Scope and Content Note: Doctors

2 Boxes

This material consists primarily of business cards, receipts, letters for M.D.’s homeopaths and doctors, and images of physician’s prescription blanks. There are also short biographies on some physicians, directories, pictures and cartoons. The material dates from 1854-1912.

It is important to note that during the late 19th century and early 20th century, the term M.D. or doctor was a loosely used title, and it did not connote any degree of education. Doctors could apprentice for three or more months with a physician, and then practice medicine. Some schools offered a medical M.D. degree for some nine months of training and required no admittance qualifications such as a grade school or high school diploma. It was not until the 1890s that the consideration was given to education of the physician as we know it today. Additionally, no licensing was needed and claims could be advertised whether they could be proven or not. However, there were some concerns for scientific approaches to medicine being made and with the advent of anesthesiology, the germ theory and advances in surgery that took place in the late 19th century changed the whole picture of medical practice.

In folders 1 through 24, in box 1, the names are listed in alphabetical order. This continues in box 2 through folder 3. In box 2, folder 4 is a directory of Homeopathic physicians from 1893. Folder 5 contains a book of biographical sketches of ‘Living New York Surgeons”. “Sutures in Ancient Surgery” in folder 6 contains prints of medicine practice from 600 B.C. to the 15th century. A group of medical cartoons featuring primarily medical doctors is located in folder 7. Prints in folder 8 contain pictures of physicians at the bedside, in the hospital, country doctors and “The Doctor”. Folder 9 contains personal correspondence regarding sickness and health with no identifying names or dates.

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   De Graaf, Reguerus Dr.

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