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Descriptive Summary

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The materials in this collection are written in English.

Abstract

This collection contains financial documents, personal records, and ephemera related to the medical practice of Dr. James E. Tarter of Wytheville, Virginia, from about 1879 to 1941.

Creator

Tarter, James E., 1857-1921

Extent

1.8 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

James Ephraim Tarter was born to Elijah Tarter and Catherine (Baker) Tarter in Wythe County, Virginia, on March 14, 1857. He married Letitia Virginia "Lettie" Gose in Wythe County on December 28, 1882, and they had at least 10 children. Tarter worked as a doctor in Southwest Virginia in the late 1800s and early 1900s. He was a member of the Southern Medical Association. He died in Wytheville on May 31, 1921.

Sources:

United State Censuses, 1900, 1910

"James E. Tarter", Virginia, U.S., Marriage Registers, 1853-1935. Wythe County, 1882. Ancestry.com Database. <https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/discoveryui-content/view/1012304:60214>.

Dr James E. Tarter. FindAGrave. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/195794386/james-e.-tarter>.

Scope and Content

This collection contains financial documents, personal records, and ephemera related to the medical practice of Dr. James E. Tarter of Wytheville, Virginia, from roughly 1879 to 1941. Materials include ledgers, doctor's record books, textbooks, receipts and checkbooks, medical publications, medical equipment, and one photograph. Tarter's record books list patients treated and some include information about diseases as well as records of patient treatments, births, and deaths.

Keywords

Bland County (Va.)

Folk, historical, and patent medicine

Ledgers (account books)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Wythe County (Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type:

Series I: Ledgers, 1879-1887, 1890-1920, undated, includes ledgers and large record books.

Series II: Textbooks and Publications, 1885, 1890, 1906, 1910, 1920, includes textbooks and medical publications.

Series III: Account Books and Receipts, 1888-1931, includes account books and receipts.

Series IV: Physician Records and Personal Papers, 1889-1941, undated, includes other physician records and documents.

Series V: Ephemera, undated, includes medical ephemera and one photograph.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Ledgers

Unit Date 1879-1887, 1890-1920, undated

Scope and Contents

This series includes ledgers and large medical record books of Dr. James Tarter, with dates ranging from 1881 to 1920. Ledgers include data related to Tarter's medical practice.

Ledger

Unit Date 1890-1891

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date 1892

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Blank Single-Entry Ledger

Unit Date undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4-5 (folder)

Doctor's Accounting Book

Unit Date 1881-1887

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Ledger "H"

Unit Date 1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date 1890-1903

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date 1907-1920

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date 1895-1906

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Series II: Textbooks and Publications

Unit Date 1885, 1890, 1906, 1910, 1920

Scope and Contents

This series includes two textbooks and two medical publications.

"Complete Bookkeeping" Textbook

Unit Date 1890

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

"Stöler's Textbook of Histology"

Unit Date 1910

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

"Physicians' Visiting Record," William R. Warner & Co.

Unit Date 1885

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

"Bulletin of the Medical College of Virginia" Journal

Unit Date 1906-06

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bulletin of the Southern Medical Association Meeting Pamphlet

Unit Date 1920-11

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Series III: Account Books and Receipts

Unit Date 1888-1931

Scope and Contents

This series includes check and receipt books, receipts, and written payment records of Dr. James Tarter. Some documents are dated and itemized, while others are unlabeled financial calculations written on scrap paper.

Receipt Book

Unit Date 1895-1896

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Receipt Book

Unit Date 1905-1906

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Wytheville Checkbook

Unit Date 1906-1907

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Bank of Bland County Checkbook

Unit Date 1928

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

First National Bank of Wytheville Checkbook

Unit Date 1912-1913

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Assorted Checks

Unit Date 1902-1906

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Loose Receipts

Unit Date 1888-1931

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Series IV: Physician Records and Personal Papers

Unit Date 1889-1941, undated

Scope and Contents

This series includes various personal and medical records belonging to Dr. James Tarter. Items include Tarter's patient visit books, advertisements for various medicines, a booklet of birth certificates, blank envelopes, and miscellaneous records.

"Physician's Visiting List for 1895"

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

"The Physician's Perfect Call List and Record"

Unit Date 1914-1915

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Physician's Record Birth Certificates

Unit Date 1914-1916

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Loose Receipts and Scraps

Unit Date undated

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Clinical Records Book

Unit Date 1924

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Loose Letters and Receipts

Unit Date 1889-1918

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Miscellaneous Medical Ads

Unit Date undated

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Envelopes and Postcards

Unit Date 1895-1941

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Series V: Ephemera

Unit Date undated

Physical Location Objects 1-4 are located in a small white box within Box 3. This box is placed in front of Folder 1.

Scope and Contents

This series includes medical ephemera belonging to Dr. James Tarter. Items include a catheter, petit tourniquet, speculum, and urethral sound. There is also one photograph of an unidentified man in a lab.

Catheter

Unit Date undated

item 3 (box)

Container 1 (Object)

Petit Tourniquet

Unit Date undated

item 3 (box)

Container 2 (object)

Speculum

Unit Date undated

item 3 (box)

Container 3 (Object)

Urethral Sound

Unit Date undated

item 3 (box)

Container 4 (Object)

Photograph of Man in Lab

Unit Date undated

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)