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George F. Keesee collection

1869-1924

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit ID

/repositories/3/resources/39

Unit Date

1869-1924

Language

English .

Creator

Virginia Dental Association

Creator

Keesee, George F. (1842-1924)

Extent

1.7 Linear Feet

Repository

VCU Health Sciences Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. George Fisk Keesee was born on 05 September 1842 in Richmond, Virginia. Orphaned at an early age, Keesee was raised by his father's friend, and prominent businessman, Cornelius Crowe. At age 19, he joined the Confederate army. As a member of the Virginia Life Guards, he participated in what would become the first engagement of the war, the Battle of Bethel (10 Jun, 1861). Keesee's war career was short lived, as he became ill and was reassigned to the defense of Richmond, a task he continued until war's end.

He decided on a career in dentistry, and graduated valedictorian of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1869. Keesee set up his practice in Richmond where he remained active until his retirement in 1924. Keesee was a founding member of the Virginia Dental Association and was named secretary, a post he would hold for over 50 years. He also helped organize the Richmond Dental Society serving the organization in a variety of capacities. At the time of his death, he was an honorary lifetime member and president emeritus.

Keesee received many accolades during his long career including being named secretary-general of the 1907 Jamestown Exposition National Dental Conference. Keesee was reelected as secretary of the Richmond Randolph Masonic Lodge a record 59 consecutive times. He also served as its Worshipful Master from 1875-1877. His portrait still hangs in his Masonic Lodge grand hall. Keesee married Sallie Bennett on 30 November, 1871 and they had five children. Keesee died 09 October, 1924 in Richmond. He is buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

Scope and Contents

The core of this collection is Keesee's dental office ledgers which are complete for the years of his practice (1869-1924). A typical entry includes the work done, a price, and payment made. There is also a collection of speeches written by Keesee, as well as some memorabilia. The collection does not include any materials documenting Keesee's work with the Masons, or the dental associations in which he belonged.

Keywords

History of Dentistry -- Virginia.
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Keesee, George F. (1842-1924) -- Account Books

Arrangement

This collection is compiled by merging accessioning numbers: 86/Sep/17, 88/Sep/18, 89/Mar/06, 90/Jul/19.

Description of Subordinate Components

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4737

Scope and Contents

A typical entry would include the work done, a price, any payment made. There will be an occasional change in address.

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4739

Unit Date 1869-1872

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4740

Unit Date 1873-1876

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4741

Unit Date 1877-1879

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4742

Unit Date 1880-1884

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4743

Unit Date 1885-1888

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4744

Unit Date 1889-1892

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4745

Unit Date 1892-1894

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4746

Unit Date 1895-1897

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4747

Unit Date 1898-1900

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4748

Unit Date 1901-1903

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4749

Unit Date 1904-1906

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4750

Unit Date 1907-1910

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4751

Unit Date 1911-1914

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4752

Unit Date 1915-1918

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Dental Office Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4753

Unit Date 1919-1924

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Papers and personal effects.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4738

Papers written by Keesee.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4754

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Valedictorian address, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4758

Unit Date 1869

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Handwritten address, "History of Dentistry" in Virginia.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4759

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Extent Handwritten in pencil, with envelope.

Handwritten reply to telegram sent by Dr. Harry Bear, then Secretary of the Virginia Dental Association.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4760

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Extent Handwritten in pencil

Biographies of Keesee.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4755

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains several biographies of Keesee.

Biography written by Dr. Burton Lee Thorpe for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition National Dental Conference.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4761

Unit Date 1907

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Biography written by Dr. Harry Bear, Dean, School of Dentistry, MCV.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4762

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Biography written by Keesee's son, George H. Keesee

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4763

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Photograph

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4756

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Extent Photograph

Memorabilia

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4757

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains medals, a name plate, and several appointment books.

Medal

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4764

Unit Date 1907

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

Member, 1907 Jamestown Exposition National Dental Award

Medal

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4765

Unit Date 1915

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

25th reunion of the United Civil War Veterans.

Brass Doorplate

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4766

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

Dr. Keesee

Appointment books

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4767

Unit Date 1910, 1915-1917

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Bylaws booklet

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4768

Unit Date 1917

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

Virginia Dental Association.

Bylaws

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4769

Unit Date 1916

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

Richmond Dental Association.

Program

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4770

Unit Date 1919

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

Richmond Dental Society meeting