

American Antiquarian Society

Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

Practitioners Club (Worcester, Mass.),
Records, 1902-1952

Location:

Octavo volumes "P"
Misc. mss. boxes "P"

Size of collection:

2 octavo volumes
1 folder (26 items)

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

RLIN id:

Sources of information on collection:

For a history and photograph of the Club, see "Worcester, Mass., The History of Worcester District Hospitals"

Source of collection:

Deposited by Roy Joslyn Ward, 1957

Collection description:

The Practitioners Club was founded in 1902 in Worcester, Mass., by a group of fifteen physicians for the purpose of professional advancement. The members, whose number was later fixed at seventeen, held seven meetings each year, during which two appointed members delivered an address on a specific medical topic. The meetings dwindled to one each year by 1947 and ceased entirely after 1951. Among the members were Roy Joslyn Ward (1875-) and Joseph Ira Lindsay (1863-1948).

The Practitioners Club, Records, 1902-1952, include two volumes containing the minutes of meetings and one folder of correspondence. The minutes are a summary of each medical address concerning topics such as theories of the causes of diseases, symptoms, prescribed drugs, case studies, and new "cures," including hydrotherapy. The topics covered the areas of obstetrics, mental illness, and internal medicine.

The correspondence among the members refers largely to club business. There are also drafts of programs, and an address, 1947, by Dr. Lindsay containing autobiographical material and a history of the Club.

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Contents List

Octavo Volumes

- 1 Records of meetings, including the minutes, 1902-1940
- 2 Records of meetings, including the minutes, 1940-1952

Folders

- 1 Correspondence among members, drafts of programs and an address