The Committee on the Costs of Medical Care, circa 1932

On March 17, 2009, Governor Douglas, along with Governor Patrick of Massachusetts and White House representatives, held a regional White House forum on health care reform at the University of Vermont. In the late 1920s and early 1930s Burlington was also the site for a national look at health care and its costs. From 1926 to 1932 the Rockefeller Foundation helped fund the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care. Vermont, as a typical rural state in the eyes of the Committee, was surveyed on how health care was provided and paid for. A summary of the survey can be found in the records of the Vermont Commission on Country Life (PRA-005). The Country Life Commission went on to consider a Canadian health care plan as one possible solution to costs (see the June 2005 Voice From the Vault.) See also the 1933 national report of the Costs of Medical Care. (Posted 2009-03.)