HISTORICAL NOTE:
The College of Physicians and Surgeons was established by a charter granted by the New York State Board of Regents to the Medical Society of the County of New York on March 12, 1807. In 1811, a new charter effectively ended control of P&S by the Medical Society and vested governance in a newly created Board of Trustees.

In 1814, students and faculty of the moribund Columbia College Medical Faculty (founded 1767) were merged into P&S. A dispute over the role of the faculty on the Board of Trustees led in 1826 to the establishment of a Board dominated by laymen and to the subsequent resignation of most of College’s faculty. Although crippled, P&S survived and by the 1830s was again thriving.

In 1860, the College amicably severed its relationship with the Regents and forged a nominal affiliation with Columbia College. By terms of the agreement, P&S issued its diplomas as “the Medical Department of Columbia College.” The President of Columbia sat on the Board of Trustees and, with the President of P&S, jointly presided over commencements. However, P&S gave up none of its administrative or financial independence. It was not until 1891 that P&S fully merged into Columbia, becoming its “Faculty of Medicine,” although retaining its original name.

For more information, please see John Call Dalton’s History of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1888.

SCOPE & CONTENT: Early documents of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, assembled and placed in a bound volume by John Call Dalton (President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1884-1889) in the course of writing his history of the College, published in 1888. Includes deeds, correspondence, admission tickets, printed circulars, newspaper clippings, printed and engraved images, financial records, and student and faculty records. Particularly well documented topics in the volume are the early curriculum, real estate transactions, and early correspondence.
**ARRANGEMENT/Organization:** Described in order of appearance in the volume; the pre-existing arrangement is essentially chronological. There are 137 pages of material, and the first page of the scrapbook is page 24 of the volume.

**Language:** English

**Access:** These records are open for research without restriction.

**Provenance:** Internal evidence suggests the volume was assembled by John Call Dalton, Jr. in the course of writing his history of the College, published in 1888.

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**Related Collections:** Both the P&S Manuscript Collection, 1755-1862, and the Records of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1857-1915, include material complementary to the documents in this volume.

**Subjects**

Dalton, John Call  
Macneven, William  
Vanderbilt, William H.  
Anderson, Alexander  
Blatchford, Thomas  
Hosack, David  
Romayne, Nicholas  
Mott, Valentine  
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   - Obstetrics, by Dr. John Osborn, $10, 1813-1814
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   - Principles and practices of surgery with Valentine Mott, 1816-1817
   - Anatomy, recto: no. 69 (66?), verso: Dr. Post, 11/4/1816

and one for New York Hospital:
   - [Purpose not given], signed Thomas Eddy, treasurer, 11/29/1816.

4. Blatchford, Thomas, Admissions tickets, 1816-1817. One ms. card for zoology, minerology and botany, Sam. Mitchill, Professor of Natural History, hinged in with name on back;

and five pre-printed cards:
   - Chemistry and Materia Medica, with illustration, W. Macneven, 11/1816;
   - Theory and Practice of Physic, Hosack, 1816-1817;
   - Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and children, Hosack, initialed F.R.P., 1816-1817;
   - Medical jurisprudence, James S. Stringham, 11/9/1816;
Hosack, David, license cards and admission ticket, 1789-1790. Cards granting permission to practice physic and surgery in the alms house for one year (1789); the Alms House and Bridewell (1790); and to attend chemistry lectures by N. Romayne (1790).

Lithograph, Park Place, New York, formerly Robinson St., former location of P&S marked with a pink ”x”, copied from an engraving in Bourne’s Views of New York, 1831, per ms. note from John Call Dalton, 1888.

Letter, [Nicholas] Romayne to [John Augustine] Smith, 9/20/1807, offer of position of lecturer of anatomy at the college;

Letter, John Augustine Smith to John Call Dalton re: Romayne’s letter above, 5/9/1887

Lot map of Broadway from Duane to Catherine Sts., 1885, copied from the map of a parcel of land near Hospital of the City of New York, and part of the estate of the late Henry Barclay, 4/13/1885. Ms. notes by John Call Dalton, 1888, indicating that Columbia (P&S) occupied Lot 56, near the intersection of Pearl St. and Broadway, 1809-1813

Note, [illegible] and Ford, surveyors to John Call Dalton, stating that the Barclay map was undated but found in papers dated 5/15/1790

Indenture (deed), Anthony Barclay to Daniel Banvard and wife, for a lot of ground on Thomas St., 1792, with original tapes and seals; hinged in with metal fastenings.

Indenture (deed), Daniel Banvard and wife to George Samplin, for a lot of ground on Thomas Street, 1798, with original tapes and seals; in two pieces, one loose; one hinged in with metal fastenings.

Indenture (deed), Nicholas Romayne to P&S, for a lot of ground on Magazine St. (formerly Thomas St.), 1809, with original tapes and seals; hinged in with metal fastenings.

Print, Government House, Appleton’s Journal, 9/28/1872. Ms. note by John Call Dalton, c.1888 indicates that it was located on the Bowling Green; at one time home to George Washington, later a customs house, eventually it was site of preliminary addresses and lectures of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1809-1810, and first public exams in 1811. See – “College Records, Vol. A”, and the New York Evening Post, 5/10/1811.
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38 Print of engraving of Bridewell, c. 1805, from Valentine’s Manual of the Corporation of the City of New York, 1865

39 Deed of the property, No. 3 Barclay St., Anna McVickar and Nathan, Archibald, James and John McVickar Jr. to John Augustine Smith and Hugh Williamson, 1813

Certificate of authenticity of the deed, City of New York Register of Deeds, 11/1/1885


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43 Printed citation for street repair for 555 Pearl St., 7/12/1813

Receipt, auction sale of property at 555 Pearl St., 11/24/1813

44 Printed announcement of merger of Columbia College Faculty of Medicine with the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 11/21/1813

45 Ms. copy of Buildings Committee report, incl. cost over-run details, 12/10/1813

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47 Mortgage of Barclay St. property to Mrs. Bates for $9,500, May 1814; 3 ms. pages hinged in, with extensive annotations by John Call Dalton, c. 1888, on the third page.

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49 Printed announcements re: start of classes, lecture times, 9/16/1814 and 11/1/1814

50 Committee Report, by Cochran, covering the legislative history of P&S and Columbia College Faculty of Medicine merger and advising the Regents against chartering a second medical school in New York, printed by the New York State Senate, 4/10/1815

51 Ms. draft of “Mr. Cochran’s Report” from previous page, recommending Regents not to charter a new medical school in New York, in handwriting of Samuel L. Mitchell, per note from John Call Dalton, 1888. 2 mss. pages, hinged in.
52  Cochran’s report, continued; one set of 2 pages and one single page, pasted down.

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54  Regents report to the New York State Legislature on activities of various colleges, includes a mention of the abolition of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Western District, printed, printed signature, Daniel D. Tompkins, Chancellor, 4/1/1816

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56  Clipping, University of the State of New York, College of Physicians and Surgeons announcement of lectures, 10/13/1815

Committee report re: purchase of house and lot with a mortgage of the College, Valentine Mott and John Francis, 8/4/1815

57  Check, $337.50, cashier of the City Bank to Mr. Bates or order, for mortgage, signed P.D. Jacques for P&S, 1/6/16;

Circular letter re: lectures and graduation requirements, 1/28/1817

58  Contract with Joseph Clarke for enlarging the Barclay St. building, signed by David Hosack, president pro tempore, June 1817, 4 ms. pages, hinged in with metal fastenings

59  Committee report on enlarging the Barclay St. building, Nov. 1817, hinged in, 1 sheet, signed by William Macneven, Valentine Mott and John W. Francis.

60  Prescribed form for conferring degrees, in use from 1826-1860, addressing graduates collectively and not individually, in Latin; per ms note by John Call Dalton, 1888.

61  Letter, John Tayler to Samuel Bard, Esquire, President of College of Physicians and Surgeons, matter of previous letter is unchanged, 3/14/1818

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63  Printed circular letter, re: lecture times and graduation requirements, 8/18/1816;

Notice of unpaid assessment and possibility of property being sold to pay it, 1/2/1818, for property at 555 Pearl St; 2 p. On 2nd page is history of the evolution of the street numbers of Pearl St., author unknown but probably John Call Dalton, c. 1885.
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Insurance policy, Washington Insurance Co., New York, NY, for the College of Physicians and Surgeons, May 1818, hinged in;

Bill of Particulars, Medical Society of New York vs. College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1820, 3 ms. pages.

Course announcement, 1819; Certificate of attendance form (blank), c. 1819

Matriculation ticket, Emerson Hull, 1819-1820;

Printed circular advertising classes, 5/15/1819

Lecture ticket, Institutes of Medicine and Forensic Medicine with John W. Francis, blank, n.d. c. 1819

Printed invitation/announcement, Anniversary meeting of the Physico-Medical Society, 8/5/1822

Matriculation ticket, Luke I. Tefft, 1821

Circular letter, re: lecture times and graduation requirements, 7/7/1820

Circular letter, re: lecture times and graduation requirements, 6/6/1821

Printed lecture announcement, 10/23/1819;

Clipping, lecture announcement, 9/12/1823;

Illustrated lecture ticket, obstetrics and diseases of women and children, by John W. Francis, blank, 182-

Printed lecture announcements, August 1822 and May 1823

Printed lecture announcement, November 1823, hinged in;

Lecture announcement 1825, pasted down;

Printed reply to charges [from page 65], describing Regents’ investigation, reports, and ultimate exoneration, signed by Wright Post, David Hosack, William H. Macneven, Samuel Mitchell, Valentine Mott and John W. Francis, 1825, pasted down
“Inventory of college property,” [actually list of papers and records], 1826; ms. note old circulars c/o Dr. Francis, 5/16/1820; documents are interleaved on page, with additional annotation via mss note: Handwriting of Nicoll H. Dering, Registrar, 1826-1843, by John Call Dalton, 1888

College circular, printed, Aug. 2, 1826.

Manuscript draft of college circular, signed by John Watts, Jr. and Nicoll H. Dering, August 2, 1826.

Letter, J. Augustine Smith to Watts (?), re: purchasing house at Park Place, 11/18/1826;

Letter, Beck to Watts, resigning delegateship to Medical Society of New York, 7/20/1820

Lectures announcement, 8/17/1827;

Matriculation ticket, John Watson, 1827-1828

Lecture ticket, no name, 1828-1829;

Attendance ticket, materia medica and medical jurisprudence with John B. Beck, to admit John Watson, 1829-1830;

Attendance ticket, principles and practice of surgery with Alexander H. Stevens, for John Watson, 1830-1831

Printed petition detailing activities performed in support of creation of a second medical school in the city of New York, including the construction of a building, and association with Rutgers and then Geneva College, and requesting to be granted a charter and to be named Manhattan College, printed signatures for David Hosack, Valentine Mott, William Macneven, John Francis, John Godman and John Griscom, 12/31/1827

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Printed petition to New York State legislature from doctors to allow formation of 2nd medical school in Manhattan, to be called Manhattan College, March 28, 1828; 1 p, 2 sides, hinged in.
Letter, Joseph M. Smith to N.H. Dering, agreeing to terms of offer to publish treatise on cholera, pleased at offer, gratified that Board thinks his work is sufficiently interesting to be laid before public, 12/5/1831.

Letter, John Torrey to Dering (?), requesting certificate of P&S Fellowship for Henry Perrine, before he leaves to become U. S. Counsel in Yucatan, Mexico, 9/11/1832

85 Lectures announcement, n.d. but c. 1832;

Invoice/receipt for advertising in National Intelligencer, [Washington, DC], 1835;

Check, office of discount and deposit of the Bank of the United States, Alex. H. Stevens to D.W. Bucklin or order.

86 10 lecture/matriculation tickets, all for Alonzo Clark:

Matriculation ticket, No. 164, signed by NH Dering, 1831-182;

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Operative surgery with surgical and pathological anatomy, by Valentine Mott, 1832-33

87 Bond between the College of Physicians and Surgeons and The High School Society, to complete the purchase of property on Crosby Street, signed by P&S Vice President Thomas Cock and Secretary Nicoll H. Dering (crossed out?), with seal, 1835

88 Card, order of lectures, 1833-1834
Deed in escrow of the Crosby St. property, High School Society to College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1835, with certificate of Office of the Register of Deeds, 6/13/1883

Auction bill, F.C. Tucker, Treasurer to James Bleecker and Sons, for selling at auction P&S building to Geo. B. Dorr, 2/13/1837;

Final property transfer bill, College of Physicians and Surgeons to New York High School Society, 5/2/1837

Extract from minutes, Committee report re: accounting of various real estate transactions between the College of Physicians and Surgeons and New York High School Society, including the sale of Barclay Street building and the payment of Crosby Street building, F.C. Tucker, 5/10/1837.

Committee report on construction of the Crosby St. building, 12/3/1837, 3p., with ms. note that minutes are in the hand of Edward Delafield, made by John Call Dalton, 1888

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Invitation to meeting of the Fellows of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 12/3/1844

Letter, Edward Delafield to “Dear Sir”, resigning chair at P&S because he can’t teach and earn a living at the same time, 4/18/1839;

Card, Order of lectures, 1840-1841

Letter, Charles R. Gilman, application for a lectureship in midwifery, 3/9/1840

Character statement and mentorship affirmation by Willard Parker for Robert Watts, Jr., 1834;

Card, Spring course of lectures, 1841.

Letter, R[obert] Watts, Jr. to Trustees, nominating Gustavus A. Sabine for instructor of Anatomy, 10/20/1843

Letter, A[lonzo] Clark to “Dear Sir” (probably Gurdon Buck), accepting position of lecturer on Physiology and Pathology for the second time, 10/18/1847
Letter, Elisha Bartlett to Gurdon Buck, accepting position of lecturer in Materia Medica and Medical Jurisprudence, 5/29/1851

News clipping, Announcement of 41st session, to start 10/18/1847;
Announcement of introductory lecture by John Torrey on 3/18/1848;


Letter, Ed. Jennings, P&S '43, donation of preserved moose head from Nova Scotia, 3/10/1845;
Letter, Gilbert Smith, entrusting portrait of Watts to College, 1/25/1849

Deed of the 23rd Street property, Mary and Samuel Ruggles to Philip R. Kearney, 1849. Includes hinged-in street plan drawn by Ruggles, and hinged in certificate from Office of Deeds, 1/18/1886

Deed of 23rd Street property, William Young to Willard Parker, 1855

Certificate of Register of Deeds, 5/10/1887

Card, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Dept. of Columbia College, Recto: Faculty, subjects and hours; Verso: list of “cliniques”. Session 1867-1868.

Deed of 23rd Street property, Willard and Mary Ann Parker to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1871

Examination for Harsen Prize for general proficiency, 3/8/1880, printed, 2 p.

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116  Envelope, addressed to John Call Dalton, President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, possibly from W.H. Vanderbilt.

117  ALS, W.H. Vanderbilt to John Call Dalton, donating land at 10th Ave and 59th/60th Street, 10/17/1884, 3 p.

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119  Copy of resolution accepting Vanderbilt gift, 10/27/1884

120  Copy of letter, Trustees to Vanderbilt, re: bronze bust by J.Q.A. Ward of Vanderbilt commissioned as a token of gratitude, 11/17/1885

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125  Copy of resolution by P&S Board of Trustees expressing sympathy on W.H. Vanderbilt’s death, 12/15/1885

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127  Letter, Mrs. E. Van Cortlandt to John Call Dalton, re: original diploma of her father, Thomas Romeyne Beck, P&S’11, 1/2/1886

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