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Descriptive Summary

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1881-1918

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English

Abstract

A collection of medical account books kept by Dr. George Taylor Klipstein of Alexandria, Virginia from 1881-1918.

Creator

Klipstein, George Taylor, 1854-1929

Extent

5 Linear Feet 12 boxes, 17 volumes

Physical Location

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Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

Public domain. There are no known restrictions.

Acquisition Information

Purchased by George Mason University Libraries before 2008. Additional ledger transferred from the Alexandria Library, Local History and Special Collections Branch to Special Collections Research Center in September 2025.

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Biographical Information

Dr. George Taylor Klipstein was born on December 17, 1854 in the City of Alexandria, Virginia. He received his early education from St. John's Academy before attending Columbia College in Washington where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1877, he began studying medicine at Jefferson College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and after graduating in 1880 or 1881 he returned to Alexandria where he would practice medicine for the next 47 years, including 45 years serving on the staff of the Alexandria Hospital. Dr. Klipstein was a prominent member of the local and state medical community, serving as president of both the Alexandria Medical Society and the Virginia Medical Society. He passed away on September 5, 1929 at the age of 74 in Los Angeles, California where he had relocated the previous year in the hopes of improving his failing health. He is buried in Saint Paul's Cemetery in the City of Alexandria.

Scope and Content

A collection of medical account books kept by Dr. George Taylor Klipstein of Alexandria, Virginia from 1881-1918 to record financial transactions with patients. The majority of the 17 volumes contain an alphabetical index of patients by last name, with most entries including the street or intersection of the patient's residence, the date of the visit, the cost, and sometimes the method of payment received. Conditions treated are only occasionally included. Account information for 1883-1888 is split into two physical volumes, with the second volume not repeating the patient index included in the first.

The earliest volume, covering 1881-1888, appears to have originally been used by someone else, with an inscription on the cover reading "Journal, Nov. 1, 1793, Wm. G. Howell" and the first few pages contain sketches before the beginning of the account information. Many of the ledgers contain loose papers throughout, such as envelopes, invoices, or notes, with the account book dated 1908-1911 including a loose page containing a list of patients from 1918 which is reflected in the box inventory.

Related Materials

The Special Collections Research Center holds other account books, including the Mason family manuscript account book.

Keywords

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Bibliography

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Arrangement

The account books are arranged in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100986

Unit Date 1881-1888

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100987

Unit Date 1883-1888

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100988

Unit Date 1886-1888

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100989

Unit Date 1889

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100990

Unit Date 1891

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100991

Unit Date 1892

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/393934

Unit Date 1893-1894

Mixed Materials 11 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100992

Unit Date 1895

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100993

Unit Date 1896

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100994

Unit Date 1897-1898

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100995

Unit Date 1899-1900

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100996

Unit Date 1901-1904

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100997

Unit Date 1905-1906

Mixed Materials 8 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100998

Unit Date 1907-1908

Mixed Materials 9 (box)

Medical account book and patient list

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/100999

Unit Date 1908-1911, 1918

Mixed Materials 10 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/101000

Unit Date 1912-1914

Mixed Materials 10 (box)

Medical account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/393935

Unit Date 1915-1916

Mixed Materials 12 (box)