

Tschetter-Hohm Clinic

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The Tschetter-Hohm Clinic was founded in 1946 by Dr. John Tschetter, Dr. Paul Tschetter, Dr. Ted Hohm, and Dr. Paul Hohm.

Dr. John Tschetter (1888-1970)

Dr. John was in solo practice from 1916 until 1946 when he was a cofounder of the Tschetter-Hohm Clinic in 1946. John was a general practice physician; however, as was customary and necessary in those years of rural medical practice, he developed skills in all facets of medicine.

My mother remembered in the early years of John's practice his coming to the farm, butchering a pig and going over its anatomy before an operation.

Additional details of his life can be found in the document, 'Recollections-John and Susanna Family.' He retired from medical practice in 1952.

Dr. Paul Tschetter (1905-1997)

Dr. Paul graduated from Johns Hopkins University Medical School. He was in practice in De Smet, SD (34 miles from Huron) until 1944 when he moved his practice to Huron. In 1946 he was part of establishing the Tschetter-Hohm Clinic. Paul spent some time (I do not know how long) at the University of Iowa studying urology. He performed cystoscopy and prostatic surgery as well as general family practice. He was very proficient in transurethral prostatic resection.

Paul's son, Richard, attended Huron College and, like his father, Johns Hopkins University Medical School. He did a residency in ophthalmology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Richard practiced ophthalmology in Sioux falls until 2014 when he moved to Butte, Montana and founded Big Sky Eye Clinic.

Also, see Paul's writeup under 'Recollections of John and Susanna Tschetter's Children.'

Dr. Paul Hohm (1914-2006)

Paul graduated from Huron College and the University of Chicago Medical School. He did a surgery residency in St. Paul, Minnesota. During WW II, he was a surgeon in the navy. He returned to Huron in 1946.

I assisted Paul in surgery a number of times during my time in Huron. He was an excellent surgeon. Paul frequently went to Wessington Springs and did surgery with his friend, Dr. Roscoe Dean.

Paul's son, Richard, is a general surgeon in Colorado. His son Robert is an internist/gastroenterologist at the Tschetter-Hohm Clinic.

Dr. Ted Hohm (1911-2000)

Ted graduated from Huron College and the University of Chicago Medical School. He did a residency in St. Paul, Minnesota which included pathology, radiology, and internal medicine. Ted was a physician in the army in WW II and was stationed in Texas. He was an excellent physician.

Ted was a very important person in my life. When I began planning to go to medical school, he encouraged me and advised me. It was because of his strong recommendation that I looked into a Mayo Clinic residency and went there. Ted was very much an older brother to me.

Ted's son, Byron, trained as an ophthalmologist and practiced in Sioux Falls with Dick Tschetter. Byron is now retired.