



MS 135 Guide to the Norman E. Mann Medical Realia Collection, 1850-1950

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NOTE: Since this finding aid was prepared, the collection has been consolidated into fewer boxes and items inventories and stored in the Garment, Artifacts, and Framed (GAF) section. The order of the materials is still roughly the same, and this inventory provides guidance to the types of materials available in the collection. An archivist will need to consult administrative inventories, such as GAF inventory, to pin-point exact locations of items. A new inventory is recommended. -Sandra Yates

Finding Aid

Guide to the Dr. Norman E. Mann Medical Regalia Collection, late 19th-mid 20th century

Descriptive Summary

Creator :	Noman E. Mann, MD.
Title :	Dr. Norman E. Mann medical regalia collection
Dates :	late 19 th -mid 20 th century
Quantity :	23 boxes, 44 cubic feet
Identification :	MS 135, TARO number: 00021
Repository :	John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center, Houston Academy of Medicine- Texas Medical Center Library

Biographical Sketch

No information available.

Scope and Contents

Records indicate that Dr. and Mrs. Norman E. Mann donated the medical regalia collection to the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center in April of 2001. The collection contains antique medical instruments, patent medicine bottles and memorabilia, medical equipment, dental ads, human remains, and printed material. While not all items could be precisely dated or identified, it was determined that the collection ranges from roughly the late 19th to the middle of the 20th century. The collection consists of 176 items organized into 23 boxes and seven series, and is approximately 44 cubic feet in size. The collection was damaged by Tropical Storm Allison and recovered instruments vary in condition from somewhat poor (broken, rusted, incomplete) to excellent. All salvaged material has been organized into the current collection housed at the John P. McGovern Historical Research Center.

Note: Researchers wishing to examine the glass medicine bottles and ampoules should exercise caution. Many of these items had to be discarded or emptied due to their expired, sometimes noxious chemical contents; they may still contain trace residues of these chemicals.

The following books were used to identify unlabeled devices, their manufacturers and dates, and may prove useful for researchers:

Cary's Illustrated and Priced Catalogue: Surgical Department, Surgical Instruments, Physicians, Hospital Supplies and Furnishings, Druggist Sundries, etc. Dallas: John F. Worley, Printing and Blank Books, 1894. 2nd ed.

Aloe's Illustrated and Priced Catalogue of Superior Surgical Instruments, Physician's Supplies and Hospital Furnishings. St. Louis, Mo: A.S. Aloe Co., 1890-1899. 6th ed.

George Tiemann & Co.'s Surgical Instruments. New York: Charles H. Ludwig, Printer, 1889.

Access Restrictions

This material is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Dr. Norman E Mann medical realia collection must be obtained from the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center of the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library.

Index Terms

Cardiology
Eli Lilly and Company
Gynecology
Mann, Dr. Norman E.
Medical Equipment- electronic
Medical Equipment- handheld
Medicine vials
Microscopes
Physician
Poison
Otolaryngology Remains-human
Smith, Kline & French Pharmaceuticals

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the McGovern Historical Research Center in early 2001 by Dr. Norman E. Mann and his wife.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Mann Regalia Collection; MS 135

Inventory completed by Kate Addy, an HRC volunteer, in August 2010.

Series:

I –electronic devices

II- black doctor’s bag and contents

III- diagnostic and examining devices

IV- various medical devices

V- glass objects

VI- oversized: Those with box title “o.v.” were too large and/or heavy to place in boxes, and are stored individually with the rest of the collection.

VII- human remains

Series	Box	Folder	Item Description
I	1	1	Scopelite, undated
I	1	2	Static master, mid 20 th century
I	1	3	Unidentified electronic device, undated
I	2	1	Foot switch and extension cord, mid 20 th century
I	2	1	Hyfrecator, mid 20 th century
I	2	1	Hyfrecator, mid 20 th century
I	2	1	Electrotherapy device, early 20 th century
I	2	2	Instruction Manual for Hyfrecator, mid 20 th century
II	3	1	Antique black leather doctor’s bag, undated
II	4	1	Adrenalin ampoules, undated
II	4	2	Black electrical cord, undated
II	4	3	Curved forceps in plastic case, undated
II	4	4	Rubber mallet, undated
II	4	5	Glass syringe in silver case, undated
II	4	6	Head to stethoscope (?), undated
II	4	7	“V-Lok” Blood Pressure Cuff, undated
II	4	8	6 glass syringes, undated
II	5	1	Calcium gluconate, undated
II	5	2	Gynergen, ergotamine tartrate, undated
II	5	3	Saráka the Laxative, undated
II	5	4	Poison solution cristodigin, undated
II	5	5	Eupurgo, Dioxyphthalophenon; undated

II	5	6	Magnesium sulfate, undated
II	5	7	Pa-Pay-ans Bell, undated
II	5	8	Synkayvite Sodium Diphosphate "Roche" , undated
II	5	9	histadyl, undated
II	5	10	Thorazine, undated
II	5	11	Corn salve, undated
II	5	12	Nicamin, undated
II	6	1	coramine, undated
II	6	2	Diurnal penicillin, undated
II	6	3	aminophyllin, undated
II	6	4	Adrenalin chloride, undated
II	6	5	Adrenalin in oil, undated
II	6	6	Suprarenin, undated
II	6	7	Luminal sodium, undated
II	6	8	Serpasil, undated
II	6	9	desoxyn, undated
II	6	10	Dilaudid hydrochloride, undated
II	6	11	Depo-medrol, undated
II	6	12	Super x carbolized medical tape, undated
II	6	13	Talwin brand of pentazocine, undated
II	6	14	Humphrey's Homeopathic preparation, undated
II	6	15	Gauze bandage, undated
II	6	16	Calcium gluconate, undated
II	6	17	digifoline, undated
II	6	18	Stigminene Bromide, undated
II	7	1	Patented snaplock, undated
II	7	2	Case with knives and needles, undated
II	7	3	Woodward's urethral syringe, undated
II	7	4	"Cholesterol and Your Heart" booklet, 1958
II	7	5	"Surgeon's X-L-Lyte" in black leather case, undated
II	7	6	Retractable light, undated
II	7	7	Incomplete ethyl chloride applicator, undated
II	7	8	Brooch, undated
II	7	9	Circular metal box and small key, undated
II	7	10	Hypodermic syringes in metal tubes
II	7	11	Fleischer stethoscope, undated
II	7	12	Empty prescription bottle, undated
III	8	1	Baumanometer, undated
III	8	2	Magnifying device, undated
III	8	3	otoscopes, undated
III	9	1	Wooden tongue depressors, undated
III	9	2	Speculum, "WFR" ; undated
III	9	3	Ear specula and case, undated
III	9	4	Ear or nasal specula, undated
III	9	5	Micro slides, undated
III	9	6	Schirmer tear test, undated
III	9	7	Rubber mallet, undated
III	9	8	Geneva Lens measure, undated
III	9	9	Weider tongue depressor, undated

III	9	10	otoscope, undated
III	9	11	Gynecological speculum, undated
III	9	12	2 stethoscopes, undated
III	9	13	Vision testing wall chart, undated
III	10	1	Sphygmomanometer (Blood pressure cuff), undated,
IV	11	1	Metal probe, undated
IV	11	2	Unidentified device, undated
IV	11	3	Clamp forceps, undated
IV	11	4	Tissue dessication needle, undated
IV	11	5	Parts of hypodermic syringe (?), undated
IV	11	6	Metal parts, unidentified; undated
IV	11	7	Metal frame, undated
IV	11	8	3 syringes, undated
IV	12	1	Paper tube (contained tincture of iodine) , undated
IV	12	2	Metal instrument case, undated
IV	12	3	Medicines in black case, undated
IV	12	4	Bandages in leather case, undated
IV	12	5	Surgical instruments, undated
IV	13	1	Cordis pacemaker, undated
IV	13	2	Pacemaker (EliteDDDR Medtronic) , undated
IV	13	3	Artificial heart valve, undated
IV	13	4	Pacemaker (Micro Minix) , undated
IV	13	5	Pacemaker (Legend II SSI SSIR) , undated
IV	13	6	2 tweezers, undated
IV	13	7	Needle holder (forceps) , undated
IV	13	8	Cranial trephine, undated
IV	13	9	Mathieu's tonsilotome, early 20 th century
IV	13	10	Small metal splints, undated
IV	13	11	Unidentified metal rings, undated
IV	13	12	Pocket baby scales, early 20 th century
IV	13	13	Needle extension, 1930s
IV	14	1	hooks, undated
IV	14	2	Alligator clips, undated
IV	14	3	Metal curettes, undated
IV	14	4	Metal probes, undated
IV	14	5	Forceps and scissors, undated
IV	14	6	retractor, undated
IV	14	7	Unidentified instrument, undated
IV	14	8	Probes or sounds, undated
IV	14	9	Rubber tube and pump, undated
IV	14	10	Unidentified device with crank, undated
IV	15	1	Irrigating curette, undated
IV	15	2	Incomplete variety of tonsilotome (?), undated
IV	15	3	Staphylorrhaphy needle, right; 1930s
IV	15	4	Parker's retractor, early 20 th century
IV	15	5	Irrigating curette, early 20 th century
IV	15	6	Stainless steel forceps, undated
IV	15	7	Bozeman-Like Double-Curved Scissor, late 19 th century
IV	15	8	Old syringe in metal case, early 20 th century

IV	15	9	2 curettes, undated
IV	15	10	Bone curette, early 20 th century
IV	15	11	Tonsil snare (Eve's), early 20 th century
IV	15	12	Steel probe, early 20 th century
IV	16	1	Acupuncture needles, undated
IV	16	2	Leather case with pill bottles, early 20 th century
IV	17	1	Medicine bottles carried on horseback, 1800's
IV	18	1	Zig-zag cigarette paper, undated
IV	18	2	Curved metal disc, undated
IV	18	3	Plastic ball in metal cage, undated
IV	18	4	Yale Hypodermic Needles, undated
IV	18	5	Hypodermic syringe in wooden case, undated
IV	18	6	Unidentified instruments, undated
IV	18	7	Obstetrical forceps, undated
IV	18	8	Canula or ligator, undated
IV	18	9	Gynecic gauze packer, early 20 th century
IV	18	10	Placental forceps, early 20 th century
V	19	1	Glasses and cleaning cloth, undated
V	19	2	Magnifying spectacles, undated
V	19	3	Glass milk collector, early 20 th century
V	19	4	Glass pot, undated
V	19	5	1000ml glass beaker, undated
VI	20	1	Medicine vials in leather box, undated
VI	20	2	Saf-T-Coil Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device, undated
VI	20	3	Amputation kit, early 20 th century
VI	20	4	Metal blade (goes with microtome), undated
VI	21	1	Microscope, undated
VI	21	2	Plastic specimen bottles, 1986
VI	21	3	Colored filters, undated
VI	21	4	Magnifying lenses (x5), undated
VI	21	5	Magnifying lenses (x10), undated
VI	21	6	Additional microscope piece, undated
VI	22	1	Teapot-like device, undated
VI	22	2	bedpan, undated
VI	22	3	Container with funnel, undated
VI	22	4	funnel, undated
VI	22	5	Instrument container, undated
VI	22	6	box, undated
VI	22	7	Tray, undated
VI	ov	8	Microtome, early 20 th century
VI	ov	9	Microscope, gifted by Dr. Maurice J. Meyner, Jr.; 1927-31
VI	ov	10	Microscope, undated
VI	ov	11	Microscope, gifted by Drs. Steinberg in 2004, undated
VI	ov	12	Warm ether and suction apparatus, gift of Armstrong in 1997
VI	ov	13	[blood pressure] device, undated
VI	ov	14	Pilling-made pneumothorax apparatus, circa 1942
VI	ov	15	Unknown electrical device, Weber Dental Mfg Co.; undated
VI	ov	16	Stethoscope, circa 1900
VI	ov	17	Castle sterilizer on iron stand, undated

VI	ov	18	Portable commode from UT Medical Branch, undated
VI	ov	19	Examination chair from UT Medical Branch, undated
VI	ov	20	Sanborn portable electrocardiogram, early-mid 20 th century
VI	ov	21	Browne Robertson Endoscopy Monitor, 1930's-40's
VI	ov	22	Methodist Hospital Oscilloscope, undated
VII	23	1	Gallstones, undated
VII	23	2	Human radius, undated