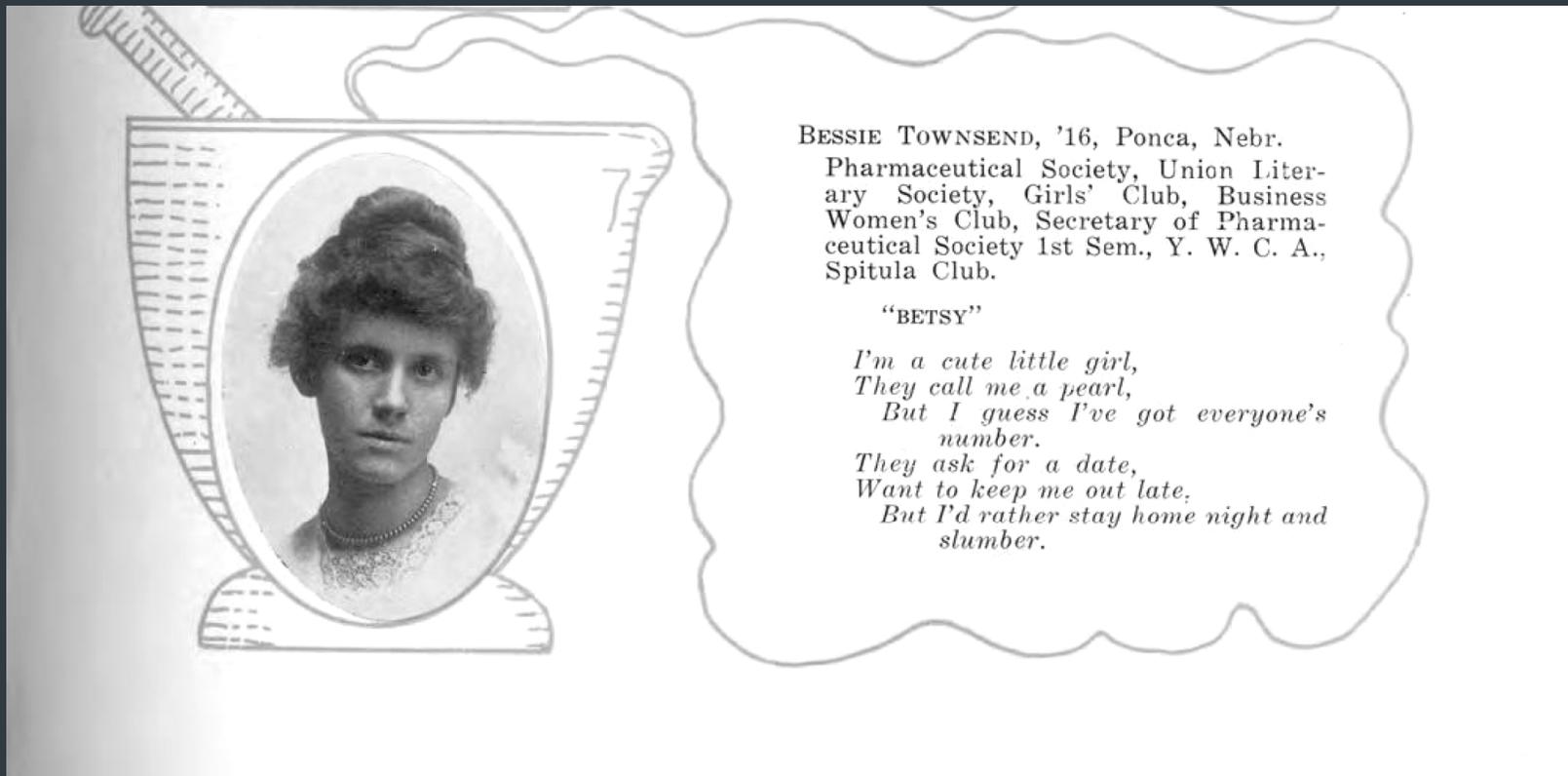
Rufus Lyman (1876-1957), 1915  
Dean, College of Pharmacy



Pharmacy Hall, circa 1918  
Lincoln, NE



# College of Pharmacy



Bessie Townsend, PhG (1894-1975)  
College of Pharmacy, Class of 1916



# College of Pharmacy



Lucille Keith, PhG  
College of Pharmacy, Class of 1918



# Colleges of Pharmacy and Medicine

## THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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3. **Pathologic Anatomy**—Conferences on current problems of general and special pathology for half the class. Two hours. Second semester, junior year.

4. **Clinical Diagnosis**—First semester, junior year, two hours lecture and demonstrations. Some work outside of regular hours is also required.

5. **Clinical Diagnosis**—Members of the senior class examine specimens, obtained from clinical cases, in the laboratory under the supervision of the professor in charge and report to the professor holding the clinic. First semester, senior year.

6. **Clinical Diagnosis**—5 continued. Second semester.

### PHARMACOLOGY

Professor Lyman, Adjunct Professor Stevens, Doctor Rowe,  
Mr. Perusse, Miss Day

1. **Pharmacy**—A laboratory course intended to familiarize the student with the fundamental processes in pharmacy, including the manufacturing, compounding, and dispensing of official preparations. Three hours quiz and laboratory. One hour credit. First semester, sophomore year.

Mr. Perusse, Miss Day

2. **Pharmacodynamics**—An experimental study of the physiological action of the drugs of therapeutic value. Two hours quiz. Six hours laboratory. Five hours credit. Second semester.

Professor Lyman, Miss Day

4. **Materia Medica**—A didactic and laboratory study of the origin, natural history, preparations, and methods of using individual drugs. The elements of prescription-writing and the use of the United States Pharmacopœia and the National Formulary are taught. Two hours attendance. Two hours laboratory. Two hours credit. Second semester.

Adjunct Professor Stevens, Doctor Rowe



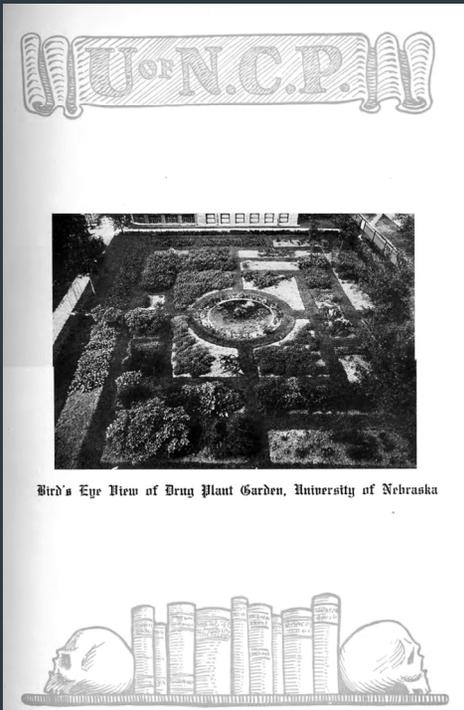
ELSIE DAY

Elsie Day, PhG  
(circa 1883 – 1949)  
1914

University of Nebraska  
School of Pharmacy  
Class of 1910



# College of Pharmacy



Drug Plant Garden  
University of Nebraska  
Circa 1915



Drug Plant Garden, University of Nebraska  
Undated

CREDIT: USDA DRUG AND POISONOUS PLANT  
INVESTIGATIONS PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION



# College of Nursing Timeline

- 1917 130-bed hospital opens. Temporary dormitory built for nursing students.
- 1923 Conkling Hall opened as a dormitory and administrative facility for the School of Nursing
- 1939 Nursing faculty given University rank
- 1957 New School of Nursing building dedicated (Now Specialty Services Building)
- 1972 School of Nursing program expands to Lincoln  
School of Nursing name changes to College of Nursing
- 1976 New College of Nursing building dedicated on the corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> and Dewey
- 1986 College of Nursing Western Division established
- 1991 Kearney Division of Nursing established
- 2010 The J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh College of Nursing opened in Norfolk  
The Center for Nursing Science opens on the Omaha campus
- 2015 The Health Science Education Complex opens on the  
University of Nebraska at Kearney campus



# College of Nursing



Josephine Chamberlin, RN  
(1877-1940)

This document is not a passport but is issued with the approval of the Department of State.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
WAR DEPARTMENT.

Form No. 633-B-A. G.O.  
Ed. June 4-18-5004

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY. Place ROCKWELL, N.J.  
No. 17428 Date JUL 25 1919  
I certify that Josephine Chamberlain is attached to the sanitary service of the United States Army, is authorized to accompany the Base Hospital #49 in the capacity of Nurse and is entitled to the privileges and immunities provided in Chapter III of the International Red Cross Convention of 1906. A brassard as prescribed in Article 20 thereof, which bears the same number as this certificate, has been issued to the person named. Identification data:  
female 41 brown brown  
(Sex.) (Age.) (Color of eyes.) (Color of hair.)  
67 lb. 127 white  
(Height, approximate.) (Weight, approximate.) (Race.)  
REMARKS: none  
(Include here notation of scars, etc., visible when clothed, which will aid in identification.)

Josephine Chamberlain  
(Rank and title.)

Index finger right hand.  
Tip of finger this end.

Print.

The image shows a historical document on aged, yellowed paper. At the top, it reads 'UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WAR DEPARTMENT.' followed by a form number. The main title is 'CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.' with handwritten details for Josephine Chamberlain, a nurse at Base Hospital #49. The document includes a small photograph of her in a nurse's uniform, a fingerprint, and various identifying fields like sex, age, eye color, hair color, height, weight, and race. There are some redacted areas with black boxes.

Josephine Chamberlin's WWI Identity Papers  
1919



# College of Nursing

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ADJUSTED COMPENSATION BRANCH  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
SIXTH AND B STREETS SW.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OCT 7 1924

DEAR SIR:

Your application for adjusted compensation has been received in this office and you have been assigned a number, which you will find in the upper left-hand corner of this card, and which will hereafter be referred to as your application number and will identify your application.

Do not write to the War Department asking when your application will be approved, as you will be notified when it has been acted on. However, if the War Department communicates with you, in your reply thereto, or in the case of any necessary correspondence originating with you, such as change of address, etc., be sure to refer to your application number.

Yours truly,  
ROBERT C. DAVIS,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General, United States Army.

W. W. C. Form 2a  
3-8779

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Josephine Chamberlin's  
Army Compensation Request  
1924



Nebraska Base Hospital No. 49  
WWI, France



# College of Nursing



South Building, Omaha Campus (Now Bennett Hall)  
Circa 1919

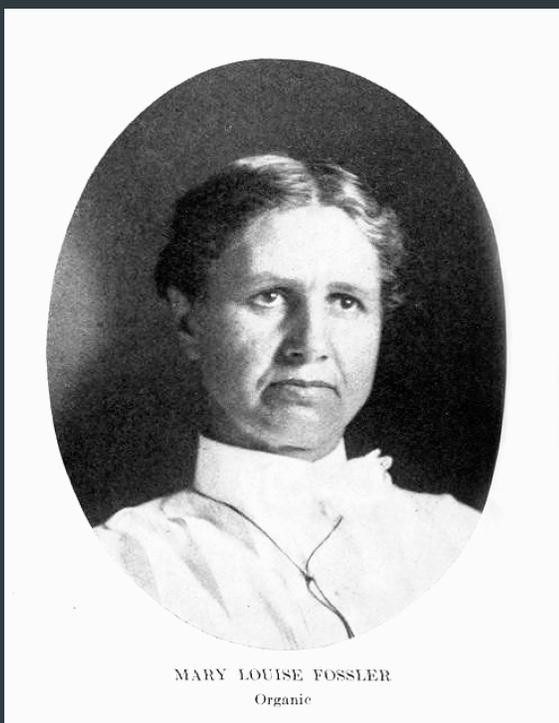


# College of Medicine Timeline

- 1869 Omaha Medical College is granted corporation status
- 1889 The original Omaha Medical College corporation status is dissolved so that a new Omaha Medical College can become incorporated
- 1902 Omaha Medical College partners with the University of Nebraska, becoming the University of Nebraska College of Medicine
- 1913 North Laboratory Building, southwest corner of 42nd Street & Dewey Avenue, completed, first building on new medical campus  
(renamed Poynter Hall in 1970)
- 1914 All College of Medicine classes offered exclusively in Omaha, none in Lincoln
- 1917 University Hospital opens



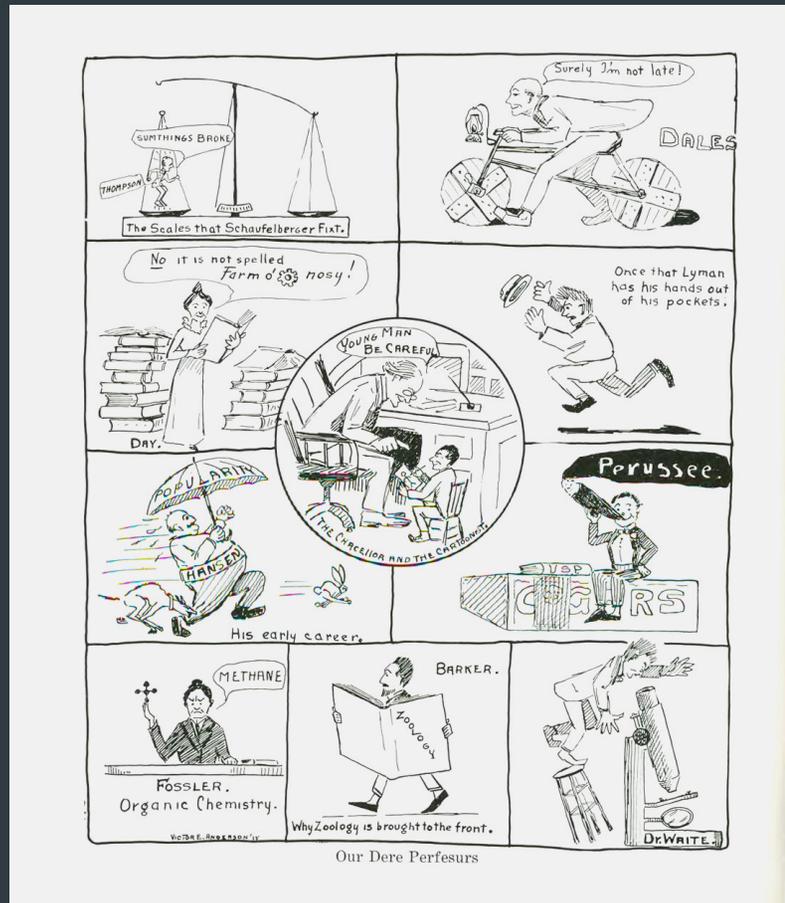
# Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy



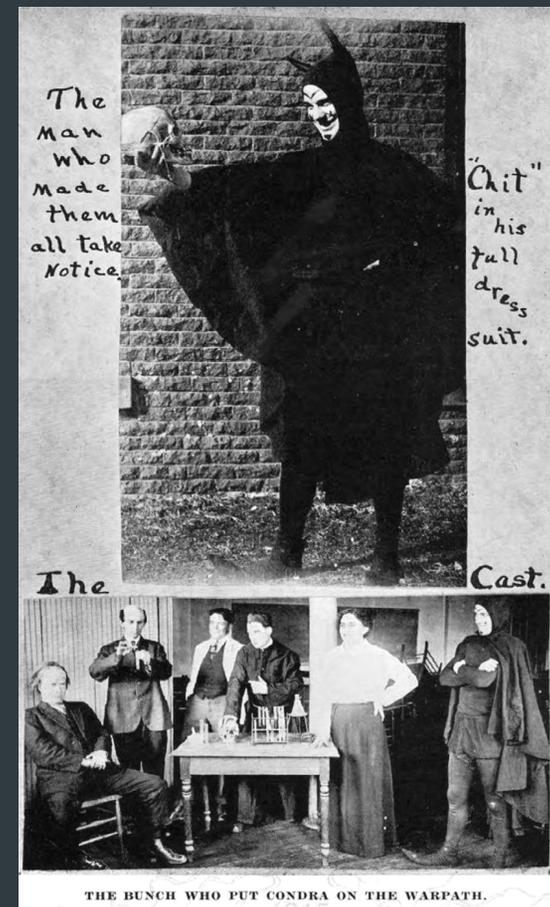
Mary Louise Fossler, BSc, AM Chemistry (1868-1952)  
University of Nebraska, Classes of 1894 and 1898



# Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy



College of Pharmacy  
Yearbook 1915



# Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy



The five Fossler sisters, Mary on the right

Credit: History Nebraska



# Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy



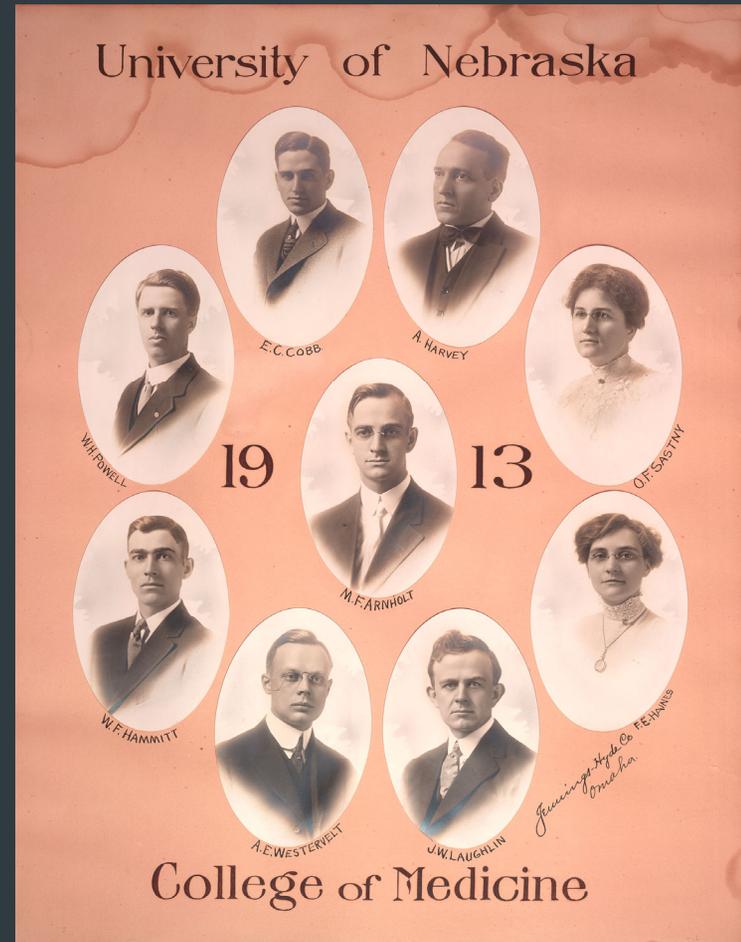
University professors "will realize that during war there can be no such thing as academic freedom and that they will see the necessity of suppressing individual views not in keeping with the spirit of the country."

Keith Neville, Governor of Nebraska, 1917-1919  
Photo Credit: History Nebraska



# College of Medicine

Olga Stastny, MD (1878-1952)  
College of Medicine  
Class of 1913, top right



# College of Medicine

Olga Stastny, MD (1878-1952)  
1918

Credit: Drexel University Libraries  
American Women's Hospitals records



# College of Medicine

Entrance to AWH Hospital No. 1 at Luzancy  
1918

Credit: Drexel University Libraries  
American Women's Hospitals records

