

Jackson County, Members of the Jackson County Medical Society, 1876–1936

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On February 9, 1876, ten Jackson County physicians gathered in Brownstown, Indiana, to adopt a constitution for the Jackson County Medical Society.¹ Formed as an auxiliary arm of the Indiana State Medical Society and for the express purpose of advancing the state of the medical profession in Jackson County as well as “improv[ing][the health and protect[ing] the lives of the community,” this group of professional physicians became an official organization upon the recording of the society’s constitution in Miscellaneous Record Book B at the county recorder’s office.²

The following list of physician’s names has been transcribed from a bound volume containing the constitution, membership list, and proceedings of the Jackson County Medical Society found in the manuscript collection of the Indiana Historical Society’s William Henry Smith Memorial Library. A gift of Dr. Harry B. Baxter of Seymour, Indiana, in 1977, the volume contains 401 pages and is dated from the society’s inception in February 1876 until December 1955. Depending on the entry, the information found in the minutes may include the names of those attending, a brief report of members who visited other medical societies and organizations, and even a synopsis of the lectures given during the meetings. Some supplementary materials, such as newspaper clippings and letters, have been pasted into the volume.

The names of participating members (of which several were duplicated) and the date upon which each joined the society (if given) can be found on pages 10 and 148 of the volume. The following alphabetical list includes the names of members from 1876 to before 1937. Editorial additions have been placed in brackets.

Notes

1. *The History of Jackson County, Indiana* (Chicago: Brant & Fuller, 1886), pp. 354–55, states that the first meeting of the “Jackson County Medical Society” was in 1852. This medical society appears to be a different organization than the one discussed here. From information stated in this county history, one sees that the constitution and members of both the 1852 and 1876 medical societies differ enough to state that they are two distinct organizations.
2. Jackson County Medical Society, Records, 1870–1955, BV 0606, Indiana Historical Society, page before p. 1 and 2.

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Adair, [W]. K.	Graessle, Geo. G. (1900)	Pettyjohn, [Amos?]
Anthony, James R. (1883)	Graessle, H. P.	Read, [C./E.] P. (1876)
Applewhite, Scott	Harper, W. [Q].	Richards, D. H.
Bain, Wm. C. [A.] (1876)	Harrod, Nelson G.	Ritter, Jas K. (1896)
Barnes, G. O. (1877)	Heller, Fred (1899)	Rodman, W. M. (1879)
Boas, M. L. (1877)	Hill, L. B. (1899)	Ruch, C. H.
Brown, F. W. (1894)	Hobbs, [P]. Albert	Ruddick, Lindley
Carter, J. H.	Hunter, C. A.	Schniefer, E. E.
Charlton, Saml. H. (1876)	Jenkins, J. M. (1891)	Shields, J. M.
Coryell, Samuel (1879)	Kamman, Geo. H. (1901)	Shields, James M. (1883)
Cummings, D. J.	Kendall, P. A.	Shields, Jas S. (1877)
Cummings, David J. (1876)	Kern, F. W.	Ship[man?], [Norbo?] (1879)
Cummings, H. A.	Kyte, [H]. R.	Sims, Claude E.
Cummings, H. A. (1884)	Luckey, H. R.	Stage, Lewis I. (1876)
Cummings, Joseph (1876)	May, Albert (1895)	Stilwell, Joseph A. (1876)
Curtiss, W. [H]. (1885)	M[a/o]y, George. W. (1876)	Tinch, E. T. (1876)
Day, Wm. Darbin C.	Milligan, T. F. (1877)	Trumbo, C. T.
Empson, B.	Niles, J. H.	Warner, Wm. H. (1876)
Farver, [G]. W.	Oppenheimer, L. [T.] (1880)	Washburn, H. A.
Galbraith, T. S.	Orvis, G. [Q]. (1877)	Wells, James C. (1876)
Galbraith, Thos. S. (1876)	Osterman, A. G. (1882)	Whitehead, W. E. (1879)
Gerrish, Jas. W. (1876)	Osterman, Louis H.	Wilson, Marshall V. (1876)
Gerrish, M. F. (1884)	Perrin, D. LeRoy	Woods, Robt. A. (1883)
Gillespie, Chas E. (1903)		

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