

Minnesota's First Female Veterinarian

Employer's Name	Employment Dates	Pay
Dr. Joan Parent of Foley	9/1/44 - 1/16/45	\$1,200.00
Morgan Animal Hospital	10/1/44 - 1/16/45	\$1,200.00

Morgan's employment records show the dates during which Scherger worked for him and the amount of pay. They also reveal that she was living in a small apartment above the clinic. These records were among the material gathered from the Lyndale Animal Hospital this fall.

For decades, Dr. Joan Parent of Foley – who came in 1945 from Ontario – has been known as Minnesota's first female veterinarian. But we recently learned that Dr. Louise Ann Scherger, a Kansas native who received her veterinary degree from Kansas State in September, 1944, came to Minneapolis and practiced from October 1, 1944, to January 16, 1945 with the Morgan Animal Hospital at 2544 Lyndale Avenue South, living in an apartment above the clinic.



Dr. Louise Ann Scherger
Photograph provided by Leslie Ann Gentry

In 1945, Scherger moved on to Nebraska and Wisconsin. She married Charles M. Lombard in 1948 and changed her surname to Lombard. She earned a Ph.D. in pathology from the University of Wisconsin in 1950 and continued her career as a pathologist. She died in California in 1987.



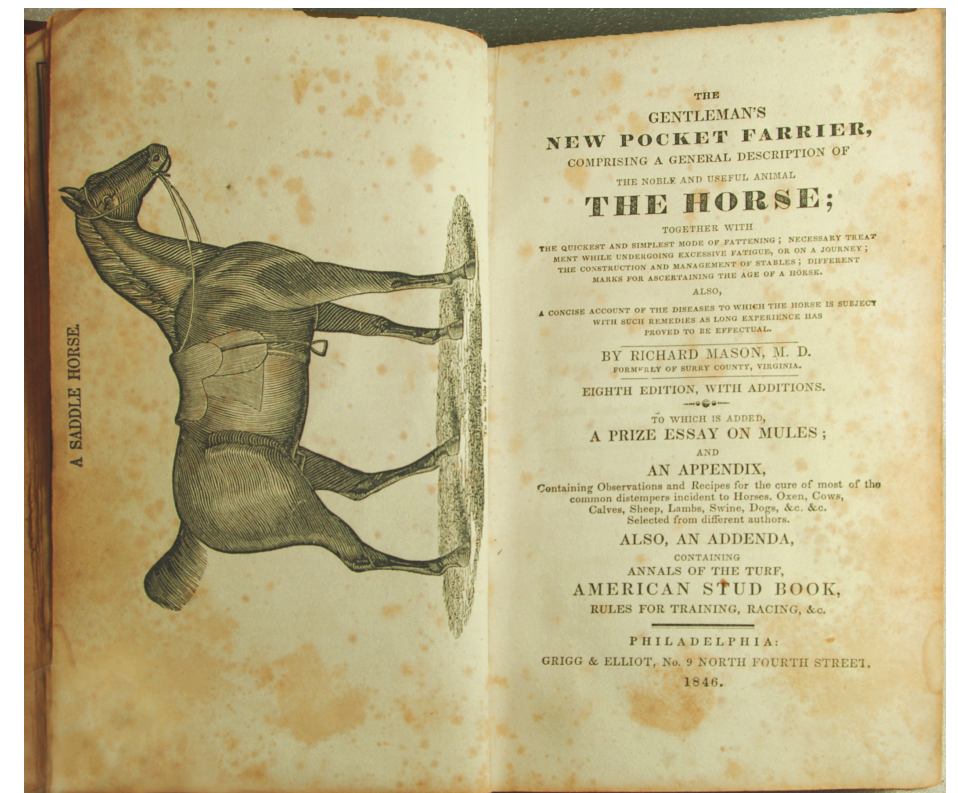
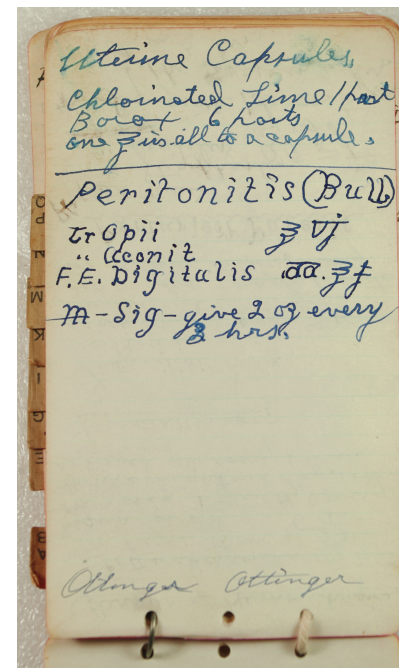
Dr. Ora Morgan
Photograph donated by James Viken

DR. ORA B. MORGAN, a 1914 graduate of Kansas City Veterinary College, brought Dr. Scherger to Minneapolis. Morgan's Lyndale Avenue hospital, built in 1936, is thought to be the first building in the city designed and built as a small animal clinic. It still stands, operated today as the Lyndale Animal Hospital.

THIS FALL, the museum was able to acquire some superb artifacts from Dr. Morgan's practice that had survived in the clinic building. We also made contact with Morgan's grandson, James Viken, Ph.D., who gave us some reminiscences about his grandfather.



Artifacts recently collected from the Lyndale Animal Hospital include Morgan's 1914 diploma from Kansas City Veterinary College.



Other 2021 Acquisitions at the Veterinary Museum

Clockwise from upper left: a recipe book kept by Dr. Guy A. Ottinger of Jamestown N.D., donated by his granddaughter, Ann Hohenhaus, D.V.M. of New York city; *The Gentleman's New Pocket Farrier*, Philadelphia, 1846, from a large donation of books by Lanny Krause, D.V.M. of Summerton, So. Carolina; photo of August Mueller, on his dairy farm in Sibley County, donated by his niece, Barb Mueller (August Mueller, as a state representative, sponsored the bill that established the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1947); pharmaceuticals donated by Byron B. Emswiler, D.V.M., M.B.A., J.D., of La Quinta, California; X-ray unit donated by Wayne Weiland, D.V.M., of Holcombe, Wisconsin.

“Writing My Own Obituary”: A Request from Dr. Evelyn Groth Townsend

Q: I would like to know how many students graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine before 1965. I am writing my own obituary and want to include the percent of women graduated by that date. I was one of

three in the class of '65.

A: According to our count there were a total of 630 graduates from 1951 through 1965. Twelve of them were women, giving a figure of 1.9 percent.