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Summary information

Repository:	McGovern Historical Center, Texas Medical Center Library
Title:	A. G. Boss Brown, M.D. Black Bag materials
Reference code:	MS 136
TARO [00247] :	00247
Date:	undated (creation)
Physical description:	0.5 cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Arthur Gramson Boss Brown was born in Bosworth, Missouri, on February 10, 1873. He graduated from Simms Medical College in St. Louis in 1902 and moved to Dean Lake, Missouri, in 1903 but returned to Bosworth later that year and spent the rest of his life there. He retired due to failing health and sold his practice in 1948. Dr. Brown and his wife Clemma were killed when their car struck a bridge in Carrollton, Missouri, in February 1959 and are buried in Elizabeth Cemetery, south of Hale, Missouri. Most of the family seems to have stayed in Missouri but their son Dr. Wilson Gordon Brown (18 January 1914- 23 December 1990, buried at Elizabeth Cemetery) lived in Houston, which is probably why the Library has the bag. Dr. Brown's brother William Gordon Brown (1865-1931) was also a doctor in Carroll County. There are a lot of small items about Dr. Brown, and sometimes his brother, in social columns in old northern Missouri newspapers. One of them teases Dr. Brown about being a "regular practitioner" in reference to his formal training, as opposed to a "domestic practitioner", who might have been apprenticed and/or self-taught. Because of the lax standards for entering medical school until well into the twentieth century, and patients' tendency to trust known locals, "regular doctors" and formal training apparently had a hard time gaining acceptance in the public mind. Marion-Simms Medical College, later Marion-Simms-Beaumont College, was a (homeopathic? I've seen hints but cannot verify) medical school run by a group of physicians that operated from at least 1883 to the early 1900s. It was purchased by the Jesuit Brothers in 1903 and paired with St. John's Hospital, and eventually merged with the much older medical department of Saint Louis University.

Custodial history

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Scope and content

This collections consisted of a black medical bag as well as medicines and medical tools that were apparently owned by A. G. Boss Brown, M.D. from Bosworth, Missouri. The materials range from good condition to very poor condition. As of January 2022, the bag itself is no longer part of the collection, and its disposition is unknown. There are 22 remaining envelopes of objects.

Notes

Physical condition

The materials range from good condition to very poor condition.

Immediate source of acquisition

Source is unknown.

Restrictions on access

No access restrictions. Open for research.

Conditions governing use

Copyright restrictions may apply. Permission to publish from this material must be facilitated through the repository, McGovern Historical Center.

Accruals

No accruals are expected for this collection.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Brown, A. G. Boss (subject)
 - Realia (documentary form)
 - General practice (subject)
 - Missouri (United States) (place)
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Series descriptions

Series MS136-S1: Series I: A. G. Boss Brown M.D. Black Bag and other materials

<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi220255349	File - 1 Pair of curved bladed scissors made in Germany <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 1	undated	
gi220255350	File - 1 Bottle of Metophan cough suppressant, empty <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 2 <i>Scope and content:</i> bottle with glass stopper and metal cap with prescription label from "A.G. Boss Brown, M.D." in Bosworth, Missouri	undated	
gi220255351	File - 1 Bottle of strychnine sulfate <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 3 <i>Scope and content:</i> label is faded; bottle still contains pills	undated	
gi220255352	File - Booklet of remedies-- ephemera <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 4	undated	
gi220255353	File - Arsenoferratoze with hemoglobin scale, Merck & Co. Inc. <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 5	circa 1925	
gi220255354	File - Lily medicines in small black case <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i>	undated	

	MS 136 – Folder: 6 <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains A.S.A. compound, seconal, digiglusin, sodium amytal, ergotrate H[illegible], merthiolate, one small serated blade; case is flaking and deteriorating
gi220255355	File - Shering & Glatz, inc. Urotropin in 5cc or 31 grain in glass ampules undated <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 7 <i>Scope and content:</i> From Bloomfield, NJ; urotropin samples in small deteriorating cardboard box with promotional material in archival sleeves
gi220255356	File - Glass syringe and plunger, MacGregor Instrument Co., 2cc or 35m undated <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 8 <i>Scope and content:</i> items wrapped in archival tissue
gi220255357	File - B-D Yale Luer-Lok hypodermic needles, stainless undated <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 9 <i>Scope and content:</i> small cardboard box containing needles tied with archival tying tape
gi220255358	File - Aminophyllin by Searle, 4 ampules, 2cc each undated <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 10 <i>Scope and content:</i> 4 ampules in individual boxes within small cardboard box
gi220255359	File - Metrazol box (empty and flattened), formerly held 1cc ampules undated <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 11

gi220255360	<p>File - Admiral steel medicine container with samples</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 12</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i> Metal case contains cotton swab, 1/6gr Adrenalin and cocaine, morphine 1/50gr, two unlabeled glass tubes with unknown substances, & one small folded paper envelope (possibly empty); rear of case says "BECTON.DICKINSON & CO, RUTHERFORD N.J."</p>	undated
gi220255361	<p>File - Rusted metal case of X-acto hypo needles, Krup V2A, Rustless steel; Germany</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 13</p>	undated
gi220255362	<p>File - 1 glass bottle of pineoleum, metal cap and manufacturer's label, empty; Made in USA</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 14</p>	undated
gi220255363	<p>File - 1 bottle Stolic Forte tablets in situ, in professional package by Sharp & Dohme</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 15</p>	undated
gi220255364	<p>File - C.W.D. Pultz, druggist, The Rexall Store prescription booklet</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 16</p>	undated
gi220255365	<p>File - Amidophen sample tin by Eli Lilly</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 17</p>	undated
gi220255366	<p>File - Sulfanilamide envelope by Eli Lilly</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p>	undated

	MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 18	
gi220255367	File - Bosworth, Missouri; Bosworth State Bank checks (blank) <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 19	circa 1939-1950
gi220255368	File - 2 bottles of Nembutal (full) from Abbott Laboratories <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 20	undated
gi220255369	File - 2 State Board of Health Laboratories envelopes, with slides for bacteriological examination <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 21 <i>Scope and content:</i> Missouri State Board of Health	undated
gi220255370	File - leather pouch First Aid Kit promotional item with catgut ligatures, needles, gauze pad in paper envelopes <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> MS 136 – Folder: 22	undated