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MS 0328
HANDY, JOHN CHARLES, 1844-1891
Papers, 1867-1891

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of medical practice ledgers, some personal papers, biographical information on John C. Handy, and property and mining deeds. In addition to the mining deeds, there are also location notices of mines in Pima County. There are documents giving Handy power of attorney and some correspondence. Some of the mining and property deeds have Handy's name on them but others do not.

The three ledgers contain accounts and patient names for the medical practice of Dr. Handy of Tucson, AZ between 1882 and 1889. Listings appear to primarily reflect payments by patients for treatments. Ledgers are account summaries and day ledgers. A few of the prominent names mentioned in the ledgers include Romero, Feldman, Drachman, Tully, Goldbaum, Pete Kitchen, William Zeckendorf, George F. Martin, and Judge Stillwell. In addition some accounts are only identified with a reference to place or occupation – "Mexican blacksmith (cash)", "Palace patient", "Hamburg's watchman," and "girl from Calabasas". There are no references to the treatments for the patients or medical supplies or expenses for Dr. Handy's medical practice.

1 Box, .5 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. John Charles Handy was born in Newark, NJ October 20, 1844. He moved, with his parents, to California in 1853 and graduated from Cooper's Medical College in 1863. He was appointed as a surgeon in the U.S. Army and was assigned later to Fort Apache, Arizona Territory in 1867. In 1869 Dr. Handy left the military and came to Tucson and established his medical practice. As a civilian, he was Pima County physician, Tucson physician and health officer, and division surgeon of the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was also Pima county supervisor, the first chancellor of the University of Arizona and president of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society. He was shot and killed September 25, 1891 by lawyer Francis J. Heney, whom he had accosted for conducting Handy's wife divorce.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Percy S. Rider in 1943. Medical Ledgers were donated by Margo H. Anderson in 2009.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection MS 328 was processed by Riva Dean in December 1997. MS 1328 was processed by Dave Tackenberg in April 2009. Collection MS 1328 was integrated into MS 328 in January of 2016.

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