Peter S. Townsend Casebook, 1817-1819

TOWNSEND, PETER S., 1796-1849.
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1 volume (126 p.)

SUMMARY: Cases seen by Townsend in New York City in 1817-1819, with the majority of the cases occurring in 1818. The narrative entries follow no set form, although generally include patient’s age and address. Smallpox and pneumonia make up many of the cases in this volume.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Townsend was born in 1796 in New York City, the son of Solomon and Anne Townsend. He was graduated from Columbia College in 1812 and after study with David Hosack received the M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1816. He was among the founders of the Lyceum of Natural History and the New York Academy of Medicine and was active in politics, serving on the New York City Common Council in 1829-1831. He died of tuberculosis on March 26, 1849.

His publications include A Dissertation on the Influence of the Passions in the Production and Modification of Disease (1816); An Account of the Yellow Fever, as it prevailed in the City of New-York, in the Summer and Autumn of 1822 (1823); and, Memoir on the Topography, Weather, and Diseases of the Bahama Islands (1826).

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Archives and Special Collections also holds another Townsend casebook from 1847.