

**Finding Aid for the
Walter F. Dyckes, M.D. Papers,
1890 – 1969**



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Descriptive Summary

- Title:** Walter F. Dyckes, M.D. Papers, 1890 – 1969 [bulk 1930- 1955]
- Creator:** Dr. Walter Dyckes, medical doctor from 1929 to 1980.
- Extent:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)
- Abstract:** Patient log books, permit correspondence, and ephemera related to private medical practice in the 20th century

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** These materials were donated to the Melnick Medical Museum by Dr. Dyckes' son, Joel in 2004.
- Preferred Citation:** Youngstown State University, The Walter F. Dyckes, M.D. Papers. R.G. 25/13/05, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
- Restrictions:** None.
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- Finding Aid:** Written by Cassandra Nespor, November 2020

Biographical Sketch *(from Joel Dyckes in 2004)*

Walter Dyckes was born in Corry, Pennsylvania in 1902. After graduating from Corry Public Schools in 1921, he attended Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree there in 1925. He then traveled to Cleveland to attend the Western Reserve Medical School. At one of his rotations at the East End Hospital*, he met Grace Kuttler, whose father owned the hospital. Walter graduated in the spring of 1929 and married Grace before starting his residency at La Tours Hospital in New Orleans. When his residency was over in 1931, they returned to the Cleveland area (settling North East of the city in Willowick) and had a daughter named Dixie. They had identical twin boys five years later.

Dr. Dyckes started a private practice in the “Five Points” area of Cleveland and also worked with his father-in-law Dr. Kuttler at East End Hospital until it closed in the early 1950s. Dyckes was a general practitioner who made house calls, and Grace was his secretary and office manager. He delivered many babies and was also affiliated with the Booth Memorial Hospital of the Salvation Army.

Dr. Dyckes practiced medicine for 50 years, retiring in 1980. He died in 1982. Mrs. Dyckes died in 1994. They are buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland.

* *The East End Hospital was located on 101st Street near Euclid Avenue just east of CWRU campus. Medical Institutions of Cleveland: 1813-1910* by Patsy Gerstner, 2002. (PDF accessed December 07, 2020 through Dittrick Medical History Center <https://artscimedia.case.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2013/12/14194529/Cleveland-medical-institutions-web.pdf>)

Series Description

Series I: General Practice materials

Series II: Regulations (Liquor Prohibition, Narcotics)

Series III: Gus Toomey Bacteriology Manual

Scope and Content

This collection represents the working papers of a doctor in private practice during the mid-20th century, including patient log books, blank medical forms, pamphlets on diagnosis, tools, treatment, and patient education. There are several items related to OBGYN work and occupational injuries. It also includes notes from Dr. Dyckes' post-graduate studies, mostly on diseases of the gastro-intestinal tract from the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland.

The second series is particularly interesting since it covers the Prohibition period in United States' history. It includes his Prescription Forms for Medicinal Liquor as well as licensing and permit paperwork. License, permits, and stamps for narcotics (opium) are also included in the second series.

The last series contains some notes and a laboratory manual possibly used in a Bacteriology class taught by Dr. Dyckes at the Ohio College of Chiropody in Cleveland (now the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine in Independence, Ohio). The 1934 Laboratory Manual of Bacteriology was written by Gus Toomey (Temple University in Philadelphia, PA).

Colophon

This collection was processed in November and December 2020. Cassie Nespor, the curator of the YSU Melnick Medical Museum, has a Master's degree in Library and Information Science with a focus in Archival Studies. She has worked for the Medical Museum for 10 years, but previously had no special training in medical history.

Related Materials

A History of Medicine in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, Ohio/ John C. Melnick.
Located in the Archives and Special Collections R302. Y68 M44

Index Terms

Medicine – History – 20th century
Prohibition – United States – History
Drugs -- Prescribing -- Law and legislation -- United States.
United States. Food and Drug Administration
Physicians (General practice)
Family medicine – United States
Physicians – United States – History –20th century.
Medical instruments and apparatus

BOX 1

SERIES I: General practice materials

Folder	Contents	
1	Correspondence	1932- 1955
2	Patient visiting logs	1931-1932, c1940
3	Reference materials	1890-1969
4	Lecture notes, post-graduate courses	1933-1938
5	Hemoglobin scale papers	undated
6	Membership cards	1924, 1962

SERIES II: Regulations

7	Medicinal liquor, Permit regulations	1927
8	Medicinal liquor, correspondence	1930-1933
9	Medicinal liquor, Prescription forms	1933
10	Medicinal liquor, Physician's Record Book	1931-1933
11	Opium/ Narcotics, Treasury Dept Regulations	1927, 1937
12	Opium/ Narcotics, correspondence	1928-1945

SERIES III: Bacteriology class

13	teaching notes	1948-1966
14	Laboratory Manual of Bacteriology (typed draft with notes)	1934-1935