



Charles Montgomery Johnson Record Books (C0271)

Collection Number: C0271

Collection Title: Charles Montgomery Johnson Record Books

Dates: 1855-1905

Creator: John, Charles Montgomery, 1826-1910

Abstract: Collection of twelve daybooks, 1855-1900, and twelve ledger books, 1865-1905, which give a daily record of visits made and fees charged by Dr. Charles M. Johnson and other doctors who practiced with him in St. Charles, Missouri.

Collection Size: 4 rolls of microfilm
(24 volumes on microfilm)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Dr. Samuel Overall was apparently working at an established medical practice in St. Charles during the mid-1850s. Dr. Johnson seems to have moved into the community, setting up his practice sometime about 1865. Entries in the 1869-1870 daybook indicate that Overall and

Johnson became partners sometime during that period. They remained together until sometime in February 1874. By the mid-1890s there seem to have been several doctors in practice with Johnson, including Dr. Edwards, Dr. Bates, Dr. Frye, and Dr. Bouere.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Daybooks
Ledgers

Scope and Content Note:

Although sketchy, this collection forms a basis for medical and family history for the city of St. Charles in the late nineteenth century. The books contain names of heads of household, wives, and children, and notes on birth dates, illnesses, and when medicine was prescribed. In the ledgers especially, there are often comments on where people worked and lived. Many family relationships are spelled out in notes like "Peter Taylon's son-in-law." Approximate death dates can be ascertained from the doctor's notations of "widow" and sometimes simply "dead." Occasional editorial comments like "dead beat" add a little spice.

Some of the early volumes have diary type entries telling of events such as a man being killed when he was thrown from his buggy. Office expenses are recorded in some of the volumes and several formulas for prescriptions are noted on the end sheets of the daybooks.

Container List:**Daybooks Series**

- v. 1 Samuel Overall, 1 January 1855-1 January 1856
- v. 2 Overall & Johnson, 1 July 1869-12 March 1870
- v. 3 Overall & Johnson, 14 March-22 August 1870
- v. 4 Overall & Johnson, 29 August 1870-25 June 1872
- v. 5 Overall & Johnson, 29 June-28 October 1872
- v. 6 Overall & Johnson, 29 October 1872-14 June 1873
- v. 7 Overall & Johnson, 15 May 1873-29 May 1875
- v. 8 C.M. Johnson, 10 February 1874-26 February 1875
- v. 9 C.M. Johnson, 1 March 1875-17 October 1876
- v. 10 Johnson & Johns, 1 October 1879-8 September 1880
- v. 11 Johnson & Bruere, 26 May 1885-1886
- v. 12 C.M. Johnson, 4 July 1898-15 May 1900

Ledgers Series

- v. 13 C.M. Johnson: cash book, 4 January 1865-9 January 1867; individual accounts, 8 July 1889-31 December 1890; daybook entries, 6-8 July 1895
- v. 14 C.M. Johnson: individual accounts, 15 December 1866-28 January 1869.
- v. 15 C.M. Johnson: individual accounts, 1 April 1870-22 August 1871
- v. 16 Overall & Johnson: cash book and individual accounts, 1 July 1871-24 December 1872.

- v. 17 C.M. Johnson: individual accounts, 4 October 1881-8 July 1882.
- v. 18 C.M. Johnson: individual accounts, 1 January 1891-29 December 1892 (pp. 2-294); 13 December 1891-6 December 1892 (pp. 318-357); and cash book, 1 January 1891-31 December 1894 (pp. 359-400).
- v. 19 C.M. Johnson: 1893-18943
- v. 20 C.M. Johnson: 1895
- v. 21 C.M. Johnson: 1896
- v. 22 C.M. Johnson: 1897-1898
- v. 23 C.M. Johnson: 1899-1900
- v. 24 C.M. Johnson: 1 January 1901-12 April 1905 (1905 also contains some daybook entries)

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