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Medical, Dental and Veterinary Collection, 1791-1988

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1 box 9 folders .5 cubic ft.

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Scope and Content Note: The Medical, Dental and Veterinary Collection contains records of doctors and a midwife who practiced in Lancaster County. Susanna Rohrer Müller's account book is a record of her work as a midwife from 1791 to 1815. The other volumes in this collection contain medical school notes, records of births, ephemera, and medicinal formulas.

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Language: English, German

Biographical and Historical Note: Brief biographical information is provided at the item level when available.

Source of Acquisition: Source noted at the item level if known.

Accruals: LancasterHistory will continue to add items to this collection.

Preferred Citation: Medical, Dental and Veterinary Collection (MG0480), Folder #, LancasterHistory, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



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People:

Bowers, Moses K.
Carpenter, Alexander H.
Collatte, Joseph
Harnley, Isaac
Kauffman, Christian
Kauffman, John
Landis, Christian
McCressan, George

Meyers, Jacob
Müller, Susanna Rohrer
Schaffner, Meade D.
Steward, A.
Wiles, Alice Miller
Witmer, John
Ziegler, James

Subject Headings:

Account books
Advertising
Business records
Delivery (Obstetrics)
Formulas, recipes, etc.
Medicine--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
Midwives
Physicians

Search Terms:

Account books
Advertising
Business records
Delivery (Obstetrics)
Finding aids
Formulas, recipes, etc.
Manuscript groups

Medicine--Formulae, receipts,
prescriptions
Midwives
National Prohibition Act
Pectoral Elixir
Pennsylvania Medical College
Physicians

Related Materials:

Strasburg Pharmacy Records (MG0282)
Heinitsh Business and Family Records (MG0447)
Bucher-Ortmann Pharmacy Collection (MG0211)

Processing History: This collection has been documented, preserved and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The finding aid was updated using DACS conventions.



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Folder 1 “Notes from the Lectures of George McCressan, M.D. on Surgery Delivered in the Penna. Medical College. Philadelphia. Session of 1842-43. Taken by Alex'r H. Carpenter of Lancaster, Pa. 1843.” Alexander H. Carpenter. Lectures cover surgery and subjects related to surgery, including inflammation, ordinary and poisoned wounds, brain injuries, the spine, nose and throat, and amputations. Index at back of volume. 704 pages. (several pages are loose)

Dr. Alexander Hamilton Carpenter was Henry Carpenter's brother and graduated from Jefferson Medical College. He died in 1850 at the age of 24. *Transferred from the Library, June 2008.*

Folder 2 “Record of Obstetric Practice” of Moses K. Bowers. He practiced at Spring Garden, Lancaster County from December 1879 to October 4 1881. In that time he cared for 17 women during their deliveries. Each case is briefly described with date, sex of the child, and the father's name and location. From Spring Garden he went back to Philadelphia for extra courses at Jefferson Medical College, then to Cumberland County and Harrisburg. These records were “revised and corrected” by Dr. Bowers in 1891. Also, family group sheet and images of Moses and Emma Bowers. (scanned copy of pages pertaining to Lancaster County) 1879-1881. *Gift of Carol R. Coté, in memory of Helen Johnson and Charlotte Turnbull, 6 June 2011.*

Folder 3 Midwife's account book of Susanna Rohrer Müller. In German. Shows date, number of babies delivered, name of the father and payment received. 1791-1815. (in fair condition)

Folder 4 “Susannah Rohrer Müller and Her Ancestry,” by Alice Miller Wiles. *Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society*. Vol. 41, no. 6, 1937. “An Old German Midwife's Record,” edited by M. D. Learned and C. F. Brede. *German American Annals*. New series vol. 1, no. 2, 1903. Transcription/translation of the account book in two parts.

Folder 5 Daybook of physician A. Steward in New Texas and Slate Hill, Fulton Twp., Lancaster County. “Debtors to A. Steward for prof. services”—list of patients, sometimes shows “visit to child” or “prescription.” List of births, 1868-1886, at back of volume showing father's name, number of children in the family (5th), and sex of child (3rd girl). 1871-1888. (in poor condition and in several sections) *Gift of Eleanor D. Lowery via Eleanor L. Helsel, 1 June 2009.*

Folder 6 Register of Births delivered by Dr. [James] Ziegler. Shows mother's name, number of delivery for the doctor, date and time, sex of child, presentation and remarks. 1845-1850. (cover is very fragile) *Gift of Mary Dorogi, April 2013.*



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Folder 7 Prescription blank. Prescription for patient Joseph Collatte of Lancaster, written by Dr. Meade D. Schaffner on 22 December 1927. Filled by I. Emery Ranck, Lancaster on 23 December 1927. Blank printed for the National Prohibition Act, Treasury Department, U.S. Internal Revenue.

Obituary for Dr. Meade D. Schaffner, age 93. *Intelligencer Journal*, Lancaster. 22 September 1988. *Both items gift of Marian Kadushin in memory of Mortimer Kadushin, 15 February 2014.*

Folder 8 Advertisement for "The Pectoral Elixir, for the cure of coughs, colds, asthma, consumptions, spitting of blood, and all disorders of the breast and lungs, which are known." The elixir was made by John Witmer, physician and surgeon in Manor Twp. The advertisement contains directions for use, virtues of the product and testimonials from Christian Landis, Christian Kauffman, Isaac Harnley, Jacob Meyers, Esq. of East Hempfield Twp., and Dr. John Kauffman of Mount Pleasant, West Hempfield Twp. [1832] *Transferred from the Document Collection, 29 May 2014.*

Folder 9 Prescriptions for cholera and associated symptoms. Recipe to make cement. No date.

Prescription for the cure of rheumatism. No date.

Both were transferred from the Document Collection, 31 May 2014.