Descriptive Summary

Creator: Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center. Library.
Title: Health Sciences Center Library Artifact collection, 1832-2000, undated
Call Number: Series No. 023
Extent: 54.0 linear ft. (73 boxes)
Abstract: Contains a wide selection of medical instruments including surgical instruments, physician's medicine bags, scales, tourniquets, scarifier sets, and other instruments dating from 1832 to 2000.
Language: Materials in English and Japanese.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
Special restrictions apply: Some items are restricted due to current state of medicine in the containers.

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Source
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Collection Description

Biographical Note
This collection includes medical instruments and sets from several physicians, mostly country doctors who practiced in Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, and other unidentified locations. Physicians include Daniel C. Elkin, William Mundy, George Washington Peddy, J. C. Black, Oliver Hazard Perry, John Gerdine, James Bowcock, Thomas B. Davis, William Hollinshead (1812-1880), G. Pope Huguley, Henry S. Wright, Cyrus Strickler, Sr., John T. Lamar, Edward J. Keeney, Charles Cotton Harrold, and other unidentified individuals.

Scope and Content Note
The Health Sciences Center Library Artifact Collection contains several different types of medical instruments dating back to the mid 1800s, including country doctor's bags with instruments, two-sided saddlebags to be used on a horse, single tube microscopes, obstetrical instruments, urological instruments, screw tourniquets, intubation sets, medical scales, stethoscopes and syringes, as well as scarifier sets, a portable electromagnetic machine, pharmaceutical samples, and surgeon's kits. Many of the medical kits seen in the doctor's bags and saddlebags have not been altered, containing numerous vials of medicine that has greatly deteriorated over time. Other material includes awards, commencement regalia, an undated business card, and a wooden gavel owned by Daniel Elkin.

Arrangement Note
Organized by the box size of the artifact.
Container List

5 x 7 boxes

Box   Folder   Content
1     1   Prescription scale, inscription reads "Dr. C. H. Fitch's Prescription Scale, Patented Sept. 29th, 1885." Owned by Dr. William Mundy and donated by Mrs. James Matthews, 2.75 x 1.5 x 0.75, circa 1880s
2     2   Brass screw tourniquet given by Gilbert McLemore. Screw tourniquet was salvaged from the wreck of the New Greece, a European blockade runner used during the Civil War to supply the Confederacy. The ship sank off the Outer Banks of North Carolina, 6.5 x 5 x 1.5, circa 1860s
3     3   Journal "The Medical News Visiting List," 1892
4     4   Journal detailing a physician's visiting list, owned by W. S. Elkin, 6 x 4 x 0.5, 1887
5     5   Scarifier made by Tiemann, given by Thomas N. English on May 5, 1971, 2 x 2 x 2.5, undated
6     6   Scales owned by George Washington Peddy. Given by George P. Cuttino, 6 x 3 x 0.5, undated
7     7   Scales in metal container. Gift of Daniel C. Elkin, 5 x 2.25 x 0.75, 1955
8     8   Scales (2) owned by Dr. J. C. Black, a country doctor of Cabarrus County, North Carolina. Steel composition, case reads "Dr. C. H. Fitch's Prescription Scale, Patented Sept. 29th, 1885." Gift of H. K. Morrison, 2.75 x 1.5 x 0.75, circa 1880s
9     9   Dental molds (4), unidentified source, 5 x 5 x 1.5, undated
10    10  Postwar Southern Cross of Honor medal given to George Washington Peddy by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, 3 x 3 x 0.25, circa 1898
11    11  Surgical knife used by "Early Americans." Found on the Flint River, Albany, Georgia. Given by Mary E. Smith, 3.25 x 1 x 0.5, undated
12    12  Minie ball. Unidentified source, 1 x 0.75 x 0.5, undated
13    13  Phlebotomy lancets (2) given by J. L. Campbell, 3 x 1 x 0.25, undated
14    14  Metal insulin syringe and needle, given by T. L. Hodges Jr., 3.5 x 1 x 0.25, undated
15    15  Crescent thermometer given by George P. Cuttino, 4 x 1 x 0.25, undated

6 x 8 boxes

16    16  Medical scales used by the Pettigrew family of Eagle Rock, Virginia. Donated by Edgar D. Shanks, 7 x 3.25 x 1.25, 1936
17    17  Bloodletting instruments in broken leather case, George Tiemann & Co., 6.5 x 3 x 1.5, undated
18    18  Screw tourniquet owned by George Washington Peddy. Given by George P. Cuttino, 7.5 x 6 x 1.5, undated
19 Hemometer in leather case. Inscription on case reads "All American, Aloe Sahli Hemometer, A. S. Aloe Company." 6 piece set, unidentified source, 7 x 3.75 x 2, 1945

20 French crystal paperweight "given as a gift to Dr. Elkin's uncle." In two pieces, given by Virginia Steele, 7.5 x 6 x 1.5, undated

21 Small knife with double edge, in red Moroccan leather case. Given by Glenville Giddings, 8 x 1.5 x 0.25, undated

22 Small instruments given by Daniel C. Elkin. Includes a cataract needle, a metal caliper, a hook used for blood-letting, and thermometer, 7.5 x 6 x 1.5, 1954-1955

23 Physicians call list and record, owned by George Washington Peddy. Given by George P. Cuttino, 1901

5 x 12 boxes

24 Clyster box owned by Dr. Oliver Hazard Perry Hill of Lancaster, Kentucky, circa 1832. Given by D. C. Elkin, 1953

25 Medical instruments used in the treatment of membranous croup which belonged to Dr. David Harrison Garrison. 10 piece set given by Dr. T. L. Hodges, 1964 December 15

26 Vectis, obstetrical instrument owned by John Gerdine from Jersey, Georgia. Given by Thomas H. Stewart, March 12, 1958

27 Laennec stethoscope, one piece wooden stethoscope with display stand and descriptive scroll. Given by Arthur P. Richardson, undated

72 Contemporary otoscope and stethoscope. Given by Sally Lehr, circa 2000

73 Otoscope in black leather case. Six piece set owned by Cecil H. Blackburn, undated

10 x 12 boxes

28 Scarifier set used by Dr. James Bowcock of Clarksburg, Virginia. Given by Dr. H. M. Bowcock, 1931

29 Obstetrical instruments given by F. G. Hodgson and "Mrs. Hughes," 32 metal instruments and pieces, 1953

30 Intubation set purchased by Dr. Thomas B. Davis. 16 piece set donated by Bradley B. Davis, 1888

31 Screw tourniquet, metal cloth and leather, unidentified source, undated

32 Japanese medicines in 8 small boxes, given by W. L. Hunter, circa 1940s


34 Fellowship certificate to Miriam H. Libbey, from the Medical Library Association, 1984 May

35 Baumanometer desk model blood pressure cuff manufactured by W.A. Baum Co. Inc., used by Dr. G. Pope Huguley, undated
Instruments for intubation of the larynx (used in the treatment of membranous croup and other diseases) in broken wood and leather case. Twelve-piece set includes mouth gag, introducer, larynx tubes (6), extractor, and other unidentified pieces, undated

Medical instruments in case (including otoscope, attachments, and bulb), used by Dr. G. Pope Huguley, undated

Pharmaceutical samples owned by Henry S. Wright. Contains 45 vials of medicine in a deteriorated leather case. Restricted due to current state of medicine present in the vials, undated

Obstetrical instruments, 18 piece set, unidentified source, undated

Medical instruments used by Cyrus Strickler, Sr. 14 piece set given by Cyrus Strickler, Jr., includes white cloth, undated

Seals (2) of the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Atlanta Medical College, undated

Brass scarifier set with pump, bottle, and cupping glasses in velvet-lined wooden case (broken). 7 piece set owned by John T. Lamar, undated

A. W. Calhoun Medical Library: embossing seal housed in a black leather case, undated

Atlanta Medical College: First Honor Class Medal awarded to M. G. Campbell, class of 1894

Atlanta Medical College: Steel engraving plate, Emory University office of the Dean, undated

Atlanta Medical College: steel cut of building at Grady, metal on woodblock, undated

Ash and clay cast applied to the leg of a young Indian child with rickets. This portion of the cast was found in an Indian grave in Cumming, Georgia. Given by Tony Hood in 1976, undated

Business card of Francis M. Weems. Given by James P. Hanner in 1959, undated

Wooden gavel, given by Daniel C. Elkin, 1955

Program of the official dedication of the Ephraim McDowell-Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Home, 1939 May 20

Hand-held stitching machine used by Edward J. Keeney who practiced in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Five piece set in leather case, given by Kathleen A. Debranski, circa 1930-1948

Unidentified parts (3), possibly parts of an electromagnetic machine, undated

Wooden case for glass slides. Contains six slides, unidentified source, undated

Clyster (enema syringe) owned by John Green and was brought from Ireland. Given by Maggie Busha, 1815

Blood pressure gauge without cuff, owned by Edward J. Kenney. Four piece set in wooden case, given by Kathleen A. Debranski, undated
49  Urological instruments used by O. H. Weaver. 14 piece set in broken wooden case, given by H. G. Weaver, undated

50  Cammann binaural stethoscope made by Tiemann & Company. Owned by George Washington Peddy who served as a surgeon in the 56th Georgia Volunteer Regiment during the U. S. Civil War, circa 1860

67  Surgical instrument kit used by Clarence Arthur Earle, a country practitioner in Des Plaines, Illinois. 11 piece kit given by Walter C. Earle, circa 1937

68  Surgical instrument kit used by O. H. Weaver. 14 piece kit given by H. G. Weaver on March 16, 1950, undated

69  Surgical instrument kit used by J. T. Lamar, a graduate of the Atlanta Medical College in 1858. 31 piece kit given by Lucius Lamar on March 27, 1942, undated

70  Surgical instrument kit, unidentified donor. 12 piece kit, circa 1937

13 x 16 boxes

51  Portable electromagnetic machine used by Charles Cotton Harrold. In wooden case, includes printed material about the machine and a note written by Harrold. Given by Mrs. Frank Sheffield, circa 1870s

52  Copper box which contained the articles taken from the Cornerstone of the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, undated

53  Medical bag, two-sided leather bag containing 27 vials of medicine. Unidentified source. Restricted due to current state of medicine present in the vials, undated

54  Single tube microscope in wooden case. Owned by Edwin Forrest May (1834-1877), given by Mary McCarty Dunlap, undated

55  "Native fetishes," items from Bibanga, Belgian Congo to be worn around the neck. Given to F. P. Calhoun from Eugene R. Kellersberger. Accompanied by a postcard and newspaper clipping, 1937, 1957

56  Commencement cap owned by "Dr. Richardson." Given 1993 August 31, undated

57  Leather medicine chest with broken strap. Contains 38 glass vials of unidentified medicine housed in tray. Also includes small medicinal toolkit and other unidentified items in bottom compartment. Restricted due to current state of medicine present in the vials. Unidentified source, undated

58  Saddlebag containing 35 vials of medicine. Two-sided leather medicine bag, designed to be used over a saddle. Restricted due to current state of medicine present in the vials. Gift of James P. Hanner, undated

59  Saddlebag containing 6 vials of medicine. Two-sided leather medicine bag used by "Dr. Akers." Leather was partly destroyed after a vial was broken inside the bag. Restricted due to current state of medicine present in the vials. Gift of R. T. Akers in 1941, circa 1882-1913

60  Pill satchel containing 18 vials of medicine. Two-sided leather satchel given to Zeb L. Burrell Jr. by the family of T. C. Clodfelter, a former Emory graduate. Satchel was given to Dr. Clodfelter by his uncle who practiced medicine in
the late 1800s. Restricted due to current state of medicine present in the vials, undated

61 Scarifier set in worn leather case. 30 piece set inclusive of 2 scarifiers, glass containers, and other objects. Unidentified source, undated.

Oversize boxes

62 Surgeon's kit in wooden case owned by John T. Lamar. 33 piece set donated by Walter A. Page, undated

63 Surgical set in wooden and broken leather case. 27 piece set manufactured by Hernstein and Son, unidentified source, undated

64 Collection of five obstetrical instruments housed in a leather roll. Unidentified source, undated

65 Obstetrical instruments, 31 piece set used by C. W. Strickler, Jr., given in 1954, undated

66 Dental instruments in 9-shelf wooden case, 373 piece set used by Gerald Mitchell, given in 2015, circa 1951-1952

71 Wooden medicine chest given by Mrs. F. P. Calhoun on October 20, 1933, undated