In 1892, when the hospital was incorporated and the Trustees elected, the Board consisted of Bishop George Worthington, who had replaced Bishop Clarkson; J.M. Woolworth; Herman Kountze; F.H. Davis; Meliora M. Clarkson (the Bishop’s widow) and Caroline L. Poppleton.

In 1906, the Board of Trustees consisted of Bishop Williams (Chairman), Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Davis, James W. Woolworth, B.S. Hall, C.W. Lyman and Mrs. E.P. Peck. Ward Burgess and Kountze were soon to be active on the Board. This body, since its inception, has consisted of men and women of substance who were effective in their work and dedicated in their contributions to the many community and charitable projects which interested them. Names prominent in the business and professional world have had extensive representation among those of Clarkson Trustees.

F.H. Davis continued in vigorous involvement in hospital direction until his death in 1935 ended over 40 years of generous service. His advice and guidance to the hospital Board and staff were invaluable. He was president of the First National Bank of Omaha for many years. As mentioned below, his family, also associated with the First National Bank, have continued to provide stability to the Board by continuous membership thereon.

It is noteworthy that Nellie (Mrs. Frederick H.) Davis, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Clarkson, was named to the Board of Trustees. Thus, two members of the Davis family (husband and wife) served the hospital for some years.

There were more family members to follow, which they have done until the present time. This dynasty started with Frederick H. Davis (1855-1935) who married Nellie Clarkson. Their son, Tom (born 1882), served on the Board of Trustees and later John F. Davis, Tom’s son (born 1910), served on the Board and made major contributions to the progress and prosperity of the hospital. The family has long been influential in banking and related enterprises, including the First National Bank of Omaha. In 1935, Meliora Davis Bohling, Frederick Davis’ daughter, was appointed to the Board of Trustees, thus insuring continuity of the family presence thereon. The family is currently represented by Bruce Lauritzen, son of John F. and Elizabeth Davis Lauritzen, the daughter of Tom Davis.
Eugene McAuliffe served as vice president for the Board of Trustees from 1935 to 1946. Eugene McAuliffe succeeded F.H. Davis as vice president of the Board of Directors, a position he maintained until his retirement in 1946. He had been president of the Union Pacific Coal Company, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific Railroad. He held a profound interest in financial stability of the hospital. He was meticulous in the performance of his duties and was able to discern problems and their solution as they appeared throughout the years. He was a no-nonsense type of man who kept the business of the hospital progressing in an efficient manner.

Robert H. Storz became executive vice president of the Board of Trustees in 1946. Robert H. Storz succeeded McAuliffe as executive vice president of the Board of Directors in 1946. In the interval his dedication to his duties has been unfailing. He put no limit on time or energy expended through the years. He was responsible for the sale of the 26th Street building to Lutheran Hospital after Clarkson moved to its current location and was a leader for the fund drive for the 1967 building program. He and his wife, Mildred, were magnanimous in their financial donations to Clarkson, the most noteworthy of which is the Storz Pavilion, which provides a pleasant,
attractive restaurant for public use. The major function of the Pavilion, however, is for medical education at all levels, for which it is especially suited and equipped.

He also provided substantial support through donation to the pathology laboratory. His leadership on the Board of Directors contributed to the transition of the hospital from a relatively small one to the sizable and impressive one it is today. His prominence in numerous civic and community enterprises augmented his effectiveness on the Board. His major business interest in recent years was the Storz Broadcasting Company.

Peter Kiewit, famous as president of Peter Kiewit Sons Inc., a construction empire, died in 1979, having served on the Board of Directors since 1957. He had been president of the Board since 1966 and made extensive contributions of time and energy. His financial generosity was manifested by Kiewit Hall—the College of Nursing—and the Kiewit Surgical Center, to which he contributed heavily. He had many other charitable interests including the Eisenhower Medical Center in California and Creighton University in Omaha. He owned The Omaha World-Herald newspaper.

A member of the Board of Directors at the time of his death at age 85 in 1969, Alfred W. Gordon gave substantial support to Clarkson in the form of furnishing a unit for radiotherapeutic treatment of cancer and other disorders. His services to the hospital, which he provided without ostentation, included assistance in acquiring land for the hospital complex. His major business interest was the Omaha Loan and Building Association. His son, A.W. Gordon Jr., has followed him on the Board of Directors.
Isaac W. Carpenter was a Board member remembered by the hospital for the memorial to his wife, Elizabeth, in the form of the Elizabeth Carpenter Cardiac Care Center. He donated as well to the support of the Physical Therapy Department. His main business interest was the family-owned Carpenter Paper Company in Omaha. He at one time had been Assistant Secretary of State for the U.S. Government. He died at age 90 in 1983.

Chester W. Cunningham, a most successful heavy construction contractor, served on the Board of Directors in the 1950s and 1960s. In addition to his guidance to the hospital, he donated funds toward the building of the present hospital. He died in 1980.

Drexel J. Sibbersen Jr., currently on the Board of Directors, established the Sibbersen Library for the provision of medical texts and periodicals to the staff.

Clarkson has been fortunate in the number of devoted executives on its Board of Directors. They have done much in the planning and organization of the hospital administration since its origin more than a century ago.

Although no designated memorial exists in their names, two recent Trustees obtained elevated status in the annals of the hospital because of protracted and stalwart service. They are R.D. Neely, an attorney who served as secretary of the Board from 1945 to 1974, and R.M. Sutton, one-time vice president of the Union Pacific Railroad, who acted as treasurer from 1945 to 1974.