

FSC-5, Dr. Samuel Martin Papers

Collection Number: FSC-5

Title: Dr. Samuel Martin Papers

Dates: 1816-1879

Creator: Greene County Historical Society

Summary/Abstract:

Dr. Samuel Martin was a well-known physician in Xenia, Ohio. During the course of his career he trained many physicians and was an active member of the Ohio State Medical Society. His papers document his training as a physician at the University of Glasgow and the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland. Included in his papers are admission tickets for training he attended in Ireland and his diploma, his Naturalization certificate, and various certificates documenting his membership in the Pennsylvania militia and the Ohio State Medical Society. There is also a hand-written report on a rupture of gravid uterus.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet (26 items)

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Arrangement: The collection is arranged chronologically.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Samuel D. Martin was born in Ireland in 1796. He was educated at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin and the University of Glasgow, Scotland. Initially, his plan was to join the British Navy, but instead he settled in Ireland and married. When his wife died less than a year later, he came to the United States and settled in Noblesville, Pa., where he married Helen Anderson.

In 1831 he joined the Pennsylvania militia as assistant surgeon. After gaining his citizenship in 1834, Dr. Martin and his family moved to Xenia, Ohio where bought the practice of Dr. Joseph Templeton of Xenia. He also purchased the Casbolt house located on East Main Street. This was his home until his death in 1879.

According to the 1850 census, the Martins had four daughters and two sons between the ages of 3 and 19. In 1859, Helen Martin died and Samuel married Nancy Ligett.

Dr. Martin was a man actively involved in the refinement of his profession. He received an honorary M.D. degree from the Medical College of Ohio in 1837. He acted as an instructor for many young men who desired to become physicians. One of his students was Harvey Robert McClellan, a well-known Xenia physician. He joined the Ohio State Medical Society in 1853 when its annual meeting was held in Dayton. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees that developed the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in Cincinnati.

Dr. Martin died June 21, 1879, following five years of being paralyzed.

Scope and Content:

The Dr. Samuel Martin Papers document the career of a well-known physician in Xenia, Ohio. His papers document his training as a physician at the University of Glasgow and the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland. Included in his papers are admission tickets for training he attended in Ireland and his diploma from the School of Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland. Also found in his papers are Dr. Martin's Naturalization certificate, certificates documenting his membership in the Pennsylvania militia and the Ohio State Medical Society, and an honorary doctorate from the Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio. There is also a hand-written report on a rupture of gravid uterus, a photograph of Dr. Martin, and an ivory memo pad.

Subject Terms:

Persons/Families

Martin, Samuel, 1796-1879

Places

Xenia (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Physician

Medicine

Medical college

Material Types

Currency
 Diplomas
 Certificates
 Reports

Occupations

Physician

Collection Inventory

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1	1	Tickets to Admit Samuel Martin to Course of Lectures on Anatomy and Physiology – Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Andersonian University, University of Glasgow, Royal Infirmary Glasgow	1816-1820
1	2	List of Topics in a Surgery Course, University of Glasgow, 1818 to Aug 1820	1820
1	3	Bank Notes – Bank of Charleston, South Carolina and Cincinnati; three pieces of U.S. script	1850-1856
1	4	Photograph of Samuel Martin	circa 1860
1	5	Case Report – Rupture of Gravid Uterus	1864
1	6	Ivory Memo Pad	circa 1866
1	7	Samuel Martin Obituary	1879
Oversize 69	2	Diploma – School of Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland	1817 Apr. 28
OS 69	2	Appointment as Assistant Surgeon, 6 th Battalion, Allegheny County Volunteers, Militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	1831 Mar. 4
OS 69	2	Certificate of Naturalization	1834 May 17
OS 69	2	Honorary Degree from Ohio Medical College	1837
OS 69	2	Membership Certificate, Ohio State Medical Society	1853 June 7