

Alberta Lucille Hart / Dr. Alan L. Hart collection, 1911-2019

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Hart, Alan, b. 1890
Title	Alberta Lucille Hart / Dr. Alan L. Hart collection
Dates	1911-2019 (inclusive) 1911 2019
Quantity	1 box
Collection Number	OLPb185HAR
Summary	Collection of papers and research on Alberta Lucille / Dr. Alan L. Hart, an Oregon doctor who underwent transgender surgery in 1918.
Repository	Lewis & Clark College, Special Collections and Archives Lewis & Clark College Special Collections and Archives Aubrey R. Watzek Library 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. Portland, OR 97219 Telephone: 503-768-7758 Fax: 503-768-7282 archives@lclark.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open for research.
Languages	English

Historical Note

Dr. Alan L. Hart, born Alberta Lucille Hart was an American physician, radiologist, tuberculosis researcher, writer and novelist. In 1917–18 Hart was one of the first to undergo transgender surgery in the United States. Hart pioneered the use of x-ray photography in tuberculosis detection, and helped implement TB screening programs in the Pacific Northwest and Idaho. In 1948 Hart was appointed Director of Hospitalization and Rehabilitation for the Connecticut State Tuberculosis Commission. In addition to medical research, Hart wrote four popular fiction novels based on the medical practice fields he worked. These include *Doctor Mallory* (1935); *The Undaunted* (1936); *In the Lives of Men* (1937); *Doctor Finlay Sees it Through* (1942).

Alberta Lucille/Alan Hart was born October 4, 1890, in Halls Summit, Coffey County, Kansas, to Albert L. Hart and Edna Hart (née Bamford). When Hart's father died of typhoid fever in 1892, Hart's mother reverted to her maiden name and moved the family to Linn County, Oregon. In 1895 Hart's mother remarried, to Bill Barton. Lucille Hart attended Albany High School and Albany College, transferring to Stanford University in 1911-12. Hart earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Oregon Medical Department in 1917. Hart was married to Inez Stark from 1918-1924, and to Edna Ruddick from 1925 until his death in 1962.

In 1917, Hart approached Joshua Allen Gilbert, Ph.D., M.D., at the University of Oregon who treated Hart both psychologically and medically. Hart's transition surgery was completed at the University of

Oregon Medical School over the 1917–1918 winter vacation. Following the surgery Hart changed his name from Lucille to Alan and assumed the life of a man. Hart's true identity remained unknown until Jonathan Ned Katz first identified Hart as the pseudonymous "H" in Joseph Gilbert's 1920s case notes. Katz featured Hart in his book, *Gay American History: Lesbians and Gay Men in the U.S.A.* (1976).

Hart was accomplished in the medical profession, a popular writer of medical fiction, and following his death, his wife Edna established a fund for research into leukemia, from which his mother had died.

Content Description

This collection primarily contains photocopies of material by or about Alberta Lucille/Dr. Alan L. Hart. Contributors include the records of Albany College (now Lewis & Clark College), research and notes by Thomas Lauderdale, Brian Booth, and Tom Cook; documents from Hart family friend and executor Harold C. Buckingham, Jr.; and research and writings of Joyce Blankenship among others. This collection was compiled by Lewis & Clark College Special Collections and Archives.

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Alberta Lucille Hart / Dr. Alan L. Hart papers

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	"Women's Ideas of Dress Reform" by Lucille Hart. Printed in the Oregonian newspaper	19130413
1	2	"11 Doctors Graduated" Article on Hart's graduating class from the University of Oregon Medical School. Printed in the Oregonian newspaper	19170610
1	3	"Attire did not proclaim man" Printed in the Oakland Tribune	19180205
1	4	"Dr. Alan Hart said to be Oregon girl" Printed in the Daily Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon	19180205
1	5	"Dr. A. Lucille Hart wore male attire" Printed in the Daily Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon	19180206
1	6	"Dr. Hart explains change to male attire" Printed in the Albany Daily Democrat.	19180326

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1	7	"Amazing sex discovery" Article printed in the Medical Sentinel	191806
1	8	"Homo-sexuality and its treatment" by J. Allen Gilbert Ph.D. M.D. Published in the Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease Article details the case of Lucille / Alan Hart who underwent transgender surgery in 1917-1918. Gilbert was Hart's physician and wrote the article identifying his patient as only "H".	1920
1	9	"The Undaunted" book review, New York Times	1936
1	10	Alan L. Hart to Mrs. Rinehart at the Hopewell Hospital [correspondence]	19210812
1	11	Alan L. Hart to Webster A. Jones at the Oregonian newspaper. [correspondence]	1933
1	12	Alan L. Hart personal history and timeline through 1933. Sent to Webster A. Jones at the Oregonian newspaper.	1933
1	13	Alan L. Hart to Mr Thacker of Boise, Idaho [correspondence]	19201220
1	14	Alberta Lucille Hart / Alan Hart census record reports 1900, 1910, 1920	2019
1	15	The Takenah: Albany College yearbook Contains several images of Lucille Hart and her college romantic partner Eva Cushman. Contains several essays written by Hart while attending Albany College.	1911
1	16	A. Lucille Hart: Albany College records	1912
1	17	Alan Hart draft registration	1918
1	18	Alan Hart draft registration	1941
1	19	Alan L. Hart: Will and Testament, Boise, Idaho	19430628
1	20	Dr. Alan L. Hart: Obituaries	1962

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1	21	Oregon Health Sciences University: Memo on Hart's attendance	19920205
1	22	Alan Hart and Inez Stark marriage announcement. Printed in the San Francisco Examiner	19180210
1	23	Alan Hart and Inez Stark Oregon divorce complaint	1925
1	24	Alan Hart and Inez Stark Oregon divorce findings and conclusions.	1925
1	25	Alan Hart and Edna Ruddick marriage license and marriage certificate	19250515
1	26	Edna Ruddick Hart: resume	c. 1938
1	27	Edna Ruddick Hart: Will and Testament	1980
1	28	Edna Ruddick Hart: notice of death from Harold C. Buckingham, Jr.	19820325
1	29	Edna Ruddick Hart: Obituary	1982
1	30	Edna Ruddick Hart: Death certificate	1982
1	31	Medical Research Foundation of Oregon: Memo on Hart estate fund	19820902
1	32	Edna B. and Will Barton residential listing: Albany directory	1920
1	33	Edna B. Barton obituary	1938

Writings and research on Alberta Lucille Hart / Dr. Alan L. Hart

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	34	"Private Lives, Public Struggles" by Gerard Koskovich	199307
1	35	"The Incredible Life and Loves of the Legendary Lucille Hart" by Thomas Lauderdale, Tom Cook	1993

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1	36	"Decades ago, an Oregon doctor tried to redefine gender" by Tom Bates	19960714
1	37	"The Alan Lucille Hart Story" by Ken Morris, Kay Brown	1996
1	38	"Public Careers and Private Sexuality: Some Gay and Lesbian Lives in the History of Medicine and Public Health" by Bert Hansen PhD.	2002
1	39	"Alan Hart: A new man, or still just passing?" by Vanessa Selbst	2003
1	40	"The life and career of Alberta Lucille / Dr. Alan L. Hart" by Brian Booth	2003
1	41	"Alberta Lucille Hart / Dr. Alan Hart: An Oregon Pioneer" by Brian Booth, Thomas Lauderdale	2005
1	42	"TG History: The measure of a man - Dr. Alan Hart" by Michelle Moore	2010
1	43	"You don't say: In small-town magic valley, TB met its match" by Steve Crump	2010
1	44	"Doctor Alan Hart: X-ray vision in the archive" by Emile Devereaux. Australian Feminist Studies.	2010
1	45	"Queer reading of Alan Hart's the Undaunted" by Colin Close	2010
1	46	"Manifesting destiny: Dr Alan Hart's transformation and the embodiment of sex in early twentieth-century sexology" by Colin Close	2014
1	47	"This side of the road" by Joyce Blankenship Book includes material on Alan and Inez (Stark) Hart and the history of Port Tonsend, Washington.	2016
1	48	"Born in 1891, this transgender Oregonian was a man ahead of his time" by Molly Woodstock. Portland Monthly Magazine.	2018
1	49	"Dr. Alan L. Hart: 'An idyll of a country childhood,' An Oregon transgender pioneer" by Zachariah Selley	2019

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	50	Alan L. Hart research notes compiled by Joyce Blankenship	2016
1	51	Inez Stark genealogy and research notes by Joyce Blankenship	2016
1	52	Lucille / Alan Hart research notes by Booth, Lauderdale, Cook	c. 2005
1	53	Hart bibliography	2019

Photographs

Contains photographs of Alberta Lucille Hart / Alan L. Hart copied from Albany College publications and other print resources. Copies of photographs of Inez Stark provided by Joyce Blankenship.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
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1	54.1	Lucille Hart as child	c. 1890
1	54.2	Albany College Girls Debate League Champions: Martha Montague, Inez Easton, Lucille Hart	1907
1	54.3	Lucille Hart	1911
1	54.4	Chemistry Laboratory Class at Albany College [Lucille Hart, second from right]	1911
1	54.5	Albany College Editorial Staff [Lucille Hart, top right]	1911
1	54.6	Dr. Alan L. Hart	c. 1930
1	54.7	Dr. Alan L. Hart	c. 1950
1	54.8	Eva Cushman	1911
1	54.9	Inez Stark	c. 1900-1980

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Transsexualism--United States--Biography

Geographical Names :

Oregon

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