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Artifact collection, 1832-1971, undated**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center. Library.
Title: Health Sciences Center Library Artifact collection, 1832-1971, undated
Call Number: Series No. 023
Extent: 53.0 linear ft. (71 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 1971.
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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Citation

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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		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		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		Journal "The Medical News Visiting List," 1892
4		Journal detailing a physician's visiting list, owned by W. S. Elkin, 6 x 4 x 0.5, 1887
5		Scarifier made by Tiemann, given by Thomas N. English on May 5, 1971, 2 x 2 x 2.5, undated
6		Scales owned by George Washington Peddy. Given by George P. Cuttino, 6 x 3 x 0.5, undated
7		Scales in metal container. Gift of Daniel C. Elkin, 5 x 2.25 x 0.75, 1955
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		Dental molds (4), unidentified source, 5 x 5 x 1.5, undated
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		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		Minie ball. Unidentified source, 1 x 0.75 x 0.5, undated
13		Phlebotomy lancets (2) given by J. L. Campbell, 3 x 1 x 0.25, undated
14		Metal insulin syringe and needle, given by T. L. Hodges Jr., 3.5 x 1 x 0.25, undated
15		Crescent thermometer given by George P. Cuttino, 4 x 1 x 0.25, undated

6 x 8 boxes

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		Bloodletting instruments in broken leather case, George Tiemann & Co., 6.5 x 3 x 1.5, undated
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

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
- 33 Scales used by William Hollinshead (1812-1880). Housed in wooden case, 20 piece set. Gift of Mrs. Elija Brown, circa 1870
- 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
- 36 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

- 37 Medical instruments in case (including otoscope, attachments, and bulb), used by Dr. G. Pope Huguley, undated
- 38 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
- 39 Obstetrical instruments, 18 piece set, unidentified source, undated
- 40 Medical instruments used by Cyrus Strickler, Sr. 14 piece set given by Cyrus Strickler, Jr., includes white cloth, undated
- 41 Seals (2) of the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Atlanta Medical College, undated
- 42 Brass scarifier set with pump, bottle, and cupping glasses in velvet-lined wooden case (broken). 7 piece set owned by John T. Lamar, undated
- 43 A. W. Calhoun Medical Library: embossing seal housed in a black leather case, undated
- 43 Atlanta Medical College: First Honor Class Medal awarded to M. G. Campbell, class of 1894
- 43 Atlanta Medical College: Steel engraving plate, Emory University office of the Dean, undated
- 43 Atlanta Medical College: steel cut of building at Grady, metal on woodblock, undated
- 44 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
- 45 Business card of Francis M. Weems. Given by James P. Hanner in 1959, undated
- 45 Wooden gavel, given by Daniel C. Elkin, 1955
- 45 Program of the official dedication of the Ephraim McDowell-Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Home, 1939 May 20
- 45 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
- 45 Unidentified parts (3), possibly parts of an electromagnetic machine, undated

12 x 17 boxes

- 46 Wooden case for glass slides. Contains six slides, unidentified source, undated
- 47 Clyster (enema syringe) owned by John Green and was brought from Ireland. Given by Maggie Busha, 1815
- 48 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
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