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MS 1362**Dr. John C. Handy Ledgers
1882 - 1889****DESCRIPTION**

This small collection consists of three ledgers containing 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 ft.

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. He was active in community concerns and was the first Chancellor of the University of Arizona, for many years he served as both city physician and Pima County Physician & Health Officer, and served as Pima County Supervisor for two years. Dr. Handy was killed September 25, 1891 in Tucson.

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