

# Hardin, Charles W., Collection

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1847-1883



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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.2022.062

### Unit Date

1847-1883

### Language

The materials in this collection are written in English.

### Abstract

This collection contains professional records and personal correspondence of Charles W. Hardin, a physician from Augusta County, Virginia.

### Creator

Hardin, Charles W., c. 1823-1899

### Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

### Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

## Administrative Information

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### **Processing Information**

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## **Biographical Note**

Charles W. Hardin was born c. 1823 in Augusta County, Virginia. He studied medicine at University of Virginia and continued studies in Philadelphia, and by 1848, he practiced medicine in his home county. Some time after 1860, he moved to Summers, Rockbridge County, Virginia, where he sold general goods. He continued practicing medicine after the Civil War but expressed dismay over the decline of paying clients in postwar rural Virginia. He and his wife had several children, including a daughter named Minta Hardin and a son named Willie. Hardin died in 1899 at the age of eighty-five.

Source:

1850 United States Census, District 2 and A Half, Augusta, Virginia; Roll: 934; Page: 435b. Ancestry.com Database.

Maryland Medical Journal, a Weekly Journal of Medicine and Surgery. Volume XL, no. 1 (1898): 95. [https://www.google.com/books/edition/Maryland\\_Medical\\_Journal/0x2gAAAAMAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=charles+w+hardin&pg=RA1-PA95&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.com/books/edition/Maryland_Medical_Journal/0x2gAAAAMAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=charles+w+hardin&pg=RA1-PA95&printsec=frontcover).

## **Scope and Content**

This collection contains professional records and personal correspondence of Charles W. Hardin, a physician from Augusta County, Virginia. It includes two ledgers with notes related to patients Hardin treated, including enslaved people prior to the American Civil War. It also includes letters to family members and attorneys. Topics discussed include family health, financial troubles for physicians in Virginia after the Civil War, and an ongoing property dispute following the sale of his mother's land during the Civil War. The collection also includes two poems and a drafted debate response defending the importance of women's education.

## **Keywords**

African Americans -- History

Augusta County (Va.)

Civil War

Folk, historical, and patent medicine

Letters

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Rockbridge County (Va.)

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

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## Arrangement

The items in this collection are arranged by material type.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Charles W. Hardin Ledger**

**Unit Date** 1847-1862

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Charles W. Hardin Ledger**

**Unit Date** 1874-1875

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Letters to Family Members**

**Unit Date** 1875-1883

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Letters to Attorneys**

**Unit Date** 1881-1882

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Letter from Department of the Interior**

**Unit Date** 1890

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### **"People's Journal" Pages**

**Unit Date** undated

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

### **Miscellaneous Writings**

**Unit Date** undated

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)