



Collection 8

Name and Location of Repository:

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Title: J. Lamoine De Rusha Collection

Dates: 1931-1990

Extent: 8 boxes, plus three separated items listed at end of finding aid

Name of Creator(s): J. Lamoine De Rusha; former library technician Corinne Florin

Biographical History

Joseph Lamoine De Rusha was born October 16, 1911, in New York, NY. De Rusha graduated from New York University in a pre-dental program in 1932. However, De Rusha's mother was treated successfully by a chiropractor for a serious sinus ailment about this time, which prompted him to pursue a career in chiropractic. He graduated in 1937 from the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (now New York College of Chiropractic). De Rusha maintained a private practice and was a faculty member at the New York School of Chiropractic, another chiropractic college in New York City, from 1937 to 1942.

Prior to becoming a chiropractor, De Rusha had been a musician and taught music in New York. He married the former Klara Kollodge, a Minnesota native who was part of the famous Radio City Music Hall Rockettes dance team, on May 16, 1942. De Rusha served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II.

The De Rushas came to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1946, when De Rusha became a faculty member at Northwestern College of Chiropractic. He was associated with the departments of technic, gynecology, obstetrics, pediatrics, and geriatrics, and served as head of the departments of anatomy and neurology. He was dean of the college from 1950 to 1972, and dean emeritus from 1972 until his retirement. In addition to his teaching work, De Rusha conducted research on a number of topics, including correlation of neuroanatomy and neurodiagnosis, with applied chiropractic technique.

According to Ronald J. Schwartzbauer (1990),

[De Rusha] spoke on chiropractic to many clubs, organizations, conventions, and colleges over the years, including the University of Minnesota Medical School and Hospital. He lectured in 40 of the states, also Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Switzerland. In 1974, he was selected by the Australian Chiropractic Association to appear as guest speaker before the Victorian Parliament at Melbourne, Australia. He represented chiropractic on several state boards in Minnesota over the years, and was the recipient of numerous awards during his long career. He was selected by his peers as the first Minnesota Chiropractor of the Year, in 1953. The doctor also authored numerous articles on health and chiropractic and published his own book, *The Collected Writings of Dr. J. L. De Rusha*.

For all of his intense dedication to the advancement of the chiropractic profession, Dr. De Rusha also had another side to him. He had a marvelous sense of humor, a great sense of fun, and a bit of flamboyancy. I remember he always dressed with a touch of dash and had a penchant for gaudy cuff links on his French cuffed shirts. He loved his fur hats in the winter. After working hours he enjoyed being with his students.

The De Rushas had no children, and seem to have found Northwestern College of Chiropractic to be their family. J. Lamoine De Rusha died on December 20, 1989, of pneumonia and complications from Hodgkin's disease, at age 78. Klara De Rusha continued to be involved with the college until her death.

Scope and Content

The materials included in this collection were produced or collected by De Rusha in the course of his chiropractic practice and teaching career and in his life more broadly. Many of the materials are paper-based, including correspondence, diplomas, certificates, photographs, manuscript and published writings, and articles about De Rusha. Other materials are realia, including awards, memorabilia, medical instruments and models, personal belongings, a desk, and a large portrait in wood. Materials date from 1931 through 1990. Most materials pertain to the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, though some are from New York City, where De Rusha grew up, or from other places around the world, as De Rusha traveled for professional and personal reasons. Materials mostly pertain to chiropractic and Northwestern College of Chiropractic, and to De Rusha's personal life. Some materials in this collection are originals and some are reproductions, particularly copies of articles by or about De Rusha. Some materials present in other collections are believed to have been removed from De Rusha's initial donation; see the Related Archival Materials section below for more information.

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: None known

Custodial History: Uncertain. The collection was a donation from the De Rusha family, but it is not known whether the donation was made following J. Lamoine De Rusha's death, or following that of his wife, Klara De Rusha. The donation was made prior to the building of the archives, and materials may have been stored in multiple locations in the university and/or moved periodically.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Donation from De Rusha family. No donation records exist. It is not known whether the donation was made following J. Lamoine De Rusha's death, or following that of his wife, Klara De Rusha.

Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information: Reappraisal conducted February 2018. Materials documented as having been removed from original donation and inserted into other collections (photographs; diplomas, certificates, awards, and plaques) were transferred back to this collection at that time. These materials are also denoted in the box and series listing below.

Accruals: None expected. Donation and processing are complete; some potential for accruals if separated donated materials are discovered stored elsewhere.

Existence and Location of Copies: No known copies of original materials.

Related Archival Materials: Collection 1 - Collection on Minnesota State Board of Medical Examiners vs. Olson, et al, Collection 2 – Photographs, Collection 12 – NWHSU 50th Anniversary Collection, Collection 14 – NWHSU Collection of University History Materials, Collection 19 – NWHSU Commencement Programs, Collection 20 – NWHSU Collection of Professional Convention Programs. Additionally, a bronze bust of De Rusha, sculpted by NWHSU faculty member John B. Wolfe, Jr., is on permanent display in the locked case in the hallway outside the library.

Many items in Collection 2 and Collection 20 likely were removed from De Rusha's original donation, as were many of the early commencement programs in Collection 19. This assertion is made because the materials are inscribed with his name, have notes in his handwriting, or have his name underlined in programs for conferences at which he was presenting.

Publication Note: None known

Notes

Some materials have been transferred from previous locations in other collections when it has been determined that they originated in the De Rusha donation and that they could be reunited with their originating collection with minimal difficulty. These transferred materials are discussed in notes following their box and/or folder designations below.

Former library technician Corinne Florin processed, arranged, and described the collection in January 2010. Current archivist Monica Howell surveyed and reappraised the collection, and updated its arrangement and description in February 2018.

During an in-house digitization project conducted after the previous library technician retired and before the current archivist began working with the archives, all photos in this collection were removed from their housings and turned over to library staff members who were unfamiliar with archival standards and procedures. The photos were not kept in any order or kept associated with their former homes, so while this finding aid includes details about individual photos, some of them have since been redistributed elsewhere in the larger photo collection and are now essentially missing from this collection. These missing photos are noted in this finding aid, and since they have penciled identification numbers on their reverses, they will be refiled into this collection when found.

System of Arrangement: Materials are in chronological order unless noted otherwise. Descriptive information is given at the item level; see listings below.

Box 1 – Series 1: Papers and Photographs

Location: MA Cabinet.1

Folder 1: Biographical Information (listed here in no particular order)

- Certificate of Moral Character
- Article, “Dr. DeRusha Chosen Chiropractor of the Year”, *The Journal of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association*, July 1953
- Memorial Program, January 2, 1990
- Biographical information included in speech titled, “Homecoming Acclamation,” 1983
 - Draft of speech
 - Printed version in *Northwestern Bulletin & Alumni News*
- “In Memoriam”, from *Communicator*, January 3, 1990
- Certificate of Member in Good Standing from Minnesota Chiropractic Association, n.d.
- Certificate of Attendance, American Chiropractic Association Seminar, Interlaken, Switzerland, November 10, 1981
- Chiropractic Examiners License, 1982
- Article, “Dr. De Rusha Looks Back to the NWCC Future, Past”, in *NWCC Bulletin*, December 1986
- List of donors to De Rusha Recognition, 1983
- Handwritten note, n.d.
- Attendee ribbons, n.d.
 - Speaker
 - Delegate, Minnesota Association of Chiropractors
- Memorial cards, 1989
- Announcement of recognition ceremony, July 1982
- Article, “Dr. and Mrs. J. Lamoine De Rusha to be Honored at 1983 Homecoming”, *Northwestern Bulletin & Alumni News*, 1982
- Article, “’83 Homecoming to Honor Dr. & Mrs. J. Lamoine De Rusha”, *Northwestern Bulletin & Alumni News*, n.d.
- Article, “1982 Homecoming Presentation”, *Northwestern Bulletin & Alumni News*, n.d.
- Article, “Homecoming Afterglow”, *Northwestern Bulletin & Alumni News*, n.d.
- 2 photos taken at La Barraca, Madrid, Spain. No other information.
- Business cards in folder
 - Also International College of Chiropractic, Inc., Honorary Fellow membership card

Folder 2: Correspondence

Letters

- From *Journal of Drugless Physicians*, 1941
- From Dr. J. Ben Pwath (?), 1951
- From Leonard Luta, 1951; includes Toastmasters International certificate
- From Dr. R. F. Kleeberger, 1953
- From Dr. W.J. Hynan, 1955
- From Dr. Wm . F. Hynan, 1955
- From Beltrami Chiropractic Clinic, 1955
- From Kentucky Association of Chiropractors, Inc. 1957
- From Chiropractic Association of Arizona, 1961
- From American Council on Mental Health, 1972

- To Herman S. Schwartz, 1972
- From Australian Chiropractors' Association, 1974
- From New Zealand Chiropractors' Association, 1976
- To "An Open Letter to My Students", 1980
- To Dr. Wolf from Dr. Russel W. Nelson, re: Dr. De Rusha, 1981
- To "Doctor", from V. Duane Henre, re: Dr. De Rusha, 1982
- From V. Duane Henre, 1984 (with photo)
- From Dr. Steven Bell to patients and friends of "Dr. D.'s", re: Dr. De Rusha, 1985
- 2 letters, n.d.

Cards

- Congratulatory card from the Healows, 1969
- Congratulatory card from Ed and Joanne, 1969
- Congratulatory card from Aux. to the Minn. Chiropractic Ass'n., 1969
- Congratulatory card from Eleanor and Bill, 1969
- Congratulatory card from Mellie, Mack and family, 1969
- Card of thanks from Northwestern College of Chiropractic, 1982 (with photo)
- Christmas card from Adelia Pehlstrom, 1983 (with photos)

Folder 3: Newspaper Clippings

- "Chiropractors to Meet in Hastings", *The Hastings Daily Tribune* (Nebraska), Sept. 16, 1953
- "Chiropractic Theory Told", *The Wichita Eagle* (Kansas), May 6, 1955
- "Medical Group Lectures Due", *The Daily Oklahoman*, Sept. 5, 1960
- "Modern Ailment", *The Denver Post*, March 8, 1962
- "Chiropractic called remedy for a variety of body ailments", *The Minnesota Daily*, May 25, 1976 (with notes)
- "Chiropractor of the Year", no citation
- "Rockettes surprise former dancer for her birthday", no citation

Folder 4: Speeches

- Graduation speeches, 1963; 1967; miscellaneous, n.d.
- Homecoming speeches, n.d.
- Miscellaneous speeches, various dates

Folder 5: Writings (listed here roughly in reverse order to that found in the folder)

- "The Tempora-Mandibular Syndrome" (2 copies)
- "Preventive Health Care Through Chiropractic"
- "Neuro-allergic consideration of Hyperactive Children"
- "Extremity Disturbances of the Leg, Ankle, and Foot"
- "Pediatric History and Examination" (Reference Notes)
- "Dietary Management of Neuro-allergic Syndromes"
- "Attributes to Consider During a Pediatric Examination"
- "The Basic Clinical Neurological Examination"
- "We Have Lived This Year Before"
- "The Doctrine of Chiropractic"
- "Australian Quest and Commitment" (2 copies)
- "Clinical Chiropractic"

- “I am here! Isn’t that enough!”
- “Neurological Care, Findings and Management of Chiropractic Cases”
- “Mechanical Distortion and Some Resultant Influences Upon Orchestral Players in the Smaller Commercial Bands”
- “Differential Diagnosis in Disturbances of the Back”

Folder 6: Miscellaneous

- Miscellaneous notes, jokes, quotations
- NWCC vinyl pad folder
- Legal pad of notes (*housed with Collection 3, Box 1, due to size*)

Folder 7: Photographs

Photographs have been transferred from their former location in Collection 2. These photographs are known to have been removed from the De Rusha Collection at the time of donation processing, and are rejoining their original collection here. The photographs are each numbered on their reverse. Some are noted as missing and will be replaced if and when found. Other photographs still in Collection 2 are likely to have been removed from this donation during processing, but cannot be documented.

Black & white

- #2-005 teaching at NYSS; January 1939
- #2-006 n.p., 1947
- #2-007 his first car, a LaSalle (1935 LaSalle Avenue, Mpls.); 1949
- #2-008 lecturing at Colorado; 1950
- #2-009 playing saxophone, May 1954
- #2-010 watering tree at a party; December 1955
- #2-011 February 16, 1973
- #2-012 February 16, 1973
- #2-013 MCA Convention, Duluth Radisson; May 3, 1973
- #2-014-#2-022 October 1973
- #2-023 contact sheet; 1978 MISSING
- #2-024 contact sheet; 1978 MISSING
- #2-025 relaxing on a Sunday picnic; 1986
- #2-026 “Diamond Jim Brady” (Dr. D. in jail); n.d.
- #2-027 administering the oath at the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN; n.d.
- #2-028 passport photo; n.d.
- #2-029-#2-047 various, n.d.
- #2-061.B unlabeled individual b&w, n.d.

Color

- #2-048 at cottage at Coon Lake, MN (dressed in nightshirt); October 1956
- #2-049 25th wedding anniversary; May 16, 1967
- #2-050 relaxing; August 1967
- #2-051 1981
- #2-052 Homecoming; 1982
- #2-053 at office on Nicollet Mall; 1983
- #2-054 Christmas party; December 1984
- #2-055 Minnesota Chiropractic Convention, Madden’s; 1987
- #2-056 “Old office when school moved to Park Avenue 1950;” n.d.

#2-057 MISSING

#2-058-#2-061 various, n.d.

Folder 8: Diplomas & Certificates

These materials have been transferred from their previous location in Collection 3. They were arranged intellectually with this collection, Collection 8, but also with Collection 3, and were numbered and housed with Collection 3. Their arrangement, description, and housing are being transferred to this collection, while retaining their original numbering. Some Series I materials are housed in Box 8 due to their size and condition.

#3-002 George Washington High School Diploma (New York)—1931 (photocopy)

#3-004 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners of Delaware—1940

#3-006 Chiropractic Service Corps—1942

#3-007 Minnesota State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Application for Annual Registration—1947

#3-008 Minnesota State Board of Examiners Certificate of Registration in the Basic Sciences—1947

#3-012 Oklahoma Chiropractic Association—1960

#3-016 National College of Chiropractic—1983

#3-017 Chiropractic Leadership Award—n.d.

Box 2 – Series II: Realia

Location: MA 3.3

Two items in this box have been transferred from their previous location in Collection 3. They were arranged intellectually with this collection, Collection 8, but also with Collection 3, and were numbered and housed with Collection 3. Their arrangement, description, and housing are being transferred to this collection, while retaining their original numbering. They appear at the end of the item list below.

- 2 tobacco pipes
- Pipeholder shaped as easy chair
- Box containing cufflinks from Australian Natives Association
- Gavel
- Reflex hammer
- Wooden praying hands
- Plaster model of half brain
- Plastic wood-look spine model
- Stethoscope
- Thermometer (*may contain mercury*)
- Welch Allyn Transluminator in original box
- Two other Welch Allyn instruments, possibly accessories for the Transluminator or other instrument
- Ear probe covers in plastic case
- Welch Allyn Ophthalmoscope instruction manual
- Empty box addressed to De Rusha at NWCC's Park Avenue location
- Button, "Take a Back Seat to No One!" : Support the De Rusha Clinical Education Center, n.d.
- **#3-035** Faculty member (n.d.)
- **#3-028** Recognition of 41 years of service to NWCC—1987

Box 3 – Series II: Realia

Location: MA 3.3

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- 1983 Homecoming pen
- **#3-020** Chiropractor of the Year—1953
- **#3-021** American Chiropractic Association—1973
- **#3-022** American Chiropractic Association—1978
- **#3-023** Minnesota Chiropractic Association—1974

Box 4 – Series II: Realia

Location: MA 3.3

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- Automobile emblem, “Doctor of Chiropractic”
- **#3-029** Paperweight 1941-1981
- **#3-030** Wooden collector plate 1983
- **#3-031** Minnesota Chiropractic Association 1989
- **#3-032** (Loose) nameplate for #3-031
- **#3-034** Distinguished Service Award MCA—n.d.

Box 5 – Series II: Realia

Location: MA 3.3

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- **#3-026** Council on Chiropractic Education—1983
- **#3-027** NWCC Alumni Association—1983
- **#3-033** NWCC Foundation—n.d.
- **#3-024** ACA Headquarters Memorial Plate #1/200—1986

Box 6 – Series II: Realia

Location: MA 3.5

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- **#3-038** NWCC Foundation, Inc. (n.d.)
- **#3-039** Council on Chiropractic Education accreditation status 1979
- **#3-040** Commemorative plate New York Chiropractic College (n.d.)

Box 7 – Series II: Realia

Location: MA. BS3.6

Materials in this box have been transferred from their previous location in Collection 3. They were arranged intellectually with this collection, Collection 8, but also with Collection 3, and were numbered and housed with

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- **#3-009** Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 1947
- **#3-014** American Chiropractic Association, 1976 (letter in pocket on back)
- **#3-015** New York Chiropractic College, 1983
- **#3-025** NWCC Student Senate, 1983
- **#3-037** International College of Chiropractors, undated

Box 8 – Series I: Papers and Photographs

Location: MA.BS3.6

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Photographs

- Large framed photograph of De Rusha working with a student and a patient

Diplomas and Certificates

- **#3-001** George Washington High School diploma (New York), 1931 (original)
 - This item is rolled. See also photocopy in Box 1, Folder 8. If original must be consulted, use with caution.
- **#3-003** New York School of Chiropractic, 1937
- **#3-005** State Board of Chiropractic Examiners of Delaware, 1940
 - This item was previously stored rolled. Use with caution.
- **#3-010** National Chiropractic Association, 1949
- **#3-011** International College of Chiropractors, 1954
- **#3-013** Commonwealth of Kentucky, 1978

SEPARATED MATERIALS

Archives Annex – Series II: Realia

- **Desk** – likely from De Rusha’s downtown Minneapolis clinic office; added to collection in August or September 2015 after being found in university storage
- **Wood portrait** – created by Minnesota artist Glenn S. Elvig in 1983, who appears in Northern Woods exhibition catalog, p. 6 (digital and print copies of catalog are available upon request); provenance and donation history unknown (may have been owned by De Rusha or by university)
- **Portable typewriter** – typewriter in carrying case, labeled as having belonged to De Rusha

Finding Aid Description Information

Sources used:

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