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The History of Medicine in Schenectady County: Materials in the Gremms-Doolittle Library

Books and Serials

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- Gerard, John. *Leaves From Gerard's Herball*. Dover, 1969.
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- Hechtlinger, Adelaide. *The Great Patent Medicine Era; Or, Without Benefit of Doctor*. Galahad Books, 1974.
- Jones, Stephen D. *The History of the Health Profession in Schenectady County*. Unpublished senior thesis, Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., 1976.
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- Medical Society of the County of Schenectady Sesquicentennial, 1810-1960*. [Schenectady, N.Y.: Medical Society of the County of Schenectady], 1960.
- Memories of Bellevue, 1939-1991*. [Schenectady, N.Y.: Bellevue Hospital], 1991.
- New York State Department of Health. *Public Health Services for Schenectady County, 1947*. Schenectady (N.Y.). Common Council. *Proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Schenectady, 1854-2002*.
- Strosberg, James. *Two Centuries: Caring for a Community: The Medical Society of Schenectady Bicentennial, 1810-2010*. Schenectady, N.Y.: Medical Society of the County of Schenectady, 2010.

Information files

Newspaper clippings, copies of original documents and publications, etc.

File locations:

Schenectady City: Ambulance service; Businesses – Pharmacies; Epidemics; Hospitals (includes general file and files for City Hospital, Ellis, St. Clare's, Sunnyview); Medicine; Nurses and Nursing; Physicians; Public Health.

Schenectady County: Glenridge Hospital; Medical Society; Public Health; Duanesburg – Doctors; Niskayuna – Hospitals.

Gremms-Doolittle Library Photograph Collection

Photographs depicting interior and exterior views of local hospitals.

File location: Schenectady City: Hospitals (Ellis, Physicians (Mercy), St. Clare's, Sunnyview)

Grems-Doolittle Library Documents Collection

Includes a variety of original source materials pertaining to the development of Schenectady's hospitals, the history of health care professions in Schenectady County, public health, and early medicines.

Categories:

- 306.1 – Medicine – Hospitals (Bellevue, Ellis, Glenridge, St. Clare's, Schenectady Free Dispensary, Sunnyview, miscellaneous)
- 306.2 – Medicine – Medical Society
- 306.3 – Medicine – Professionals (eye doctors, nurses, dentists)
- 306.4 – Medicine – Certificates and licenses
- 306.5 – Medicine – Public health pamphlets
- 306.6 – Medicine – History of medicine (incl. early medicines)
- 306.7 – Medicine – Miscellaneous
- 307.11 – Union College – Albany Medical College (Union University)
- 307.12 – Union College – Albany College of Pharmacy (Union University)
- 309.6 – Schenectady County – Public Health

Organizational/Business Records and Personal Papers

Larry Hart Collection (Accession no. 2006.4)

Includes research files, photographs, and postcards related to doctors, nursing, medical history, and of the Bellevue, Ellis, Glenridge, St. Clare's, and Sunnyview hospitals. The collection also includes audio recordings featuring Henry A. Kerste, a local druggist.

File locations:

Audio-visual recordings – Henry A. Kerste at meeting of City History Center (1952); cassette recording of St. Clare's Hospital cornerstone ceremony (1973)

Photographs – Bellevue Hospital, Doctors, Drug stores, Ellis Hospital, Glenridge Hospital, Hamilton Hill – Cholera victims, Nursing, St. Clare's Hospital

Postcards – Schenectady Hospitals

Research files – Doctors, Ellis Hospital, Glenridge Hospital, Hospitals, Medical History, Nursing, St. Clare's Hospital, Sunnyview Hospital.

Kerste Drug Store Records

Materials consist of books of compiled prescription sheets, 1928-1929, 1935.

Lester Family Papers

Relevant materials include hospital memorabilia and biographical information about physician David H.R. Lester and his wife, Catherine Garrison Lester, a nurse.

Mabee Family Papers

Relevant materials consist of receipts for medical treatment.

File locations: M-Receipts-31 (1826), M-Receipts-53 (1844)

Prescription books

Compiled prescription sheets, ca. 1880s-1910s

Registers of Schenectady medical professionals

The registers consist of ledgers with handwritten entries documenting physicians, dentists, and nurses in Schenectady County. Date ranges for each ledger are included.

Register of Dentists (1888-1895; 1901-1925)

Register of Physicians and Dentists – Schenectady Co. (1842-1844, 1879-1880)

Register of Physicians and Surgeons – Schenectady Co. (1887-1893; 1893-1904)

Register of Registered Nurses – Schenectady County (1920-1930)

Schenectady City Politics Scrapbook Collection

Materials consist of newspaper clippings. Searchable finding aid of article titles.