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Abstract

The George W. Kemper Jr. Medical Ledger, 1857-1892 [bulk 1861-1868], consists of one large ledger, handwritten by Kemper, including dated entries of names, amounts owed, and occasional notes beneath the names.

Creator

Kemper, George W., Jr. (George Whitfield), 1814-1902

source

Bookworm & Silverfish

Extent

0.2 cubic feet 2 folders

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The ledger was purchased from Bookworm & Silverfish by the Friends of Carrier Library in November 1997.

Processing Information

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 3093.**

Preferred Citation

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Bio/Historical Information

George W. Kemper Jr. (1814-1902) studied medicine at Jefferson College in Philadelphia and practiced in Port Republic, Virginia and the surrounding areas. He was also active in community affairs, serving as sheriff of Rockingham County from 1851-1852, commissioner of the school literacy fund for county district 10 in 1861, and a founder of the Rockingham Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1869. In June 1862, Kemper's house, Madison Hall, was the resting place for Confederate General Turner Ashby's body before it was taken to Charlottesville for burial. It is also said that Stonewall Jackson stayed at Madison Hall as Kemper's guest before the battle of Cross Keys.

Scope and Content

The George W. Kemper Jr. Medical Ledger, 1857-1892 (bulk 1861-1868), consists of one large ledger, handwritten by Kemper, including dated entries of names, amounts owed, and occasional notes beneath the names. Notes include names of people in the family who were treated, how debts were paid, when debts were settled and, rarely, a mention of the services performed or the nature of illness.

There are several inserts, most of which are addressed to Kemper. These inserts include receipts or lists of items and amounts, directions for ink making, and a reply to a price inquiry made by Kemper from James Smith Woolen Machinery Co. in 1897.

Keywords

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Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History -- 19th century
Virginia -- Genealogy
Account books
Medical records
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Wayland, John W. *A History of Rockingham County, Virginia*. Dayton, VA: Ruebush-Elkins Co., 1912.
Item 25, Folder 4, George E. May Papers, 1930s, SC 0094, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two folders containing the original ledger and a photocopied version.

Description of Subordinate Components

George W. Kemper Jr. Medical Ledger

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Photocopy of George W. Kemper Medical Ledger

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