

FSC-26, Messenger Family Collection

Collection Number: FSC-26

Title: Messenger Family Collection

Dates: 1755-1938

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Summary/Abstract:

The collection contains diplomas, articles, obituaries, lecture tickets, and licenses relating to the Messenger family and early medical history of the Miami Valley. The Messengers (Asa, Harold Sr., and Harold Jr.) practiced medicine in the Dayton-Xenia area since the 19th century. The collection also includes information relating to John Hole, M.D., said to be the first physician to come to the Dayton area in the late 1700s.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 lin. ft.

Language: English

Repository:

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Separated Material:

Toothpick and knife of John Hole, M.D. separated into the medical instruments collection as 88.1.

Acquisition: H.C. Messenger, Jr., 1988

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Biographical/Historical Note

Asa Isham, M.D. was a pioneer physician in Jackson, Ohio. He was the maternal grandfather of Asa C. Messenger, M.D.

Asa Messenger, M.D. was born November 20, [1864?] in Jackson, Ohio. He graduated from Medical College of Ohio in Cincinnati in 1884 and opened a practice in Xenia, Ohio, in 1903.

Harold C. Messenger, Sr., M.D. was born on January 10, 1891 in Carlton, Ohio. He attended Denison University in Granville. He received his medical degree from the Medical Chiurgical College of Philadelphia, now the Graduate School of Medicine at University of Pennsylvania.

Harold C. Messenger, Jr., M.D. 1919- ? A Dayton orthopedic surgeon, retired, he received his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

John Hole, M.D. was born in 1755 in New Jersey. He moved west following the American Revolution. He was the first physician in Dayton and died in 1813.

Scope and Content

The collection contains diplomas, news articles and obituaries about Asa Isham, M.D., Asa C. Messenger, M.D., H.C. Messenger, Sr., M.D., H.C. Messenger, Jr., M.D., and John Hole, M.D.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Messenger, Asa M.D. –1864-?
Messenger, Harold C. Sr., M.D. – 1891-?
Messenger, Harold C. Jr., M.D. – 1919-?
Hole, John M.D. – 1755-1813

Material Types

Documents
Newspaper clippings

Occupations

Physicians -- 19th century -- Ohio

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Asa Isham tickets to medical lectures	
	2	Asa Isham license (photocopy)	1829
	3	Asa C. Messenger diploma	
	4	Asa C. Messenger, M.D. "A Century of Service"	

5	Asa C. Messenger guests and comments about 50 years of Service Celebration	
6	Asa C. Messenger 50 years of service newspaper clippings	
7	Asa C. Messenger, M.D. Obituaries Nov. 20, 1861 – Jan. 3, 1938	Jan. 1938
8	H.C. Messenger, Sr. diploma	
9	H.C. Messenger, Sr. obituaries	
10	H.C. Messenger, Jr. diploma	
11	Greene County Medical Society Fifty-Third Annual Meeting and Banquet Program	1903
12	Dr. John Hole (1755-1813) First physician in Dayton	