Benton County Medical Society Records
(R0278)

**Collection Number:** R0278

**Collection Title:** Benton County Medical Society Records

**Dates:** 1915-1954

**Creator:** Benton County Medical Society (Benton County, Mo.)

**Abstract:** The Benton County Medical Society Records contain a photocopied volume that includes a roster of members, financial records, and meeting minutes of the Benton County Medical Society. Also included are several applications for membership. The records date from 1915 to 1954.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic foot
(1 volume)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Donor Information:** The records were loaned for copying to the University of Missouri by the Benton County Museum on October 6, 1986 (Accession No. RA0356).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Benton County Medical Society Records can be found in the following collections:

*St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society Records* (S0415)
*Boone County Medical Society Records* (CA5972)
Historical Note:

The Benton County Medical Society was organized in 1897 with ten physicians as charter members. These members were from Cole Camp, Lincoln, Palo Pinto, Fairfield, and Warsaw in Benton County, Missouri. Little is known of the early proceedings of the Society, as all records were destroyed by a fire at the office of the secretary Dr. J. R. Smith, in Warsaw in 1915. Meetings were held irregularly, averaging two per year, and usually included a lecture or paper on a medical topic. Examinations of patients were sometimes conducted. The last meeting records was held on March 18, 1954.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a photocopied volume with the records of the Benton County Medical Society. The volume, now held by the Benton County Museum, includes a note by Dr. J. R. Smith explaining the loss of earlier records of the group. There are no minutes for 1918 or 1938 to 1953. The records include an index, roster of members, membership accounts, meeting minutes, and membership applications.

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