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## **Finding Aid for the Emil L. Boerner Pharmacy Manuscript Ledger Biomed.0952**

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UCLA Library Special Collections

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**Contributing Institution:** UCLA Library Special Collections

**Title:** Emil L. Boerner pharmacy manuscript ledger

**Source:** Tavistock Books

**Identifier/Call Number:** Biomed.0952

**Physical Description:** 1 unknown(1 ledger)

**Date (inclusive):** 1885-1887

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**Language of Material:** Materials are in English.

**Conditions Governing Access**

Unprocessed collection. Material is unavailable for access. Please contact Special Collections reference (spec-coll@library.ucla.edu) for more information.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased from Tavistock Books from the Franklin E. Murphy, M.D. Fund, 2018.

**Processing Information**

Collections are processed to a variety of levels depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived user interest and research value, availability of staff and resources, and competing priorities. Library Special Collections provides a standard level of preservation and access for all collections and, when time and resources permit, conducts more intensive processing. These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards and best practices.

**UCLA Catalog Record ID**

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**Administrative/Biographical History**

"Emil Boerner was the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy's first Dean and is credited with creation of the modern-day college. He received his early education in Iowa and graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1876. He returned to Iowa to open the Boerner Pharmacy that same year. In 1880, he and the President of the Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association urged UI officials to establish a pharmacy education program. The first class of 12 men and one woman enrolled in 1885, with Boerner serving as its sole faculty member. Students took other courses, such as botany and chemistry, in other University departments. Under Boerner's leadership, the college moved to the new Hall of Pharmacy and Chemistry on the corner of Dubuque Street and Iowa Avenue in 1891." (Source: University of Iowa College of Pharmacy).

**Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of an approximately 400 page ledger. Each page contains approximately eight pre-printed prescription forms, as completed in manuscript by local physicians, with the medication filled by Boerner's Pharmacy. The majority of prescriptions are from physicians and apothecary shops throughout Iowa City, with many local practitioners well represented (Dr. E. F. Clapp, Dr. R. W. Hill, Dr. Elizabeth Hess, Dr. C. M. Hobby, T. J. Rigg, Dr. A. E. Rockey, Drs. Shrader & Lytle, J. H. Whetstone, etc.). Also prescriptions are found from veterinarian T. S. Butler who maintained an office in the same building as Boerner's Pharmacy. Boerner also occasionally filled prescriptions written by out of town health care providers for students and visitors to Iowa City from places such as Marshalltown, Iowa and Friendville, Nebraska. Many prescriptions show the price paid by the customer, and among the many medicinal preparations found here include cocaine, morphine sulfate, morphine pills, belladonna, quinine, sarsaparilla syrup, strychnine, etc. A wonderful primary source for pharmacy operation, and medicine use, during the late 19th Century in the U.S. Midwest.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Tavistock Books

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