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Bristol, Leonard and Virginia

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Interview Log

*Interview by Amy Catania and Jim Clark*

01:47 Dr. Bristol arrives at Saranac Laboratory in November 1948

Arrived in SL. Primary function was at Sanatorium but most of time was spent at Lab.

Names various Doctors he worked with. The Lab was a clinical lab for all of SL and for General Hospital. 1952 Dr. Stewart started the new lab at SL Hospital

04:30 Names various Doctors who were at Sanatorium in 1948. Tom Durkin, George Wright key people at Sanatorium.

05:40 Saranac Laboratory was doing occupational lung research and TB research. Also at this time the lab was used for general testing of people in SL and for the hospital.

07:40 Two labs, one at Church Street and another at the Sanatorium.

08:33 Drug Development with Rutgers. Did research work on INH.

10:00 International exchange of information about occupational diseases [e.g. silicosis]. Dr. Schepers seemed to cause a problem.

—one minute audio about Dr. Schepers redacted per request—

11:50 [referring to asbestos industry and silicosis research at Saranac Laboratory] No controversy with industry about results and the company would correct the problems.

13:00 Had monkeys for research. The animals were kept in the back of the building where parking is now.

14:23 Dr. Bristol testified in courts about asbestos, including in Canada talks about cities in Canada where they worked with asbestos.

16:22 Lung specimens from Saranac Laboratory were thrown out by Jack Murphy.

17:25 He has photo micrographs only. Silicosis asbestosis from Midwest

Asbestos from Thetford Mines QC. Local people did not have much TB, it mostly came from those who migrated in. Mineville produced a lot of cases of Silicosis and TB

19:27 Bristol arrived after Gardner died. Talks about others who came.

20:00 Conference at Odd Fellows Hall 1952. The Trudeau Symposium.

Attended by many who wanted to know what was going on including Insurance companies and Businesses.

22:27 1973. Went behind the Iron Curtain, Bucharest Romania through Trudeau.

- 23:23 Saranac Laboratory became Trudeau Foundation decided by the board of Trustees. It was before the Sanatorium closed. This closed in 1964 when the present Trudeau Institute was opened. Dr. Bristol went there for a few years.
- 25:25 Dr. Bristol was at Trudeau institute from 1964 when it opened until 1978. He worked with Dr. McGinnis. North came later, Frank Collins, and others. In SL Lab on Church St he worked in office just above John Black Room with many viewing boxes for X-rays.
- 29:08 Refers to photo Amy has with Tony Delehant. Perhaps dissecting animals. There was a room in the back of the lab overlooking the animal facility
- 30:45 Dr. Bristol and the Elks Club traveled all states and other parts of USA.
- 32:01 School Board involvement. 1960s. Talked about building a school to combine LP and SL, and spoke about George Hart.
- 33:31 Centralizing the local schools into one Saranac Lake Central School District.
- 36:30 When Sanatorium closed. Scary time in SL. Many people were employed by Sanatorium.
- 41:04 OSER meetings. Vineberg came from Montreal and told story of vein transplants.
- 42:19 Frank Trudeau came talks about his father, Frank Trudeau Senior.
- 47:14 Dr. Bristol's old office. Wearing a white coat x-raying animals in same room as dissection. X-rayed animals in Trudeau Sanatorium in cellar.
- 49:00 Streptomycin came in along with PAS. Given in high doses caused people to lose their hearing.
- 50:00 Lab was involved with follow-up of the drug not the invention of it. That was Dr. Selman Waksman
- 51:42 Dr. Steenken worked with Waksman on antibiotic also created an inventory of TB organisms Culture Bank stored at Trudeau Sanatorium when it was open. Then transferred to new institute.