Wood Family Papers and Medical Practice Records, 1803-1903

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Wood Family Papers and Medical Practice Records,

Date (inclusive): 1803-1903

Collection number: 310

Creator: Thomas Wood [the Elder] (1780-1826) Thomas Wood [the Younger] (1801-1866)

Extent: 3 storage cartons 2 document boxes (3.8 linear feet)

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Abstract: The Wood Family papers consist of office and some household records of a multi-generational physicians' practice in Muncy (Pennsborough), Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, from 1803 to approximately 1868, with a few later items. In addition to 40 bound day books, which list patient names, dates and short notations of treatment or medication, and ledgers, which follow the payment history of each account, approximately 200 separate manuscript sheets or scraps include invoices, promissory notes, receipts, legal judgments, and a few letters. The collection also includes some printed pamphlets and journals, a very few medical/surgical instruments, and three photographs. The contents of these materials provide a small window on medical treatments and therapeutics in one specific practice over 60-some years, plus a rather good picture of the business lives and some insight into the personal lives of these doctors.

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Language of Material: Collection materials in English

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Biography

The Drs. Wood whose records comprise this collection descended from James Wood "the Immigrant", who came from the British Isles to settle in Pennsylvania's Cumberland Valley ca. 1735, built a stone house on the Cumberland Valley Pike which was still standing in 1948, and who died in 1750. One of his grandsons:

Dr. THOMAS WOOD (1780-1826) Senior (the Elder), was the first of the Wood doctors to practice in Muncy, PA. He was born in Thompsontown, PA, read medicine with Dr. Ezra Doty of Juanita County, and arrived on horseback in 1803 in Muncy where he was probably the first permanent resident physician. His practice covered a large area, requiring arduous rounds on horseback for days at a time. However he prospered quickly and invested in land; when the town incorporated in 1826 (first as Pennsborough, then as Muncy after a local Indian tribe), Thomas Wood owned considerable real estate within its boundaries, plus a fertile farm in the country nearby. In 1812 Dr. Wood decided to extend his apprenticeship training in medicine and entered the University of Pennsylvania Medical College for a full course of lectures; he received his diploma in 1813. He married Miss Eliza Montgomery in 1820 at the age of 40, had one daughter who died as a toddler, and died himself in 1826. As a young bachelor he had adopted and raised his sister's orphaned children, Thomas and Rachel. The nephew Thomas also became a physician, and to him the uncle turned over the medical practice in 1820.

DR. THOMAS WOOD (1801-1866) Junior (the Younger), trained with his uncle before entering the University of Pennsylvania in medicine and graduating in 1820. The elder Dr. Wood had just married and moved to the nearby town of Paradise in the next county; in 1819 he had entered into a partnership with his nephew, and now in 1820 he turned the medical practice over to his nephew. Thomas Jr. became a highly honored doctor and citizen during his 40-plus years of service to the Muncy
In 1823 he entered into a partnership with his cousin Dr. George Wood, which was dissolved over a year later when George decided to move west to Ohio; ca. 1827 Dr. James Rankin signed a partnership agreement which lasted until 1842. Dr. Wood Jr. was one of two executors of his uncle's estate, and also served as guardian or executor for several other families in the community. He married three times and had a son, Hopewell Hepburn Wood, by his second wife.

Dr. GEORGE WOOD, another nephew of Dr. Wood senior, also studied medicine first with his uncle and then at the University of Pennsylvania. He returned to Muncy, set up a practice, and entered into partnership with his cousin Thomas junior for a year or two. He married Miss Bigger of Muncy, built a house, but fairly soon decided to move further west, to Ohio, where he settled permanently. His stay in Muncy was not long enough to have him considered seriously among the "Muncy Wood doctors".

Dr. GEORGE GLENN WOOD (1848-1917), the great-nephew of Thomas senior and a cousin, once removed, of Thomas junior, graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia in 1872 and opened a practice in Muncy in 1873, just six years after the death of his great-uncle. He was a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society and organized the Muncy Valley Medical Association. During 1888-1892 he served as a member of the state legislature. As much as it was possible in his time he specialized in Pediatrics, and wrote a small book, "The Care of Infants", aimed at mothers. His son described him as a scholarly physician with a reputation as a local historian and a prominent Democratic leader. He was the last of the Muncy's "horse and buggy doctors", and also the father of the next Muncy Dr. Wood.

Dr. THOMAS KENNETH WOOD (1877-1958), son of Dr. George Glenn Wood, began practice in Muncy in 1903, the year he graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia. He was a member and fellow of the American Medical Association, a founder and president of the Muncy Valley Private Hospital which was established in 1923, sparked the beginning of the Muncy Historical Society and served as its first president and editor of its publication "Now and Then; quarterly magazine of history and biography". He retired from practice in 1945.

Scope and Content
The scope of this collection is geographically narrow but extensive chronologically: it provides the patient and financial records of two generations of physicians practicing in and around Muncy, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania from 1803 to 1866. Some additional materials stemming from two more doctors from the same family, practicing in the same place, add depth and interpretation. The first two doctors were both named Thomas Wood. Contemporaries often distinguished them by Senior and Junior, or the Elder and the Younger, but it is often hard to assign undated items in the papers to one or the other.

The largest part of the collection consists of 39 Day Books and Ledgers recording the business of the doctors' office. Day Books (and Blotters) include day-by-day entries of patient's name, succinct description of treatment and medicines, and cost of service. Ledgers are arranged by patient name, and detail the financial status of each account; usually they also indicate treatment given. The first two doctors were both named Thomas Wood. Contemporaries often distinguished them by Senior and Junior, or the Elder and the Younger, but it is often hard to assign undated items in the papers to one or the other.

Careful perusal of these volumes can turn up a variety of information. For example: how many gunshot wounds, broken limbs, births, etc. were treated, how often was venesection the treatment and for what complaints, what herbal and inorganic medicines were favored; who were the patients and, sometimes, what was their status and business; how did the patients fare; almost 70 years of records allow medical histories of individuals and families. The Ledgers add the fascinating information of how, and how often, the doctors were paid; what goods and services were taken in barter; how often was an account labeled non-collectable.

The loose manuscript materials is almost entirely financial, covering both the physicians' professional and personal lives. Bills, receipts for moneys received and paid out, promissory notes, copies of legal judgments for payment are written on variously-sized pieces of paper which had been repeatedly folded into small packets. A large portion of this loose material stemmed from the settlement of Thomas Sr.'s estate, where Thomas Jr. acted as co-executor. Correspondence constitutes only a very small part of the loose material.

Printed materials consist of 22 pamphlets, journal issues on medical, religious, political and cultural topics. There is also one folder of biographical materials about the Wood Family and Lycoming County. The objects consist of a few medical/surgical instruments, a pair of spectacles, a "Doctor Thomas Wood" nameplate, and three photographs.

The collection is organized into the following series:
Series 1. Day Books, Ledgers, and Blotters, 1803-1869. 36 folders
Series 2. Loose Manuscript Materials, 1803-1865. 31 folders
Series 3. Printed Materials, 1849-1903. 6 folders
Series 4. Objects, no dates. 2 folders and 8 objects

Related Material
The Wood Collection of Antique Surgical Instruments in held by the Muncy Museum of Local History, Muncy, PA.

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

Subjects
Muncie (Pa.)
Wood, Thomas (1780-1826)
Wood, Thomas (1801-1866)
Medicine - Pennsylvania - history
Physicians - Pennsylvania - Biography

Genres and Forms
Family papers

Series 1. Day Books, Ledgers, and Blotters 1803-1869
Physical Description: 36 folders

Scope and Content Note
DAY BOOKS are arranged by date and include patient's name, short statement of treatment or drugs provided, and sometimes cost of the service. LEDGER entries are arranged under patient names, not in alphabetical order but with an alphabetical index in front or back of each volume, and include the date of service, sometimes indication of treatment, and financial transactions concerning that patient. Volumes called BLOTTERS seem identical to Day books. The volumes are arranged in rough chronology, often overlapping in dates. Any loose pieces of paper found in the volumes are housed in the same folders as the volumes in which they were found.

Arrangement
chronological

Box 1, Folder 1
Day book. May 1803-Sep 1804
Physical Description: no cover, stitched pages, 7 x 13"

Box 1, Folder 2
Ledger. 1804-1805
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 12.5"
Note
additional scraps found between pages: include papers pertaining to a patient being committed to the insane asylum

Box 1, Folder 3
Day book. 1806
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 14"

Box 1, Folder 4
Ledger C. 1806
Physical Description: bound, soft cover [frayed condition], 8 x 13"
Note
additional scrap found between pages

Box 1, Folder 5
Ledger. 1807-Nov 1809
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 13"

Box 1, Folder 6
Day book. Apr 1810-Dec 1810
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 13"; extra stitched pages laid in
| Box 1, Folder 7 | **Ledger. Oct 1809-May 1812**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 13" |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Day book. May 1811-May 1812**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 13"; additional loose pages stitched to other pages  
**Note**  
additional scraps and one loose page found between pages |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | **Day book. Jun 1812-Aug 1813**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 13"; additional loose pages stitched to other pages  
**Note**  
alphabetical index of patients in back; additional scrap found between pages: list of drugs and supplies [inventory or order?] |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | **Day book and ledger. Mar 1813-Sep 1814, Mar 1813-Dec 1815**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 13"  
**Note**  
alphabetical index of patients in back |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | **Day book. Mar 1814-Jan 1816**  
Physical Description: bound, soft cover, 8 x 13"; additional loose pages stitched to other pages; fragile  
**Scope and Content Note**  
includes stitched-in small pages titled "Shop book 1814" |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | **Day book. Jan 1816-May 1818**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 12"; extra stitched pages laid in |
| Box 5, Folder 1 | **Day book. Jun 1819-Apr 1820**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 7 x 14"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Partnership agreement on first page: *"1819, June 15th, Pennsborough. Thomas Wood Senior and Thomas Wood Junior Have this day Entered into Partnership to be equal in the profits and expenses of the Practice of Physick, Surgery and Midwifery (But in no other Respect). In witness of this above argument we Hereunto Set our hands. Thomas Wood Sen, Thomas Wood Jun"*  
**Note**  
also separate pages for 1819 found in other volumes |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | **"Receipts given Dr. Thos. Wood". no date**  
Physical Description: unbound, folded and stitched pages, 6.5 x 8.5"  
**Note**  
Thomas Wood Junior’s name appears in the contents, so it is assumed that this booklet belonged to Thomas Wood Senior |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | **Ledger. Feb 1819-Aug 1821**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 12" |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | **Day book. May 1820-Sep 1820**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 12"; loose pages stitched in |
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| 3 | **Day book. Jul 1821-May 1822**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 7.75 x 12"; separate stitched pages of various sizes  
**Note**  
plus separate pages: compounding recipes, partial [hymn?] lyric, Bible verses [?], George Wood's signature |
| 4 | **Day book. Jun 1822-Dec 1822**  
Physical Description: unbound pages, folded and stitched together, 2 bundles, 4 x 13.5" and 4 x 7.25" |
| 5 | **Day book. Apr 1823-Dec 1823**  
Physical Description: unbound pages, folded and stitched together, mostly 4 x 12"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
five separate bundles and one loose page |
| 6 | **Day book. Dec 1823-Mar 1825**  
Physical Description: unbound pages, some folded, stitched together, 4 x 12" and 8.5 x 13"; fragile  
**Scope and Content Note**  
two bundles of pages, the larger with a penciled G. W. Wood on the cover page |
| 7 | **Ledger. Apr 1823-May 1825**  
Physical Description: bound, hard cover, 8 x 13"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Dr. Thomas Wood Junior and Dr. George W. Wood shared the practice for part of this period; the final pages of the ledger document the division of labor between them and an account of moneys owed  
**Note**  
additional scraps found between pages |
| 8 | **Day book. Jun 1823-Oct 1824**  
Physical Description: bound, soft cover, 8 x 12.5" |
| 9 | **Day book. Sep 1824-Apr 1825**  
Physical Description: unbound pages, folded and stitched, 4 x 12"  
**Note**  
one loose page |
| 10 | **Ledger. 1825**  
Physical Description: unbound pages, folded and stitched, 4 x 12" |
| 11 | **Day book. Dec 1826-Mar 1827**  
Physical Description: unbound pages, folded and stitched, 4 x 10" |
| 12 | **Blotters. Mar 1827-Aug 1827, Aug 1827-Dec 1827**  
Physical Description: unbound pages, folded and stitched, 4 x 12.5", 4 x 13"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
two bundles of pages |
Box 2, Folder 13  
**Ledger. 1827-1829**  
**Physical Description:** bound, hard cover, 6 x 15.5"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
on p. 189: "March 24th, 1829. This day a settlement was made between the partners and the notes on hand were equally divided for the first two years of the Term (?) J. Rankin, Th. Wood"  
**Note**  
written in ink on front cover binding: Wood & Rankin; additional scraps found between pages

Box 2, Folder 14  
**Ledger. 1828**  
**Physical Description:** bound, soft cover, 8.5 x 12.5"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
pages 104-114 document further settlement of accounts between Thomas Wood and George Wood

Box 2, Folder 15  
**Ledger. 1834-1838**  
**Physical Description:** bound, hard cover, 6 x 15.5"  
**Note**  
written in ink on front cover binding: "Partnership, 1835 to 10/38"; additional scraps found between pages

Box 2, Folder 16  
**Day book. 1839-1842**  
**Physical Description:** bound, hard cover, 5.5 x 14.5"  
**Note**  
additional scraps found between pages

Box 2, Folder 17  
"Accounts of Wood & Rankin under arrangement of May 5th 1838 until 8th day of March 1840."  
**1838-1842**  
**Physical Description:** unbound, folded pages, 7.75 x 12.5"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
ledger entries assigned to Wood or Rankin, until April 1, 1842

Box 3, Folder 1  
**Ledger. Apr 1842-1846**  
**Physical Description:** bound, hard cover, 7.75 x 12.5"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
some entries as late as 1853; pp 90-91, further accounting with Dr. Rankin; pp 86-87, lengthy case description  
**Note**  
additional scraps found between pages

Box 3, Folder 2  
**Ledger. 1846-1857, some entries to 1866**  
**Physical Description:** bound, hard cover, 6 x 15"  
**Scope and Content Note**  
**Note**  
additional scraps found between pages
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<td>first 30 pages: medical accounts, various local taxes paid; next 100 pages: farm accounts, personal expenses</td>
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<td>additional scraps found between pages, including a newspaper clipping of a poem translated from French: &quot;The death of President Lincoln&quot;, by Edouard Grenier</td>
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### Series 2. Loose Manuscript Materials. 1803-1865

- **Physical Description:** 31 folders
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - This series contains mostly records of financial transactions pertaining to the Wood multigenerational medical practice, plus some farm and household records. The vast majority is written on scraps of paper which were folded into small packets; a summary of the transaction and a follow-up are often noted on the obverse of the paper, which sometimes clarifies the content. Because both Drs. Thomas Wood used the same name it is often impossible to distinguish between them; 1826, the year of Dr. Wood senior's death, seemed a sensible date for a separation of subseries. Many of the papers deal with settlement of Dr. Wood senior's estate; these constitute a separate series.
  - **Arrangement**
    - chronological

#### Subseries 1. Early Financial Records 1803-1826
- **Physical Description:** 10 folders
- **Arrangement**
  - by topic

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<td>Bills for good, produce, and services provided to Dr. Thomas Wood</td>
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Box 3, Folder 6  
**Accounts receivable. 1803-1825**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Bills for services and receipts for payments.

Box 3, Folder 7  
**Accounts receivable. 1819-1825**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Promissory notes handed to a third party for collection

Box 3, Folder 8  
**Legal judgments for payment. 1818-1825**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
actions brought by Dr. Thomas Wood

Box 3, Folder 9  
**Legal judgments for payment. 1817-1825**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
actions brought against Dr. Thomas Wood; also actions between two other parties

Box 3, Folder 10  
**Dissolution of partnership between Dr. Thomas Wood Jr. and Dr. George Wood. circa 1824-1828**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
an agreement by Thomas Wood and George Wood, dated 1828, to submit their unresolved differences to arbitration, and to abide by the arbitrator's decision; the arbitrator's assignments of worth to each party; plus extensive listing of all patients treated during the span of the partnership practice, with fees charged in each case, and how these fees were divided between the former partners

Box 3, Folder 11  
**Memorandum of money paid to the heirs of James Wood by Thomas Wood. 1826**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
a list of names with dates and payment amounts

Box 3, Folder 12  
**Miscellaneous papers. mostly undated**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
ground plan of city lots connected with settlement of Samuel Green estate, 1800; unidentifiable names index and ledger entries; fragments

Subseries 2.  
**Records of the settlement of Dr. Thomas Wood Senior's estate 1826-1840**  
**Physical Description:** 6 folders  
**Arrangement**  
by topic

Box 3, Folder 13  
**Questions concerning Dr. Thomas Wood's will and estate. circa 1826**  
**Physical Description:** manuscript sheets with holes, stains and bleeding ink obscuring some of the contents  
**Scope and Content Note**  
1) statements concerning the existence of a will other than the one submitted for probate; 2) letter from ? to Thomas Wood Jr. concerning the building of a house for Thomas Wood Sr. by David Montgomery; 3) narrative by Thomas Wood Jr. concerning events after his uncle's death; 4) other documents
### Box 3, Folder 14

**“Evidence of corruption in the administration of the affairs of the estate of Dr. Wood.” no date**

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<td>several sheets stating points against the administrator, and a paragraph from the opposing point of view</td>
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### Box 3, Folder 15

**Receipts for money paid by the estate administrators. 1827-1834**

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<td>Dr. Wood Jr. had folded many of these items into packets; his cover slips are included with each group</td>
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### Box 3, Folder 16

**Bill and claims submitted to the estate administrators. 1817-1829**

### Box 3, Folder 17

**Estate accounts brought before a justice of the peace for settlement. 1826-1834**

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<td>receipts for money received; promissory notes handed to a third party for collection; notes labeled “not recoverable”</td>
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### Box 3, Folder 18

**Moneys received and due the estate. 1828-1840**

### Box 3, Folder 19

**Accounts payable. 1826-1867**

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<td>receipts, bills, promissory notes</td>
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<td>includes two printed promissory-note forms, one blank and one filled out dated 1867, with revenue stamps</td>
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### Box 3, Folder 20

**Accounts payable. 1845-1846**

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<td>bills from Mrs. Hannah Riebsam [apparently the proprietor of a dry goods store]</td>
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### Box 3, Folder 21

**Accounts receivable. 1826-1868**

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<td>receipts, promissory notes</td>
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**Accounts receivable. 1826-1832**

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<td>Promissory notes handed to a third party for collection</td>
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### Box 3, Folder 23

**Documents relating to the Thomas Wood-James Rankin partnership. 1845**

### Box 3, Folder 24

**Assorted financial documents. 1831-1856**

### Box 3, Folder 25

**Documents regarding Thomas Wood Jr.’s guardianship of Catherine Walton. 1835-1854**

### Box 3, Folder 26

**Documents regarding Thomas Wood Jr.’s function as guardian or executor of various estates. 1840-1861**

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<td>papers concern: A.D. Hepburn; George Stover; some others</td>
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<td>a list of some financial assets, 1865; receipts for tax payments; a notice concerning the Dr. Thomas Wood Jr. estate</td>
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**Subseries 4. Miscellaneous Manuscript Materials. 1818-1865**

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| Scope and Content Note |
| 1) lecture notes, Univ. of Pennsylvania, 1818/19; 2) notes on drugs and medications; 3) "An essay on rheumatism submitted to the examination of the Medical Board in the University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 12th, 1819"; 4) notes and three letters; 5) draft of a speech to the Medical Society of the County of Lycoming |

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| Box 3, Folder 33 | Various scraps of paper. no date |

**Series 3. Printed Materials 1849-1903**

| Physical Description: | 6 folders |
| Arrangement | by topic |

**Wood Family Papers and Medical Practice Records, 1803-1903**
Biographical materials. 1892-1969

Scope and Content Note


Medical journal issues, medical lectures and reports. 1854-1883

Scope and Content Note


Medical pamphlets removed from the Thomas Wood Family Medical Manuscript Archive.

Scope and Content Note

1) Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. "Annual report of the Board of Directors", 1854. [George G. Wood was one of the consulting physicians for the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb]. 2) "The Unity of Medicine: an introductory lecture", by Alfred Stillé, Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, 1856.

Note

These pamphlets have been separately cataloged and housed. Access via the UCLA Library online catalog.

Professional medical institutions and societies. 1849-1903

Scope and Content Note

1) membership card of the American Medical Association annual meeting, Boston, May 1849, made out to "Thomas Wood, delegate from the State Medical Society, Pennsylvania"; 2) resolutions of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, 1852; 3) annual announcement of The Medical Department, Pennsylvania College, Philadelphia, 1858-5; 4) invitation to the commencement exercises of the class of 1903 of the Medico Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, with a visiting card for T. Kenneth Wood inside; the envelope [with no sign of having been mailed] is addressed to Mr. William J. Wood, Muncy, Penn.; 5) notice of a summer course of lectures to be given at the Medical Department of the Pennsylvania College

Advertisement booklets and catalogs. 1860-1889

Scope and Content Note

1) "Catalogue of fluid and solid extracts in vacuo, also concentrations and officinal pills, prepared by Henry Thayer and Co.", 1867; 2) "The Gettysburg Katalysine water; reports of physicians and the people of its wonderful cures; history of the spring, 1868; 3) "Wasting diseases, their causes, treatment, and cure" [touting Scott & Bowne's emulsion of pure cod liver oil with hypophosphites of lime and soda], 1879; 4) Sanford, Truslow & Co. heaters and stoves, 1889; 5) Dr. Price's extract of vanilla

Note

the verso of the Dr. Price advertisement has a bill of sale for William J. Wood, dated 1889
Box 4, Folder 4  Religious and cultural materials. 1824-1856
Scope and Content Note
1) "An address delivered at the opening of the tenth exhibition of the American Academy of the Fine Arts", by Gulian C. Verplanck, 1824; 2) "An address on the study of natural history" by John G. Morris, and "A poem on the sovereignty of the mind" by John N. M'Jilton, 1841; 3) "Popular amusements: a discourse delivered in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA", by Rev. Charles Porterfield Krauth, 1851 (second edition); 4) "Subjection to law, the constitution of man's nature: a discourse to the graduating class of Pennsylvania College" by H. L. Baugher, 1852; 5) "The Sunday question. Sabbath of the Jews. Sunday of Constantine", by William Logan Fisher and Edward M. Davis, 1855; 6) "Religious liberty: an address to The Phrenakosmian Society of Pennsylvania College", by J. S. Black, 1856

Box 4, Folder 5  Political materials. 1828-1849
Scope and Content Note
1) "Address to the people of Pennsylvania", 1828; 2) "To the people of Pennsylvania. Read, pause, reflect, & vote!!", 1832; 3) "Message of the President of the United States to Congress", 31st Congress, 1st session, 1849

Series 4. Objects no dates
Physical Description: 2 folders and 8 objects

Box 4, Folder 6  Portrait of Thomas Wood, Sr. no date
Physical Description: 3.5 x 5" oval mounted in a 7.5 x 9" frame
Scope and Content Note
photographic copy of a stippled engraving, bust portrait, with Dr. Wood's signature pasted on and the dates 1780-1826 in ink underneath; a short biography written by George G. Wood, the doctor's grand-nephew, dated 1902, is affixed to the frame backing

Box 4, Folder 7  Photographs of Dr. George Wood. no date
Physical Description: 4 x 6.5" cabinet card photo, 4.75 x 3.5" photo
Scope and Content Note
bust portrait of Dr. George Wood, photographer R. Y. Nice, Williamsport, PA; winter outdoor scene of house pasted to front of a note card, labeled "George Wood, Washington St., Muncy"

Box 5, Folder 5  Dr. Thomas Wood Jr.'s office sign. circa 1850
Physical Description: 14 x 5" metal sign, black background, gold letters
Scope and Content Note
the text: "DOCTOR Thomas Wood"
Note
the date is taken from a note taped to sign's back
Medical and surgical instruments and objects. no date

Scope and Content Note

1) metal syringe with wood plunger, slightly curved spout, length: 11", width: 1.5" [MUSEUM item #154.001].
2) metal instrument resembling spring-action tongs, 0.6" heads each with one edge of small teeth which interlock with the opposite, and with an 1.25" x 0.75" arrowhead lance facing inward; overall length: 7.5" [MUSEUM item #154.002].
3) metal forceps with one head a 1.25"-long scoop, the other a ring fitting loosely around it; overall length: 5.75" [MUSEUM item #154.003].
4) white ceramic cup with handle and long spout, possibly a feeding cup or douche cup; overall length: 7.25" [MUSEUM item #154.004].
5) medicine bottle marked "T. Kenneth (sic) Wood, MD./ Muncy, PA.", with a cc. scale on one edge and fluid-ounce scale on the other; 2" wide x 5" high [MUSEUM item #154.005]

Note

These objects are housed separately from the Wood documents, with the UCLA Biomedical Library Museum Artifacts.

Spectacles. no date

Scope and Content Note

Spectacles with wire frame, straight wire ear pieces; slightly magnifying lenses, 1.5" x 1.12"; total width, 4"; cardboard case [MUSEUM item #154.006]

Note

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