

Letters

Women in orthodontics

Regarding Dr. Wahl's essay on women in orthodontics (Wahl N. Orthodontics with a tender touch. Angle Orthod 1992;62:235-239, 307-313.) I would like to bring to your attention the name of Elizabeth E. Richardson.

Dr. Richardson began my mother's orthodontic treatment in San Francisco around 1920. She was a Dewey disciple and had as her preceptor Dr. Frederick T. West, former AAO President and long-time Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at the College of Physicians & Surgeons which, in 1962, became the School of Dentistry of the University of the Pacific. (Dr. West's son,

Gene, and his grandson, Stephen, are also orthodontist. The Wests — Fred and Gene — are possibly the only father-son pair among former AAO presidents.)

Dr. Richardson was the third person to serve as the Chairperson of Orthodontics at P&S and served from 1916 to 1919.

Thank you for your attention to the specialty's history.

Yours truly,
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