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Farrar, Joseph C.

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Extent

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Biographical Information:

Joseph C. Farrar was a doctor in Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of two ledgers belonging to Joseph C. Farrar, a doctor in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. The first ledger includes accounts from 1848-1849 while the second ledger includes accounts from 1856-1861. The ledgers contain lists of patients, treatments and prices, and expenditures, as well as entries for both enslaved persons and "free persons of color" who were treated.

The 1856-1861 ledger was partially used by an unknown prior owner in 1852-1853, most likely Dr. Farrar's niece. Her entries record books she has read, items she has purchased, algebraic problems, visits to friends, and observations of the weather. She also copied poems including "Lord Allen's Daughter", "The Artist's Love" and "The Young Bride".

Keywords

Account books

Free African Americans--Virginia

Mecklenburg County (Va.)--History--19th century

Medicine--Virginia--History--19th century

Slavery--Virginia--19th century

Description of Subordinate Components

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Unit Date 1848-1849

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