



Nathaniel Chapman Medical Lectures (K0111)

Collection Number: K0111

Collection Title: Nathaniel Chapman Medical Lectures

Dates: 1831-1833

Creator: Hasson, John

Abstract: The collection consists of three volumes of lecture notes of medical classes taken by students of Nathaniel Chapman at the Medical Institute of Philadelphia. Topics include human anatomy, the circulatory system, and many different fevers that were prevalent during the time period. The volumes were owned by several different students, and added to over time and used as textbooks.

Collection Size: 0.3 cubic foot
(3 folders, 3 volumes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Nathaniel Chapman was born on May 28, 1780, in Summer Hill, Virginia. Chapman attended school at Alexandria Academy in Virginia, and by 15 had already started medical apprenticeships with Dr. John Weems of Georgetown, Maryland, and Dr. Dick of Alexandria, Virginia. Chapman then attended the University of Pennsylvania's Medical School, where he graduated with honors in 1801.

Chapman went to Philadelphia in 1804, where he began his private practice of medicine. In 1813, the University of Pennsylvania reorganized and appointed Chapman professor of theory and practice of medicine. While at the University of Pennsylvania, he gained a reputation for his engaging lectures.

In 1817, Chapman founded the Medical Institute of Philadelphia, the first postgraduate medical school in the country. The Institute conducted medical summer courses for more than twenty years. Chapman was elected the first president of the American Medical Association in 1848, and authored several important medical works throughout his career, including the release of his lectures. Nathaniel Chapman died July 1, 1853.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically into three folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of three volumes of medical lecture notes taken by students of Nathaniel Chapman at the Medical Institute of Philadelphia. Topics of the lectures include human anatomy, the circulatory system, and different diseases that were prevalent during the time period. Each volume has been inscribed on the spine with "Chapman's Lectures" and then a volume number. It appears the volumes were initially written by a single individual with additions and changes made by successive owners. Several of the students who owned the volumes wrote their names in the book: S.B Haywood, John Elkinton, and John Hasson. Hasson appears to be the last owner of the lecture notes.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Volume 1, 1831-1833
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