

Health & Medicine Ephemera Subject Files
1847-2012
(bulk 2005-2012)

Collection Summary

Creator: Intentionally assembled by Special Collections Division staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis.

Title: Health & Medicine Ephemera Subject Files

Inclusive Dates: 1847-2012 (bulk 2005-2012)

Summary/Abstract: Includes a wide variety of material relating to health and medicine as practiced in the Nashville area.

Physical Description/Extent: .5 cu. ft.

Language: In English.

Stack Location: Closed stacks workroom

Repository: Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219

Scope and Contents of the Collection

A wide variety of material relating to health and medicine as practiced in the Nashville area. Subjects include: hospitals, medicine and pharmacy, health and wellness, papers on the history of medicine, specific diseases and ailments, public health, mental illness, particular specialties of medical practice, and a variety of related subjects. Formats include: brochures, reports, statistics, advertisements, almanacs, manuscripts, journal articles, visitor guides to hospitals, and a variety of other materials. Many items date from the early 21st century, although a few pieces are from the 1800s.

A small quantity of material concerns hospitals in the Nashville area, mostly isolated items from 2005-2009. Subjects include: building expansions and dedications; patient guides; maps of the interior of hospitals; public and educational events; and other topics.

Items relating to pharmaceutical and drug history are among the oldest materials in the collection, dating from 1860 to 1929, and include a hand-written prescription ordered by W.H. Mussie [?]; almanacs featuring articles on health and diseases, with medicinal advertisements, which were distributed by local pharmacists; and blank U.S. Internal Revenue order forms for opium, probably used at St. Thomas hospital.

Other materials in the collection cover such diverse topics as health awareness and education; public health; mental health; sexual abuse; medical publications and professional papers; advertisements for individual doctors or clinics; and a variety of other topics.

Quantity of materials ranges from a single item to several folders. Most folders contain less than five items, and often only a single item. Some items are photocopies.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Arrangement: Alphabetical by topic.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: In library use only. Available by appointment.

Restrictions on Use and Reproduction: Some items may be restricted by copyright law or donor restriction.

Index Terms

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Alive Hospice (Nashville, Tenn.)

Subjects:

Almanacs, American – Southern States

Business enterprises – Tennessee – Nashville

Diseases – United States

Drugstores – Tennessee – Nashville

Health facilities – Tennessee – Nashville

Hospitals – Tennessee – Nashville

Medical care – Tennessee – Nashville

Medicine – Formulae, receipts, prescriptions

Medicine – Research – United States

Medicine – Specialties and specialists – Tennessee – Nashville

Medicine – Tennessee – Nashville

Mental health – Tennessee – Nashville

Mental illness – Tennessee – Nashville

Patent medicines – Tennessee – Nashville

Patent medicines – United States – Marketing

Pharmacists – Tennessee – Nashville

Pharmacy – Tennessee – Nashville

Physicians – Tennessee – Nashville

Public health – Tennessee

Places:

Nashville (Tenn.) – Buildings, structures, etc.

Nashville (Tenn.) – History – Sources

Nashville (Tenn.) – Intellectual life

Nashville (Tenn.) – Social conditions

Tennessee – History – Sources

Genre/Document Types:

Advertisements
Almanacs
Booklets
Brochures
Directories
Manuscripts (document genres)
Prescriptions
Reports

Occupations:

Pharmacists
Physicians

Associated and Related Material

Related material can be found in other Ephemera Subject Files, such as Biography; Communities (especially for local government's role in health); Fairs, Festivals and Events; Organizations; Schools; Sports; and others. Information about Civil War-era hospitals, including those in Nashville, is to be found in Wars and Military Ephemera Subject Files.

Separated Material

Some items may have been separated for storage to an oversize box, drawer, or the Nashville Room Photographs Collection. Separation notices have been used to indicate such removals.

Administrative Information

Copyright: This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code)

Preferred Citation: [folder title or item description], Health & Medicine Ephemera Subject Files, Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library.

Processing Information: Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Consolidation of "Hospitals," "Medicine," and "Mental Health" categories; reprocessed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2014. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

In general, 2011-2012

[Includes: "Healthier Nashville"; "Healthy Family Handbook"]

Clinics and medical groups, 1991-2004

Dental care, 2005

History, 1957-1969

[Includes: "Reminiscences on Contagious Diseases and Their Management Before the Acceptance of 'Germ Theory'"; "Early History of Medical Education in Nashville"; "Three Students of Medicine"]

Hospice and end-of-life care:

Alive Hospice 2007-2010

Hospitals (7 folders)

1. In general, 2005-2006
2. Baptist, 1984
3. General Hospital, 2000-2011
4. Skyline Medical Center, 2009-2010
5. Southern Hills Medical Center, 2005-2009
6. Tennessee Christian, ca. 2006
7. Vanderbilt Hospital, 1976, 1978, n.d.

Oversize box 1, folder 16: Poster: "The Birthday Gift that Beeped"
– advertising book with proceeds to Vanderbilt Burn Center, n.d.

Illnesses & Conditions, Specific, 2005-2010

(subjects presently include: cancer, menopause, rabies, breast health)

Mental Health (2 folders)

1. ca. 1980-2007
2. 1847-1981
[Includes: "Suicide Among Tennessee Residents, 1968-1977";
"Memorial for Improved Accommodations for the Insane of Tennessee" (1847)]

Pharmacy & Medicines (3 folders)

1. Prescription, 1860
2. The Ladies Birthday Almanac, 1929; Dr. J.H. McLean's Almanac, 1888
3. Internal Revenue form for opium, ca. 1914

Professional organizations and conferences, 1934

[Includes: "A Tour through Historic Spots in Middle Tennessee"]

Public Health, 1957

[Includes: "Residence Requirements of Public (Tax Supported) Health and Welfare Agencies Serving Nashville..."]

Publications and professional writings (2 folders)

1. The Southern Practitioner, (journal), 1911
2. "The Romance of Medicine", 1925

Sexual Abuse:

Rape & Sexual Abuse Center, 2007