

A Guide to the Seth B. Perry Collection

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.8 linear ft. 12 items.

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Special Collections and Archives, Tompkins-McCaw Library, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Biographical/Historical Information

Dr. Seth Bridgman Perry was born in Williamston, NC on 16 December 1888. Originally a student at the University College of Medicine, Perry transferred to the Medical College of Virginia. Perry was the president of the Masonic club, as well as a member of Kappa Psi fraternity. He earned his MD in 1914.

Perry served in the Army in WW1 rising to the rank of Captain. While in the service he was able to attend the University of Edinburgh where he first studied surgery. Perry moved to Hopewell, VA after the war joining the Hopewell Medical Society. In 1915, he was one of the founding doctors in establishing Hopewell Hospital, now known as the John Randolph Medical Center. During all his years of practice, Perry was a member of the hospital administration as well as a staff doctor.

Perry was active in the Hopewell community as well. From 1928 to 1955, he served as a member of the City Council and several years as vice-mayor. After many years of service to his community, Perry suffered a heart attack in his office and died on 27 July, 1955 in Hopewell, VA.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of various items from Perry's life that show his vast array of interests, from a college textbook to the analytical breakdown of a soybean farm. The collection focus's mostly on Perry's medical work and not on his political or civic duties.

Arrangement

Records are arranged in chronological order.

Contents List

Medical Papers 1928-1950

Minutes of the Hopewell Medical Society. 1928-1950

Box-folder 1.1

Scope and Content

This folder contains the minutes of the Medical Society, later the Hospital Board. Some topics include expansion plans for the Hopewell hospital, hospital finances, and general election of officers.

Gynecology textbook 1912-1913

Box-folder 1.2

Scope and Content

This folder contains the instructor's gynecology typescript notes used by Perry while in medical school. Text originally used by an earlier student in 1912.

Professional material. 1941-1947

Box-folder 1.3

Scope and Content

This folder contains a prescription pad from Perry. It has been used as a pad for other notes and a certificate of service from the Selective Service System.

Personal papers and photographs.

Farming notes 1947

Box-folder 2.1

Scope and Content

This folder contains a cost breakdown of a 125 acre soybean farm as well as a letter regarding the shipment of a pig.

Photographs.

Box-folder 2.2

Scope and Content

This folder contains photographs. One of Perry, the other unknown.