

American Antiquarian Society
Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

Apothecary's Notebook, c. 1800-1864

Location:

Octavo volumes "A"

Size of collection:

1 octavo volume (158 pp., 64 blank)

N.U.C.M.C. number:

RLIN id: MAAR91-A0

Sources of information on collection:

See accompanying sheet(s) for additional information.

Source of collection:

Gift of Barbara L. Wyatt, 1983

Collection description:

This unidentified apothecary's notebook was kept from c. 1800 to 1864. The last entry includes a reference to Oakham, Massachusetts, and there is also an entry dated 1808 in Shirley, Massachusetts, but there are no clues as to the identities of the writers. The entries were not all written in the same hand.

The pages contain detailed medical recipes for treatment of a wide variety of diseases, such as gout, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy. The recipes appear under specific names of treatments and sometimes include the proportions of each ingredient and the recommended dosage.

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