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Biographical Information

George M. Laughlin (1872-1948) graduated from the American School of Osteopathy (ASO) in 1900. He became a pioneering osteopathic surgeon, specializing in orthopedics. He served as dean of the ASO from 1900-1906, 1908-1910, and 1912-1918.

In 1919, Laughlin opened the Laughlin Osteopathic Hospital and an affiliated training school for osteopathic nurses. In 1922, Laughlin founded the Andrew Taylor Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery (ATSCOS), a rival school to the ASO. Two years later, he bought out the stock of the ASO, merged it with ATSCOS, and renamed the combined institution the Kirksville Osteopathic College (KOC). Laughlin served as president of the new school, renamed Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery (KCOS) in 1926, until 1943.

Dr. Laughlin was married to Blanche M. Still (1876-1959), A.T. Still's youngest child. They had two children, George A. Laughlin, DO, and Mary Jane Laughlin Denslow. Donations from

these families form the core of the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine, (SM)'s collections. Dr. Laughlin came from a large Kirksville family; three of his brothers became osteopathic physicians as well.