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Descriptive Summary

Title: John Forrest Dickson, M.D., family correspondence.

Date (inclusive): 1877-1955

Collection number: 439

Extent: 2 boxes (1.0 linear ft.)

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Abstract: John Forrest Dickson, M.D. (1855-1934) had a respected longtime career in Portland, Oregon, as an ophthalmologist, rhinologist, and oto-laryngologist. He and his wife were valued members of their extended families and held social prominence in the city. Both, but especially Mrs. Dickson, were active in real estate investments and in ownership of a mine. This collection of circa 340 letters, newspaper clippings, and ephemera document family news and relationships, and include some correspondence from Dr. Dickson's patients.

Physical location: Southern Regional Library Facility (SRLF)

Language of Material: Collection materials in English, German

Access

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Acquisition Information

The collection of letters was bought from Mark T. Baker, Pollock Pines, CA, in 2009.

Scope and Content

A large part of this multi-interpersonal correspondence consists of letters between Dr. Dickson and his wife. When they were apart for health, family, or business reasons they exchanged messages almost every single day. Also contributing were multiple members from both sides of the family, as well as patients, business acquaintances and friends. The collection is arranged in folders by the name of sender or recipient of the letters, with some relationships identified when possible.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects

Dickson, John Forrest --Manuscripts
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