

# Boldridge, James Russell, papers

James Russell Boldridge papers

1869-1978

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1.79 Linear Feet

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There are no restrictions.

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# Biographical Information

Dr. James Russell Boldridge (1885-1983) was born at Brown's Store in Culpeper County, Virginia to Dr. James Barbour Boldridge and Laura Henry Boldridge. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1909 and then served an internship at Retreat for the Sick Hospital. He began a general practice in 1910 covering parts of Culpeper, Rappahannock, and Fauquier Counties. At the time he began his practice there were four doctors in the town of Culpeper and eight more in the county. Though it was a rural area the poor road conditions made it necessary to have a doctor in each community. During World War I he served on the draft board for Culpeper County. Boldridge continued to practice until he was 90 years old.

Boldridge married Annie Marie Hess, a registered nurse, in 1912. They had four sons James Russell Jr., William Franklin, Edward Barbour, and John Henry. In addition to his medical practice Boldridge owned "Homeland," a 344 acre farm located in Rixeyville, Virginia which he purchased in 1918. Boldridge died in 1983 at the age of 97.

# Scope and Content

The papers of Dr. James Russell Boldridge pertain mostly to his time in medical school and in medical practice. The collection also includes some personal papers. Types of materials include case notes, certificates and diplomas, clippings, correspondence, day books and diaries, financial records, legal records, lecture notes, photographs, and other related materials. The materials related to his medical practice provide insight into the work of the rural medical practitioner especially during the years just prior to World War I.

Series 1: Professional papers, 1908-1978. This series is composed of materials related to Boldridge's work as a physician. Items include account books for his practice, certificates and diplomas, correspondence, which includes exchanges with other doctors regarding his patients' cases, case notes, a day book and diaries with brief notes on patient visits, legal records, opium distribution license and order forms, and records of birth.

Series 2: Medical school papers, 1905-1909. This series includes materials from Boldridge's time as a student at the Medical College of Virginia. These materials include case studies, exams, lectures notes prepared by his instructors on dermatology, surgery, and tumors, his own notes including a notebook with prescription preparations, and copies of the Virginia State Board of Medical Examiners exams.

Series 3: Personal papers, 1869-1872, 1899-1960. This series contains some personal materials which include correspondence, clippings, a ledger, photographs, the records from his administration of the Robert L. Browning estate of which he was the executor, and other miscellaneous items.

# Keywords

Medicine, Rural--History--20th century--Virginia.

Culpeper County (Va.)

Rappahannock County (Va.)

Boldridge, James Russell, 1885-1983

Medical College of Virginia

Virginia Commonwealth University

# Arrangement

These papers are divided into 3 series: Series 1: Professional papers, 1908-1978; Series 2: Medical school papers, 1905-1909; and Series 3: Personal papers, 1869-1960.

Efforts have been made to maintain the original organization where applicable. The files are arranged alphabetically within each series and materials within the files are arranged chronologically where applicable.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Professional papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5633

**Unit Date** 1908-1978

### **Account books**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5636

**Unit Date** 1910-1912, 1918-1921

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Extent** Two oversize volumes

### **Certificates, diplomas, & licenses**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5637

**Unit Date** 1909-1978

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5638

**Unit Date** 1908-1959

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

### **Case notes & misc.**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5639

**Unit Date** undated, 1925, 1937

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

### **Day book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5640

**Unit Date** 1916-1918

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

### **Diaries**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5641

**Unit Date** 1926, 1939

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

### **Legal records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5642

**Unit Date** 1913-1914, 1935

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

### **Scope and Contents**

Primarily warrants in debt taken out by Boldridge for outstanding debts owed by patients.

**Opium order form & license to disperse**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5643

**Unit Date** 1923-1924

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Physician's record of a birth**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5644

**Unit Date** 1914-196, 1939-1940

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Receipts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5645

**Unit Date** 1926-1928, 1940

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Medical school papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5634

**Unit Date** 1905-1909

**Case studies**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5646

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Exams**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5647

**Unit Date** 1905-1909

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Lecture notes: dermatology, lecturer Dr. F. H. Beadles**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5648

**Unit Date** 1905-1909

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Lecture notes: practice of surgery**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5649

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Lecture notes: surgery**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5650

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Lecture notes: tumors, lecturer Dr. J. Shelton Horsley**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5651

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Notes**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5652

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Scope and Contents**

Miscellaneous course notes and one notebook with prescription preparations.

## **Virginia State Board of Medical Examiners, exams**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5653

**Unit Date** 1905, 1909

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

## **Personal papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5635

**Unit Date** 1869-1960

## **Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5654

**Unit Date** 1927, 1937, 1953-1959

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

## **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5655

**Unit Date** 1899, 1918, 1923, 1938, 1953-1960

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

## **Scope and Contents**

Includes a letter and newspaper clipping from Thomas Summers regarding the death of his son, Dr. Bronson Ewing Summers during the 1918 influenza epidemic. Dr. Summers, a 1912 MCV graduate, was a surgeon in the U.S. Marine Corps and became ill while working at the base hospital in Quantico, Virginia.

## **Ledger**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5656

**Unit Date** 1869-1872

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Extent** 1 Volumes

## **Scope and Contents**

A ledger with accounts for general merchandise, timber, shingles, and various individuals in Rappahannock County, Virginia. The owner(s) of the ledger are unknown. It is possible that it belonged to James Madison Wood and/or Samuel J. Spindle based on an enclosed bill, but there is not enough information to verify it for certain.

## **Photographs and images**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5657

**Unit Date** undated, 1959

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

## **Play bill**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5658

**Unit Date** 1935

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

## **Scope and Contents**

"Meet Uncle Sally," presented by the senior class of Washington High School, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

## **Robert L. Browning estate**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5659

**Unit Date** 1913, 1915, 1935-1940

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Seed and water test results**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5660

**Unit Date** 1937-1938

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)