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MEDCHI PUBLISHES BIOGRAPHY HONORING LEGENDARY LIBRARIAN MARCIA CROCKER NOYES

BALTIMORE, August 15, 2025 — MedChi is proud to announce the publication of *Marcia Crocker Noyes: The Librarian Who Never Left*, a compelling biography celebrating the life and legacy of our devoted librarian of 50 years.

Hired in 1896 by Dr. William Osler, Marcia Crocker Noyes became the first professionally trained librarian for what was then the Faculty. She was required to live and work on the premises to ensure that physicians had access to essential medical texts—day or night. When our current building was constructed in 1909, Marcia played a central role in its design, as it would also serve as her residence. She remained dedicated to MedChi until her passing in 1946. Fittingly, her funeral was held in Osler Hall—a testament to her enduring bond with Dr. Osler and the MedChi community.

Over the years, many have shared stories suggesting Marcia never truly left the building. In her later years, she even joked that she would one day "stay away for a few days and then come back to haint [haunt] the building." True to her word, her presence is still fondly felt by many.

"Marcia Noyes was so important to MedChi over her 50 years here," said MedChi CEO, Gene Ransom. "She was one of the first women to head a state medical society and professionalized the organization for the physicians of Maryland."

The biography is available in two formats:

- Softcover edition (80 pages) – \$30.00
- Digital edition – \$5.00

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