

Porter, William Branch, papers

William Branch Porter collection

1933-1951

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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

1933-1951

Language

English .

Creator

Porter, William Branch, 1888-1960

Extent

0.8 Linear Feet

Repository

VCU Health Sciences Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Access restricted to certain records within the collection.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

Collection discovered in office closet. Donated to library.

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Biographical / Historical

William Branch Porter was born June 7, 1888 in Amelia County, Virginia. Raised in Powhatan County, he attended Fort Union Military Academy and Hampden-Sydney College. He graduated in medicine from the University College of Medicine in 1911. Porter taught at the medical schools of Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania before returning to Richmond. During World War I, Porter served as a member of the cardiovascular unit in Base Hospital 45, a unit made up of doctors from the Medical College of Virginia. After the war, Porter became chief of medical service at Lewis-Gale Hospital in Roanoke. In 1927, after two years abroad, he accepted a position as Professor of Medicine at MCV. He became the first full time medical professor in the school's history and focused the school on teaching and medical research. Porter was a member of many medical societies including the American Medical Association, American Heart Association, and the Medical Society of Virginia. He was Chairman of the Medical Section of the Southern Medical Association in 1935, and served as President of the Richmond Academy of Medicine in 1941. He consulted regularly with the Veterans Administration and the Surgeon General of the Army. In 1956, after 29 years, Porter retired. He was elected emeritus professor, and the medical school established the William Branch Porter Professorship in Medicine that same year. An award of a silver plated stethoscope, similar to one given to Porter by Dr. William Osler, is given each year to the top medical school student in internal medicine.

Scope and Contents

The collection is limited to committee notes from the Academic Privileges and Admissions Committees as well as small amounts of correspondence and reprints of papers. The collection does not contain any information regarding Porter's medical practice or his academic teaching.

Keywords

Physicians -- Virginia.

Physicians -- Virginia -- Richmond

Medical College of Virginia

Porter, William Branch, 1888-1960 -- Archives

University College of Medicine (Richmond, Va.)

Arrangement

The collection follows its original organization.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5186

Unit Date 1951, 1959

Mixed Materials 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains letters regarding hospital business and a primer for testing a doctors knowledge. The primer contains notes and differences of opinion written by hand.

Bills and Receipts

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5187

Unit Date 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains bills, statements, and receipts for hospital services, supplies, and office rental. Bills are to both Porter and H. St. George Tucker which could suggest they shared an office.

Journal Reprints

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5188

Scope and Contents

This series contains reprints of articles listed by date.

Articles written by Porter.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5194

Unit Date 1929-1951

Mixed Materials 3.1 (folder)

Aqueous Extract of Liver

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5215

Mixed Materials 3.1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Journal of the American Medical Association , Vol. 93, July 20, 1929.

The Treatment of Nontropical Sprue with Liver Extract

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5216

Mixed Materials 3.1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

American Journal of Medical Sciences , Vol. CLXXIX No. 3 March 1930.

The Heart in Typhoid Fever

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5217

Mixed Materials 3.1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The American Heart Journal , Vol. 10 No. 6 August 1935

The Heart in Endemic Pellagra

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5218

Mixed Materials 3.1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The Southern Medical Journal , Vol. 30 No.1 January 1937.

Heart Changes and Physiologic Adjustment in Hookworm Anemia

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5219

Mixed Materials 3.1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The American Heart Journal , Vol. 13 No. 5 May 1937.

The Significance of Cardiac Enlargement Caused by Arteriovenous Fistula

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5220

Mixed Materials 3.1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Annals of Internal Medicine , Vol. 11 No. 2 August, 1937.

Stereograms on Cirrhosis and Fatty Liver

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5221

Mixed Materials 3.1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Exhibit: Annual Meeting, American Medical Association, June 11-15, 1951.

Articles Written by Others

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5195

Unit Date 1909-1937

The Quarterly Journal of Medicine

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5222

Mixed Materials 5.2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Vol. 2 No.6 January, 1909

Die Malaria

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5223

Mixed Materials 5.2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Handbuch Der Speziellen Pathologischen Anatomie Und Histologie , Berlin 1926.

Deutsches Archiv fur Klinische Medizin

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5224

Mixed Materials 3.2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Leipzig 1927

Surgical Treatment of Cardiac Ischaemia

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5225

Mixed Materials 3.2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The Lancet , January 23, 1937

American Council of Learned Societies.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5189

Mixed Materials 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains drafts of reports given at the meetings of the American Council of Learned Societies.

Admissions Committee

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5190

Unit Date 1953-1960

Mixed Materials 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains the papers of Dr. H. St. George Tucker, Jr. It contains candidate lists, request for applications, recommendations, and the decisions of the Medical College of Virginia admission committee.

Admissions Committee Records**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5196**Unit Date** 1952-1953**Mixed Materials** 5.1 (folder)**Admissions Committee Records****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5197**Unit Date** 1953-1954**Mixed Materials** 5.2 (folder)**Admissions Committee Records****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5198**Unit Date** 1956**Mixed Materials** 5.3 (folder)**Admissions Committee Records****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5199**Unit Date** 1957**Mixed Materials** 5.4 (folder)**Admissions Committee Records****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5200**Unit Date** 1957-1958**Mixed Materials** 5.5 (folder)**Admissions Committee Records****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5201**Unit Date** 1958-1959**Mixed Materials** 5.6 (folder)**Admissions Committee Reports****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5202**Unit Date** 1960**Mixed Materials** 5.7 (folder)**Privileges for Private Practice Committee****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5191**Unit Date** 1941-1958**Mixed Materials** 6 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

This series contains the papers of Dr. Isaac Bigger and later, Dr H. St. George Tucker, Jr. It contains committee minutes, correspondence, and official paperwork of the privileges for private practice committee chaired by Bigger and Tucker.

Minutes and Official Business**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5203**Unit Date** 1941-1954**Mixed Materials** 6.1 (folder)

Correspondence**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5204**Unit Date** 1941-1954**Mixed Materials** 6.2 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Folder 1

Correspondence**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5205**Unit Date** 1941-1954**Mixed Materials** 6.3 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Folder 2

Correspondence**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5206**Unit Date** 1941-1954**Mixed Materials** 6.4 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Folder 3

Committee Notes**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5207**Unit Date** 1955-1958**Mixed Materials** 6.5 (folder)**Committee Notes****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5208**Unit Date** 1955-1958**Mixed Materials** 6.6 (folder)**Miscellaneous****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5192**Mixed Materials** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains an assortment of clippings, magazines and other papers.

Boy Home Was Never Like This! Cries Lone Patient As He Rests in Splendor in Medical College Hospital**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5209**Unit Date** January 16, 1941.**Mixed Materials** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents***Richmond Times Dispatch***Virginia General Practice News****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5210**Unit Date** Jan-Feb 1956**Mixed Materials** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Vol. 7 No. 1

The Scarab

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5211

Unit Date February 1960

Mixed Materials 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Vol. 9 No. 1

Curriculum Vitae

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5212

Mixed Materials 7 (folder)

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Lytt I. Gardner, MD.

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5193

Mixed Materials 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photographs found within the collection.

First Patient in New Hospital, 1941

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5213

Unit Date 1941

Mixed Materials 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Same photograph used in 1941 newspaper clipping.

Portrait photograph

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5214

Unit Date 1927

Mixed Materials 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Dr. Sparrell S. Gale