

Perry, Seth B., Collection

Seth B. Perry collection
1913-1950

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1913-1950

Mixed Materials

2 (N-Z) oversize (box)

Language

English

Creator

Perry, Seth B. (Seth Bridgman)

Extent

0.8 Linear Feet 12 items

Repository

VCU Health Sciences Library

Administrative Information

Access Restriction

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions**Acquisition Information**

Donated by Thomas Winston III

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. Seth Bridgman Perry was born in Williamston, North Carolina on 16 December 1888. Originally a student at the University College of Medicine, Perry transferred to the Medical College of Virginia. Perry was the president of the Masonic club, as well as a member of Kappa Psi fraternity. He earned his MD in 1914. Perry served in the Army in World War I, rising to the rank of Captain. While in the service he was able to attend the University of Edinburgh where he first studied surgery. Perry moved to Hopewell, VA after the war joining the Hopewell Medical Society. In 1915, he was one of the founding doctors in establishing Hopewell Hospital, now known as the John Randolph Medical Center. During all his years of practice, Perry was a member of the hospital administration as well as a staff doctor. Perry was active in the Hopewell community as well. From 1928 to 1955, he served as a member of the City Council and several years as vice-mayor. After many years of service to his community, Perry suffered a heart attack in his office and died on 27 July, 1955 in Hopewell, VA.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of various items from Perry's life that show his vast array of interests, from a college textbook to the analytical breakdown of a soybean farm. The collection focuses mostly on Perry's medical work and not on his political or civic duties.

Keywords

Physicians -- Virginia.

Medical College of Virginia -- Alumni and alumnae

Medical College of Virginia

Perry, Seth B. (Seth Bridgman)

Arrangement

Records are arranged in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Medical Papers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4771

Unit Date 1928-1950

Minutes of the Hopewell Medical Society.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4773

Unit Date 1928-1950

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains the minutes of the Medical Society, later the Hospital Board. Some topics include expansion plans for the Hopewell hospital, hospital finances, and general election of officers.

Gynecology textbook

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4774

Unit Date 1912-1913

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains the instructor's gynecology typescript notes used by Perry while in medical school. Text originally used by an earlier student in 1912.

Professional material.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4775

Unit Date 1941-1947

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains a prescription pad from Perry. It has been used as a pad for other notes and a certificate of service from the Selective Service System.

Personal papers and photographs.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4772

Farming notes

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4776

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains a cost breakdown of a 125 acre soybean farm as well as a letter regarding the shipment of a pig.

Photographs.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4777

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photographs. One of Perry, the other unknown.