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INDIANA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY RECORDS, 1841–1953

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes, 2 bound volumes, 1 photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1841-1953

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1938 the Indiana Medical Association elected Dr. James B. Maple of Sullivan, Indiana, as State Historian for the purpose of writing a composite history of the various county medical societies. To accomplish this task, Maple wrote to officials of most of the county societies from April 1938-June 1939, requesting them to forward any historical information they could uncover. Maple asked particularly for membership lists, officers' names, biographical sketches of influential physicians, and early information about medical schools. While this project seems to have remained unfinished, Maple did complete one historical work earlier in his career; in 1936 he published a Medical History of Sullivan City, which he later claimed in his letters was the impetus for his historical appointment.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The two manuscript boxes and two bound volumes are the results of Maple's efforts to amass county medical society information. The information is organized by each of the 54 counties included. The material is an amalgamation of whatever historical information the localities could dig up: copies of constitutions and by-laws, essays presented at meetings, minutes, society bulletins and the like. However, certain types of material are better represented. First, there is a large amount of Maple's correspondence with local contacts from April 1938-June 1939, discussing the nature of the assignment and possible sources. Another group of material consists of newspaper clippings dated around 1938-1940, usually focusing on prominent doctors and new medical discoveries. Finally, there are a few written histories and biographies such as Maple requested, which are often short and informal and occasionally represent personal reminiscences of elderly doctors.

There are also 2 photographs of Dr. and Mrs. Lockheart, Danville stored in visual collections.

A calendar of contents by county is available in the Indiana Historical Society Library.

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BOX 1: County Medical Society Records

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Allen, Bartholomew, Cass, Clay, Daviess-Martin, Dekalb	Box 1, Folder 1
Delaware-Blackford, Dubois, Fayette, Floyd, Gibson, Grant, Hamilton, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson	Box 1, Folder 2
Hendricks	Box 1, Folder 3
Johnson, Knox, La Grange, La Porte, Lawrence, Madison	Box 1, Folder 4
Lake	Box 1, Folder 5
Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Newton, Noble, Owen, Parke, Posey	Box 1, Folder 6
Randolph, Scott, St. Joseph, Starke, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, Vigo	Box 1, Folder 7

BOX 2: County Medical Society Records

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Vanderburg	Box 2, Folder 1
Wabash, Washington, Wayne-Union, Wells	Box 2, Folder 2
Indiana Medical Association & Miscellaneous items	Box 2, Folder 3
Kentucky items	Box 2, Folder 4
3 Volumes of Treasurer's Reports of Hendricks County Medical Society: 1892-1899, Pp. 30; 1883-1929, Pp. 44; 1930-1937, Pp. 14	Box 2, Folder 5-6
1893-1899	Box 2, Folder 7
1883-1929, 1930-1937	Box 2, Folder 8

12,000 Medical Words Pronounced and Defined, by
George M. Gould, 1892

Box 2, Folder 9

Photographs (2) Dr. and
Mrs. Lockheart, Danville, Indiana, c.1860; Van Buren
Elm with short history by J.S. Ragan

Visual Collection:
Photograph, Folder 1

Minutes of Parke County Medical Society, 1847-1907,
Pp. 256

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Minutes of Switzerland Co. Medical Society, 1908-
1942, Pp. 31

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