

Guide to the George C. Harris Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
Creator	Harris, George C., M.D., 1811-1886
Title	George C. Harris Papers
Date [inclusive]	1834-1836
Extent	0.25 Linear feet
Location	R440, Old Library, Historical Collections & Archives, Oregon Health & Science University
Language	English
Abstract	This collection is from the school days of George C. Harris, MD (1811-86), a Maryland -born doctor who eventually moved to Oregon and died in Dallas, Polk Co.Oregon. It reflects his student days at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical/Historical note

George C. Harris (1811-1886) was born in Maryland. He served with a preceptorship with a Hagerstown-area doctor prior to attending Jefferson Medical College (M.D., 1836). A Gold Rush doctor in California (1849). Later practiced in Springfield, Illinois and ran cattle in the Texas Panhandle until wiped out by a blizzard. Back to medicine in Missouri, until moving to Oregon and practicing in the Eugene area (1865-81). He then moved to Pendleton. There he retired. He was buried in Dallas Or. (1886). O. Larsell, *The Doctor in Oregon: A Medical History* Binsford & Morts for OHS Portland Or, 1947 p. 314-15

Thomas Jefferson University was originally founded as Jefferson Medical College in 1824. In the early 1800's, only four colleges in the United States had medical schools affiliated with them, namely Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard and Dartmouth. For many years, Penn alumni blocked all efforts to create an additional medical school in Philadelphia. Dr. George McClellan and associates devised a plan to bypass this situation. In 1824, McClellan petitioned Jefferson College at Canonsburg (now Washington and Jefferson College) to add a medical school to their institution. While technically part of Jefferson College in western Pennsylvania, Jefferson Medical College was to be located in Philadelphia under the direction of the medical faculty. Although the University of Pennsylvania challenged this action, in 1826, the state legislature passed a bill that ratified the actions of Jefferson College in establishing the medical school. This allowed Jefferson Medical College to grant medical degrees. By 1838, Jefferson Medical College gained its own charter and was no longer affiliated with Jefferson College. As a proprietary school, the faculty administrated and managed all the finances of the school. This included the sale of "tickets" to attend lectures. from *History of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia*, by James Gayley; Jos. M. Wilson, Phila. 1858

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of mostly lecture and class tickets for Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. in the class years 1834-1836. Additionally there are a couple pieces of correspondence from the same period.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in 3 file folders according to type-class and lecture tickets, correspondence, and accession material.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Included in the collection was the envelope the materials were sent in, from F.T. Harris, M.D. Hotel Sorrento, Seattle Wa., to Oloff Larsell, M.D. faculty at University of Oregon medical School. Dated 1946. It is presumed that Dr. Harris was a family member.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Other collections centered around 19th century student education include: 2004-009 Robert Herbert Miles Class Notes 2004-018 Charles E. Dukenfield Lecture and Clinical Notes 2004-031 Roy Sumner Stearns Class Notes 2004-032 Curtis R. Holcomb Class Notes 2005-006 Matthew Caldwell Class Notes

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Jefferson Medical College.

Occupation(s)

- Physicians
- Physicians--Oregon

Personal Name(s)

- Colhoun, Samuel, M.D., 1787-1841
- Green, Jacob, M.D., 1790-1840
- Lister, Thomas Jefferson, M.D. , 1809-1874
- McClellan, George , M.D., 1796-1847
- McClellan, Samuel, M.D., 1800-1854
- Pattison, Granville Sharp, M.D., 1792-1851
- Revere, John, M.D., 1787-1847

Subject(s)

- Faculty,University
- Medical schools
- Medicine and Health
- Oregon

Collection Inventory

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F1 Lecture and Class tickets 1834-1835

Matriculation card for George C. Harris for ensuing session at Jefferson Medical College 1834
November

Admission ticket to Museum and Dispensary 1834-1835

Lecture ticket for Jacob Green's Chemistry class 1834-1835

Admission ticket, School of Practical Anatomy 1834-1835

Class ticket for Materia Medica and Pharmacy with Samuel Colhoun, M.D. 1834-1835

Class ticket for Midwifery & Diseases of Women and Children with Samuel McClellan,
M.D. 1834-1835

Ticket for George McClellan, M.D. Lectures on Surgery 1834 November

Class ticket for General, Descriptive, and Surgical Anatomy by Granville Sharp
Pattison, M.D. 1834-1835

Class ticket for Theory and Practice of Physick with John Revere, M.D. 1834-1835

Matriculation card for ensuing session 1835 November

Admission ticket for Museum and Dispensary 1835

Invitation to a faculty "Conversazione" 1835 November 12

Class ticket for Theory and Practice of Physick with Dr. Revere 1835 November

Lecture ticket for Jacob Green's Chemistry course 1835-1836

Class ticket for Anatomy course with Dr. Pattison 1835-1836

Class ticket for Samuel McClellan's course on Midwifery & Diseases of Women and Children 1835-1836

Lecture ticket for George McClellan's Surgery course 1835 November

Class ticket for Materia Medica and Pharmacy with Samuel Colhoun, M.D. 1835-1836

Invitation to another faculty "Conversazione" 1835 October 1

F2 Correspondence 1835

Letter of confirmation of George C. Harris' study for the last 3 years, with good study habits and exemplary moral conduct. Signed by Jefferson Lister, M.D. (believed to be Thomas Jefferson Lister, M.D.) 1835 October

Extended 15 page letter on sexually transmitted disease. 1835 December 5

Note

Author not specifically stated, but on envelope in pencil is written the name "A.H. Valentine". No further information on that person available.

F3 Accession material 1946-2010

Note

Includes envelope sent registered mail dated 1946 from presumed family member F.T. Harris, M.D. to Oloff Larsell of Univ. Oregon Medical School. Accessinsheet from 2010 when the collection became part of the archives.

Envelope the collection came in. Sent by F.T. Harris, M.D. Hotel Sorrento Seattle Wa to Olof Larsell, UOMS 1946

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