

## AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

## Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Worcester Association for Medical Improvement, Records, 1845-1900</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Folio volumes "W" Mss. boxes "W"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>4 folio volumes; 3 mss. boxes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For information on the Worcester Association for Medical Improvement, see Paul F. Bergin, <u>History of Worcester District Hospitals</u> (Worcester: n.p., 1953), pp. 132-36</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Records of the Worcester Medical Association the gift of Arthur A. Marsh, 1939</p>	
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>The Worcester Association for Medical Improvement was founded in 1845 by eleven Worcester area doctors. Its purpose was to educate its members by the presentation of lectures and discussions on various medical topics. Among the topics discussed were surgery, disease control, mental health, and other topics of medical interest. In 1886 this organization was disbanded and the Worcester Medical Association was formed. Like its predecessor, its purpose was to advance the medical knowledge of its members. The association was open to all doctors in the Worcester area. Meetings were held several times a month, and usually medical cases were discussed. The society disbanded in 1900.</p> <p>This collection contains one folder of miscellaneous records, such as copies of bylaws, correspondence, etc.; three boxes of lecture transcripts on various medical subjects; and four record books with minutes of meetings, copies of bylaws, and membership lists.</p> <p>See Contents List.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24 July 1978</p>	

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT

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Manuscript Boxes:

Box #1 Miscellaneous Papers and Lecture Transcripts, 1857-1884

Folder 1: Miscellaneous papers, 1857-1884, including a report on relief of the sick, 1857; correspondence to Joseph Sargent and Oliver Hurd Everett; copies of bylaws and orders of proceedings of meetings.

Folder 2: Lecture Transcripts, 1857-1858

1. Sargent, Joseph, "Cholic"
2. Gage, Thomas Hovey, "Surgical Cases"
3. Woodward, Rufus, "Epilepsy"
4. Chandler, George, "Facial Palsy"
5. Rice, Joseph Marcus, "Acute Mania"
6. Martin, Oramel, "Cirrhosis of the Female Breast"
7. Woodward, Rufus, "Albuminuria in Inflammatory Disease"
8. Rice, Joseph Marcus, "Peritonitis"

Folder 3: Lecture Transcripts, 1860-1861

1. Woodward, Rufus, "Influenza"
2. Workman, William, "Uterine Polypus"
3. Heywood, Benjamin, "Pelvic Abscess"
4. Martin, Oramel, "Spontaneous Phlebitis"
5. Martin, Oramel, "Cattle Disease"
6. Woodward, Rufus, "Inflammation of the Cocum"
7. Martin, Oramel, "Partial Paralysis from Convulsions in a Child"
8. Bates, Joseph Nye, "Diphtheria"
9. Rice, Joseph Marcus, "Tracheotomy in Croup"
10. Martin, Oramel, "Cattle Disease"

Folder 4: Lecture Transcripts, 1862-1865

1. Tripp, Benjamin Harlock, "Ice in Diphtheria"
2. Heywood, Frederick, "Pernicious Fever"
3. Bates, Joseph Nye, "Pernicious Fever"
4. Tripp, Benjamin Harlock, "Dysentery in Purulent Women"
5. Mignault, Pierre Bazile, "Pneumonia"
6. Clarke, Henry, "Menorrhagia"
7. Clarke, Henry, "Paraplegia"
8. Clarke, Henry, "Intra-Articular Injections of Iodine"
9. Gage, Thomas Hovey, "Paraplegia"
10. Woodward, Rufus, "Vital Shock"
11. Woodward, Rufus, "Acute Liver Disease"

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Folder 5: Lecture Transcripts, 1866

1. Wood, Albert, "Abscess of the Liver"
2. Woodward, Rufus, "Mammary Abscess"
3. Wood, Albert, "Hernia"
4. Rice, Franklin Horton, "Inversion of Uterus"
5. Francis, George Ebenezer, "Hypodermic Medication"
6. Sargent, Joseph, "Period of Gestation"
7. Martin, Oramel, "Floating Cartilages in Joints"
8. Mignault, Pierre Bazile, "Puerperal Convulsions"
9. Woodward, Rufus, "Erectile Tumors"

Folder 6: Lecture Transcripts, 1867-1868

1. Rice, Franklin Horton, "Acute Meningitis"
2. Lincoln, William H., "Excision of Joints"
3. Warner, Emerson, "Bromide of Potash in Epilepsy"
4. Rice, Joseph Marcus, "Phlebitis"
5. Simpson, Henry Young, "Diphtheria"
6. Palmer, Harrison, "Chronic Catarrh"
7. Francis, George Ebenezer, "Headache"
8. Workman, William Hunter, "Excess of Study in the Schools"

Folder 7: Lecture Transcripts, 1869; 1873-1874

1. Gage, Thomas Hovey, "Cancer of the Bone"
2. Palmer, Harrison, "Dyspepsia"
3. Woodward, Rufus, "Pneumonia of Early Childhood"
4. Eastman, Bernard Douglass, "Provision for the Insane"
5. Hammond, Lemuel Hodges, "The Use of Ergot"

Box #2 Lecture Transcripts, 1877-1883

Folder 1: Lecture Transcripts, 1877

1. Bates, Joseph Nye, "Diphtheria"
2. Francis, George Ebenezer, "Biliousness"
3. Park, John Gray, "Pathology of General Paralysis"
4. Eastman, Bernard Douglass, "General Paralysis"
5. Davis, Wesley, "Puerperal Fever"

Folder 2: Lecture Transcripts, 1878-1879

1. Bemis, Merrick, "Puerperal Insanity"
2. Quinby, Hosea Mason, "Hospital Treatment for the Insane"
3. Gage, Thomas Hovey, "Peritonitis"
4. Quinby, Hosea Mason, "Commitment of Patients to Hospitals  
for the Insane"
5. Marston, Enoch Quinby, "Gangrene"
6. Moulton, Rufus, "General Paralysis"

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Folder 3: Lecture Transcripts, 1880-1881

1. Peabody, Charles Augustus, "Practice in India"
2. Francis, George Ebenezer, "Prevention of Disease in Obstetrics"
3. Souther, William Towle, "Involuntary Micturition in Children"
4. Rice, Joseph Marcus, "Medical Charities"

Folder 4: Lecture Transcripts, 1882

1. Woodward, Rufus, "Treatment of Some Forms of Fracture"
2. Wood, Albert, "Lithemia"
3. Davis, Charles Henry, "Jaboridin and its Alkaloids"
4. Bemis, Merrick, "Incipient Mental Disease"

Folder 5: Lecture Transcripts, 1883

1. Everett, Oliver Hurd, "Unity or Duality of Syphilitic Virus"
2. Francis, George Ebenezer, "Urethritis"
3. Gage, Thomas Hovey, "Utility of Amputation of the Breast  
for Cancer"
4. Wheeler, Leonard, "Treatment of Infective Diseases"
5. Perkins, Eben Meade, "Neurasthenia"
6. Peabody, Charles Augustus, "Injury to the Elbow"

Folder 6: Lecture Transcripts, 1883

1. Quinby, Hosea Mason, "Somnambulism"
2. Souther, William Towle, "Infant Feeding"
3. Rich, Joshua Bartlett, "Contusions"
4. Wood, Albert, "Frequent Micturition"
5. Woodward, Rufus, "Surgery of the Urethra"
6. Woodward, Samuel Bayard, "Ruptured Peritoneum"

Box #3 Lecture Transcripts, 1884-1886

Folder 1: Lecture Transcripts, 1884

1. Davis, Wesley, "Mother's Marks"
2. Everett, Oliver Hurd, "Spinal Concussion"
3. Dixon, Lewis Sever, "Children's Eyes"
4. Flood, Everett, "Epilepsy"
5. Francis, George Ebenezer, "Antiseptic Surgery"
6. Gage, Thomas Hovey, "Ovariectomy"

Folder 2: Lecture Transcripts, 1885

1. Hammond, Lemuel Hodges, "Rheumatism"
2. Peabody, Charles Augustus, "Water Closets"
3. Knight, Henry Sargent, "Placenta Praevia"
4. Bemis, Merrick, "Epilepsy"

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Folder 3: Lecture Transcripts, 1885

1. Quinby, Hosea Mason, "Insane Drunkards"
2. Park, John Gray, "Wills"
3. Swan, Roscoe Wesley, "Spontaneous Rupture of the Heart"
4. Rich, Joshua Bartlett, "Electrotherapeutics"

Folder 4: Lecture Transcripts, 1885

1. Rice, Joseph Marcus, "Cholera"
2. Souther, William Towle, "Urethritis"
3. Wheeler, Leonard, "550 Cases of Obstetrics"
4. Workman, William Hunter, "Nantucket as a Health Resort"

Folder 5: Lecture Transcripts, 1886

1. Bemis, Merrick, "The Evils Attending the Abuse of Alcohol"
2. Adams, George Edwin, "Acute Coryza"
3. Davis, Charles Henry, "Cholera"
4. Wood, Albert, "Cerebral Surgery"

Folio Volumes:

- #1-3 Worcester Association for Medical Improvement Record Books, 1845-1886, with minutes of meetings, including notes on the topics presented at the meetings and comments by the audience. (Volumes 2 and 3 are indexed)
- #4 Worcester Medical Association Record Book, 1886-1900, with bylaws, list of members and minutes of meetings. Meetings include reports of cases by physicians and notes of discussions. Final entry calls for disbanding the society.