



Thomas Jefferson Eaton Papers (K0033)

Collection Number: K0033

Collection Title: Thomas Jefferson Eaton Papers

Dates: 1862-1947

Creator: Eaton, Thomas Jefferson, 1840-1906

Abstract: The Thomas Jefferson Eaton Papers contains correspondence, a biography of Joseph Ellerbe Chambliss, and a program of closing exercises for the graduating class of the Union School located in Circleville, Ohio. The papers also include a bound notebook, which Eaton used as his formulary. The pages of the formulary are numbered and a handwritten index can be found in the back of the notebook.

Collection Size: 0.20 cubic foot
(4 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Thomas Jefferson Eaton was born on August 27, 1840, in Circleville, Ohio, to John and Frances Eaton. In 1859, Eaton graduated from the New York University Medical College in New York City, New York. During the American Civil War, Eaton served as a hospital steward. Eaton married Henrietta R. Dodsley on December 26, 1866, in Wayne County, Michigan. Together they had one daughter, Thirza Eaton Chambliss. In 1867, he graduated from the University of Michigan, Medical School. Eaton practiced medicine in Dalton, Indiana, and Baldwin, Kansas, the dates of which are unclear. By 1871, he moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he worked as a chemist and toxicologist. During his time in Kansas City, Eaton became a faculty member at the Kansas City Medical College. In 1900, after the death of his wife, Eaton traveled to Los Angeles, California, where he worked as a physician. Eaton died on July 18, 1906, and is buried at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into four folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers consists of correspondence from Jennie Brodie Fowler to Thirza Eaton Chambliss, dated 1947, an undated biography of Joseph Ellerbe Chambliss, and a program of closing exercises for the graduating class of 1862 at the Union School located in Circleville, Ohio. The papers also include a bound notebook, which Thomas Jefferson Eaton used as his formulary (a collection of formulas often utilized for the testing of medications and medical treatments). The formulary contains handwritten and pasted pamphlets and clippings regarding various treatments for medical ailments, food preservation, hair and cloth dyeing, perfumes and cologne, stain removers, recipes for cough syrups and salves, various uses for vinegar, wine, and other liquors, inks, and toothpaste. Also included are formulas for the treatment of syphilis, consumption, rheumatism, gonorrhea, pain, cholera, as well as other ailments and diseases, and various recipes for elixirs. The pages of the formulary are numbered and a handwritten index can be found in the back of the notebook.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Correspondence, 1947
	f. 2	Biography, no date
	f. 3	Program, 1862
	f.4	Formulary, 1870-1876

Index:

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Cough--Treatment	4
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Mouth--Care and hygiene	4
Ointments	4
Perfumes	4
Therapeutics	4
Union School (Circleville, Ohio)	3
Wine	4