



## Collection 7

### **Name and Location of Repository:**

Northwestern Health Sciences University, Greenawalt Library. 2501 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, MN 55431. 952-885-5419. library@nwhealth.edu

**Title:** Collection of Notes from Edith Davis' Acupuncture Courses

**Dates:** 1987

**Extent:** 2 folders

**Name of Collector:** Unknown – “a former student”

### **Administrative and Biographical History** (Written by Corinne Florin, November 2009)

These notes were donated by a former student. They are presumably only a sample and do not necessarily represent the whole of Ms. Davis' teaching notes and handouts.

Edith Davis was a co-founder of the Acupuncture Society of Minnesota. She was introduced to acupuncture in 1977 when being treated for back problems. She decided to study acupuncture, and, in turn, began teaching upon finishing the course. In 1982 Ms. Davis opened her first clinic, located in south Minneapolis. It was named *Bao Jen*, meaning “Good Health.” A year later she established *The Healing Point* clinic in Richfield, and stayed there until she opened the Minnesota School of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies, which is now the Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, located at Northwestern Health Sciences University.

Davis served on the board of the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture from 1982 until 1990, and was the national representative of the Acupuncture Association of Minnesota. In later years, Ms. Davis stayed active in the AAM, serving on the legislative committee and chairing the bylaws committee in 2007. And in honor of and in tribute to her tireless support and activity regarding the practice of acupuncture, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty signed into law the Edith Davis Equal Access to Acupuncture law on May 6, 2009, ensuring parity for reimbursement to acupuncture.

Edith Davis died in May 2008, at the age of 87.

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More information on Edith Davis and acupuncture in Minnesota can be found in the article, “30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AOMAM: Celebrating the History and Professional Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine in Minnesota, 1978-2008” (see *Sources used* section at end of finding aid for link).

### **Scope and Content**

This collection consists of notes from classes taught by Edith Davis. Former library technician Corinne Florin arranged and described the collection in November 2009.

**Conditions Governing Access:** None

**Physical Access:** Materials are housed in archival storage and may require advance notice for access. Older materials have sustained some damage and should be used with caution.

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**Languages and Scripts of Material:** English

**Other Finding Aids:** Previous version of finding aid is available upon request

**Custodial History:** Unknown

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Unknown – “a former student”

**Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information:** Reappraised in 2018.

**Related Archival Materials:** Collection 29 – Edith Davis Collection; Pamphlet Collection has a leaflet for *Bao Jen*, Davis' first clinic

**Publication Note:** None known

**System of Arrangement** – created by Corinne Florin, November 2009. See item titles for further information on individual materials.

## **Box 1**

### *Folder 1:*

- Acupuncture Energetics, Session 2
- Acupuncture Energetics, Session 3—Pathology and the Penetration of Illness
- Acupuncture Energetics Study Guide #4—The Luo Vessels
- Acupuncture Energetics, Session 6—Divergent Meridians
- Acupuncture Energetics—Five Elements
- Acupuncture Energetics—Review and Synthesis
- Acupuncture Energetics Study Guide—The Tendino-Muscular Meridians

### *Folder 2:*

- Point Function Analysis—Guidelines
- Four-Point Treatments
- Steps in a Five-Element Diagnosis
- Five-Elements Treatment Principles
- The Five elements and the Zang/Fu—Bridging the Systems
- San Jiao Energetics—Study Guide

- Preliminary Protocols in the Treatment of the Late Effects of Polio

### **Finding Aid Description Information**

#### *Sources used:*

- Previous edition of finding aid, collection materials
- Previous finding aid referenced “Edith R. Davis: a life well lived” by Deah Kinion, L.Ac., which was found at <http://www.aaaomonline.info/qjunity/09/05/2c.html> in 2009, is no longer available online or from author
- “30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AOMAM: Celebrating the History and Professional Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine in Minnesota, 1978-2008,” available in part at <http://mnacupuncture.org/resources/Documents/AOMAM%2030%20year%20History%20booklet.pdf> and in full from the archives

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