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College of Physicians and Surgeons Scrapbooks

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS. Scrapbooks, 1828-1886, 1927-1945, 1948-1953. 6 vols. & 1 disbound volume (c. 1.4 cubic feet)

SUMMARY: Scrapbooks documenting the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (P&S). The early volumes (1828-1886) largely contain matriculation and admission tickets, commencement programs, and other ephemera, though correspondence is sometimes included and there is a newspaper clipping about William Henry Vanderbilt's donation of \$500,000 to the College in 1884.

The three volumes and one disbound volume from the 20th century are entirely newspaper clippings, chiefly from New York City newspapers. They document P&S and the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center as well as medicine in general, including obituaries of prominent physicians.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Established as the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the City of New York 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 1814, students and faculty of the moribund Columbia College Medical Faculty (founded 1767) were merged into P&S.

In 1860, the College severed its relationship with the Regents and forged a nominal affiliation with Columbia College. 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.

SUBJECTS

College of Physicians and Surgeons in the City of New York. Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.
Columbia University. College of Physicians and Surgeons.
Medical colleges – New York (State) – New York.
Scrapbooks.

Volume List

v.1: 1828-1873

v.2: 1854-1857 (mostly admission tickets of Edward W. Lambert, P&S 1857)

v.3: 1872-1886

Disbound volume: 1927-1935 (mostly general medical)

v.4: 1935-1945 ("P&S Clippings")

v.5: 1935-1945 ("Medical Clippings")

v.6: 1948-1953