ELLIS, JAMES NIMMO, 1863-1931.  
James Nimmo Ellis papers, 1896-1897

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Biographical Note  
James Nimmo Ellis (1863-1931), a physician and surgeon, was born in Buckingham County, Virginia on March 6, 1863 to Richard Skelton Ellis and his wife Anne Fearn Perkins. He
attended the Slate River Academy and the University of Nashville before receiving his M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia in 1889. From 1889-1896 he practiced medicine in Richmond, Virginia, at the Medical College of Virginia and the University College of Medicine. In 1889 Ellis was elected a fellow of the Medical Society of Virginia.

In 1896 he married Leila Venable of Atlanta, Georgia. Shortly thereafter he traveled to Europe for post-graduate study and attended the Twelfth International Medical Congress in Moscow, Russia, in 1897. He studied in Austria, Germany, Scotland, England, and France. Upon his return, Ellis and his wife moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1898. He served on the staffs of the Presbyterian Hospital and Grady Hospital as a gynecologist and obstetrician. In addition to publishing numerous journal articles, Ellis invented the "Ellis bag," which was used in gall bladder operations. James Nimmo Ellis died in 1931.

**Scope and Content Note**
The collection consists of the personal papers of James Nimmo Ellis. The bulk of the collection concerns Ellis' travels to Europe in 1896-1898 and includes the visas he and his wife used, a letter from the American consulate, and a photograph album. The photograph album includes photographs of Austria, Sweden, Russia, and Denmark. There are also a number of photographs of medical classes in which Ellis was a student and which notably include women students. Other photographs document the journey to Europe, patients in European hospitals, churches, and local residents. Most photographs are captioned. The Ellis papers also include two biographical sketches of James Nimmo Ellis and an undated photograph of him fishing.

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