
Joseph Alfred Andrews papers, 1880-1899

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Joseph Alfred Andrews was born in 1858 and died in 1928. He received an M.D. degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1876 and subsequently specialized in ophthalmology and otolaryngology. Dr. Andrews had medical offices in New York City from the early 1890s until 1896 and was active, there, in professional affairs, serving on the staffs of several hospitals, publishing in local medical journals, and fulfilling assignments in ophthalmological societies. In 1897 he visited Santa Barbara, California for medical reasons and subsequently moved there permanently, becoming a well-respected physician in the community. The papers span twenty years and cover aspects of his professional life (notes, correspondence, committee affairs) and of his social life (correspondence, invitations), but almost totally missing are any personal aspects. The collection does afford some interesting glimpses of the problems and internal politics facing those concerned with the administration of New York's public charity hospitals of the time.

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Biography

Joseph Alfred Andrews was born in 1858 and died in 1928. He received an M.D. degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1876 and specialized in ophthalmology and otolaryngology. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the American Ophthalmological Society, the American Otological Society, and the Medical Society of the State of New York. A number of his papers were published in New York medical journals, as listed in the "Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office". [Dr. Andrews' obituary appeared in the "Journal of the American Medical Association," 90:1888, 1928, and he is listed in the AMA's "Directory of Deceased Physicians".]

Dr. Andrews traveled (and probably studied) in Europe; the papers contain letters from friends and a few mementos from London, Paris, correspondence from several German cities, and Dr. Andrews' notes in German. He was also, at some time, in Hong Kong and visited Canton; his handwritten and signed (but not dated) short "Medical impression of China" verifies this fact.

Dr. Andrews' medical office was located at 9 West 22nd Street, New York at least from the early 1890's until 1896. In 1896 he visited Hot Springs, Virginia for health reasons; in 1897 he tried the climate in Santa Barbara, California temporarily; but the papers give no indication exactly when he definitely made that city his permanent home. While in New York Dr. Andrews was active in professional affairs, serving especially on the staff and Medical Board of City Hospital, other hospitals of the Department of Public Charities, and fulfilling committee assignments in local ophthalmological societies. There is also correspondence from his private patients in New York and Santa Barbara.

Socially, Dr. Andrews was well liked and sought after, to judge by the number of invitations and social notes among his papers. He never married during the time spanned by these papers. He seems to have been a gifted amateur artist, judging by the comments on and few examples of his sketches. [An interesting snapshot of Dr. Andrews' life after 1899 emerged from another collection (Ms. Coll. #188, the papers of Orville Harry Brown, Folder 5): in 1908 Dr. Andrews was invited, and accepted, to become a member of the Local Advisory Committee of the American Health League for Santa Barbara, CA. Five letters from the League to JAA are included in Coll. # 188.]

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Andrews, Joseph Alfred (1858-1928) Archives

Physicians--United States--Archival resources.

Series 1. **Professional Papers 1880-1899**

Physical Description: 20 folders

Subseries 1. **Papers Relating to Publications, Presentations, Discussions by JAA**

Physical Description: 3 folders

Box 1, Folder 1

Holographic notes intended for publication.

Scope and Content Note

1) "Medical impression of China": notes on a visit to Canton, intended for readers of the "Medical Record", n.d.; 2) a letter to the editor, dated Nov. 20, 1883

Box 1, Folder 2

Correspondence relating to publications, presentations, discussions.

Box 1, Folder 3

Typed copy of discussion presented at the American Ophthalmological Society

Scope and Content Note

contains transcript of JAA's and others' remarks

Subseries 2. **Hospital and Professional Committee Appointments 1880-1899**

Physical Description: 9 folders

Scope and Content Note

arranged by hospital or committee name

Box 2, Folder 1

City Hospital, New York. 1892-1899

Scope and Content Note

8 items: resolutions, correspondence, communications

Note

JAA was a multi-year member of the hospital's Medical Board, its president in 1895, sat on and led Board committees, and held various appointments on the hospital's medical staff

Box 2, Folder 2

Charity Hospital, New York. 1880-1899

Scope and Content Note

6 items: rules and regulations, reports, correspondence

- Box 1, Folder 4 **Bellevue Hospital, New York. 1883-1896**
 Scope and Content Note
 4 items: rules and regulations, annual reports, reorganization plans
 Note
 some items concern charity hospitals in New York in addition to Bellevue
- Box 1, Folder 5 **New York Hospital. 1892-1894**
 Scope and Content Note
 2 items: rules of the Executive Committee, and amendments to the rules
- Box 2, Folder 3 **Medical Association of the Charity Hospitals of the City of New York. 1895-1896**
 Scope and Content Note
 4 items: minutes, resolutions, correspondence
 Note
 JAA was President in 1896
- Box 1, Folder 6 **An act to abolish the Department of Public Charities and Correction. 1895**
 Scope and Content Note
 text of the act, and "Statement by the State Charities Aid Association, N. Y."
- Box 2, Folder 4 **Facilities and equipment, Dept. of Public Charities hospitals. 1892-1895**
 Scope and Content Note
 correspondence, proposals, and equipment advertisements
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Medical Society of the County of New York. 1882-1894**
 Scope and Content Note
 two letters of appointment to the Committee on Hygiene
- Box 1, Folder 8 **New York Academy of Medicine, Section on Ophthalmology and Otology. 1895-1899**
 Scope and Content Note
 programs for Nov. 21 and Dec. 4, 1895, Jan. 16, Mar. 19 and Apr., 1896
 Note
 JAA was Chairman of the Section for 1895/96; see [Box 1 : 17] for correspondence relating to program planning

Subseries 3. **Correspondence 1888-1899**

Physical Description: 4 folders

Scope and Content Note

arranged by correspondent groups

- Box 2, Folder 5 **Correspondence with colleagues. 1888-1899**
Box 1, Folder 9 **Correspondence with patients.**
Box 1, Folder 10 **Correspondence re. JAA's desire to become a contract surgeon in the Spanish-American War. 1898**
Box 1, Folder 11 **Correspondence regarding recommendations for positions. 1896-1897**

Subseries 4. **Notebooks, Citations, Clippings and Reprints 1888-1899**

Physical Description: 4 folders

Scope and Content Note

arranged by subject

Box 1, Folder 12

Four notebooks.

Physical Description: 9 x 15 cm.

Scope and Content Note

notes on readings and perhaps lectures, a few in German; Book I bears title: "Ophthalmology in ancient times"

Box 2, Folder 6

Miscellaneous medical notes and clippings.

Scope and Content Note

for the most part these are handwritten; a few partial pencil sketches are scattered throughout

Box 2, Folder 7

Clinical notes. 1891-1894

Scope and Content Note

"Glaucoma and affections of the optic nerve," by C. Schweiger, translated by C. A. Wood, "Archives of Ophthalmology", 22(4):475-592, 1891; tied up with the unbound journal were correspondence and notes by JAA concerning the case of W.L.R., and notes for another case report.

Box 2, Folder 8

Newspaper clippings.

Series 2. **Social Papers**

Physical Description: 8 folders

Subseries 1. **Social Correspondence.**

Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Content Note

letters and notes sent to JAA

Box 1, Folder 13

Letters and notes sent to JAA (A-M).

Box 1, Folder 14

Letters and notes sent to JAA (N-Z).

Box 2, Folder 9

Letters, invitations, etc. from Edward (Eduard) Beit and family. 1892-1895

Subseries 2. **Invitations.**

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Content Note

formal and informal invitations to parties, dinners, weddings, etc.

Box 1, Folder 15

Printed invitations to weddings, engagement parties, at homes, etc.

Box 1, Folder 16

Written invitations to dinners, dances, etc.

Subseries 3. **Miscellany.**

Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Content Note

includes some personal papers, pencil sketches, notes

Box 1, Folder 17

Various personal papers. 1889-1896

Scope and Content Note

includes one 4 x 6" photograph of James Speyer, London

Box 1, Folder 18

Pencil sketches, some illustrations.

Box 1, Folder 19

Miscellaneous notes.

Scope and Content Note

handwritten; contains some quotations, several from Lord Byron

Series 3. **Miscellaneous Papers 1894-1896**

Physical Description: 1 folder

Scope and Content Note

a few institutional reports

Box 1, Folder 20

Institutional reports. 1894-1896

Scope and Content Note

1) "Nineteenth year book, New York State Reformatory at Elmira, 1894"; 2) State Commission in Lunacy, State of New York, report on results of inquiry into certain charges made by the "New York Herald", 1894; 3) "Rules and regulations concerning medical and surgical supplies and the conduct of business in the drug stores of the Department of Public Charities of the City of New York." Blackwell Island, NY: Bureau of Printing, Penitentiary, 1896