



George W. Taylor Medical Records (R0158)

Collection Number: R0158

Collection Title: George W. Taylor Medical Records

Dates: 1901-1920

Creator: Taylor, George W., 1866-1940

Abstract: The George W. Taylor Medical Records contain records of medical examinations of Union Civil War veterans from Ozark, Taney, Howell, and Douglas counties in Missouri, and Baxter and Boone counties in Arkansas. Performed for the United States Bureau of Pensions by Dr. George W. Ebrite and Dr. George W. Taylor, each 'surgeon certificate' includes a medical history of the claimant, descriptions of wounds and disabilities, and recommendations for pension payments.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic foot
(2 volumes)

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-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Ruby M. Robins on May 13, 1983 (Accession No. RA0177).

Other Finding Aid: A name index of those in the two volumes is available in the administration folder.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the George W. Taylor Medical Records can be found in the following collections:

John B. Bell Records (R0119)

William Long Tolman Papers (R0246)

Notes: Collection was originally entitled Veterans' Medical Examinations; the name was changed when the collection was re-catalogued in 1993.

Processed by: Processed by John F. Bradbury, June 29, 1983. Re-catalogued by John F. Bradbury, April 1993. Revised by Kathleen Seale, May 21, 2020.

Biographical Note:

George W. Taylor was born in 1866, in Kentucky. He went to school through the eighth grade and practiced medicine in Ozark County, Missouri for most of his adult life. He worked as the secretary of the Board of United States Examining Surgeons at Gainesville, Ozark County, Missouri. The Board, made up of three local physicians, conducted medical examinations of United States veterans who had applied for military pensions or who were requesting increases of benefits. Other physicians who served on the board at Gainesville at various times with Dr. Taylor were J. T. Arnold, George W. Ebrite, and R. S. Small.

George Warren Ebrite was born on October 16, 1840, in Pennsylvania to Andrew and Maria Ebrite. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War with the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry for three years. Ebrite attended school at Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover and was licensed to practice medicine in Illinois and Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains records of medical examinations of Union Civil War veterans performed for the United States Bureau of Pensions by Dr. George W. Taylor. Each 'surgeon certificate' includes a medical history of the claimant, descriptions of wound and disabilities, and recommendations for pension payments. Most of the applicants examined by the Board were residents of Ozark County, Missouri but a few came from adjacent counties in Missouri and Arkansas. Nearly all were veterans of federal service during the Civil War. Former soldiers of Missouri units were the most common, especially from the 15th and 16th Missouri Cavalry regiments and the 46th Missouri Infantry. Veterans who came to Missouri in the postwar period represented many other states.

Each certificate of examination indicates whether the application was an original or an amended claim. After a general review of the claimant's physical condition, the doctors made specific investigations of former wounds and any disabilities noted by the applicant. The physicians certified that disabilities were not the result of 'vicious habits' and made recommendations for monthly pension payments. The certificates are entered in the volumes in chronological order. Individuals who were re-examined over the years will have entries in both volumes. An index to the records has been filed in the administration folder.

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