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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.2022.062

Unit Date

1847-1883

Language

The materials in this collection are written in English.

Abstract

This collection contains professional records and personal correspondence of Charles W. Hardin, a physician from Augusta County, Virginia.

Creator

Hardin, Charles W., c. 1823-1899

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Charles W. Hardin was born c. 1823 in Augusta County, Virginia. He studied medicine at University of Virginia and continued studies in Philadelphia, and by 1848, he practiced medicine in his home county. Some time after 1860, he moved to Summers, Rockbridge County, Virginia, where he sold general goods. He continued practicing medicine after the Civil War but expressed dismay over the decline of paying clients in postwar rural Virginia. He and his wife had several children, including a daughter named Minta Hardin and a son named Willie. Hardin died in 1899 at the age of eighty-five.

Source:

1850 United States Census, District 2 and A Half, Augusta, Virginia; Roll: 934; Page: 435b. Ancestry.com Database.

Maryland Medical Journal, a Weekly Journal of Medicine and Surgery. Volume XL, no. 1 (1898): 95.
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Scope and Content

This collection contains professional records and personal correspondence of Charles W. Hardin, a physician from Augusta County, Virginia. It includes two ledgers with notes related to patients Hardin treated, including enslaved people prior to the American Civil War. It also includes letters to family members and attorneys. Topics discussed include family health, financial troubles for physicians in Virginia after the Civil War, and an ongoing property dispute following the sale of his mother's land during the Civil War. The collection also includes two poems and a drafted debate response defending the importance of women's education.

Keywords

African Americans -- History

Augusta County (Va.)

Civil War

Folk, historical, and patent medicine

Letters

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Rockbridge County (Va.)

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

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Arrangement

The items in this collection are arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Charles W. Hardin Ledger

Unit Date 1847-1862

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Charles W. Hardin Ledger

Unit Date 1874-1875

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters to Family Members

Unit Date 1875-1883

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters to Attorneys

Unit Date 1881-1882

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letter from Department of the Interior

Unit Date 1890

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

"People's Journal" Pages

Unit Date undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Miscellaneous Writings

Unit Date undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)