DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Collection name: Ephraim Ingals Papers (1823-1900)

Repository: Rush University Medical Center Archives

Creator: Ingals, Ephraim (1823-1900)

Call Number: 4698

Language: English

Extent:
   Items: About 14 items
   Linear feet: 0.25

Abstract:

Doctor and professor Ephraim Ingals, 1823-1900, was born 26 May 1823, at Abington Society which was part of Pomfret, Conn. He graduated from Rush Medical College in 1847. He served as professor of materia medica and medical jurisprudence and was a member of the Board of Trustees at Rush, 1859-1871. The papers of doctor and professor Ephraim Ingals, 1823-1900, include biographical information, letters, and writings mostly related to his time working for Rush Medical College in Chicago, Ill. Biographical information includes biographical sketches and an autobiography, 1898. Writings include reports and addresses by Ingals, many concerning the state of medical education and legislation, and the medical profession.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions to access:
None

Acquisitions information:
This collection is a compilation of Ingals’s Biographical File in the Reference Collections and Ingals’s papers in Medical Offprints.


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Preferred Citation:
Doctor and professor Ephraim Ingals, 1823-1900, was born 26 May 1823, at Abington Society which was part of Pomfret, Conn. After being orphaned at eight when his father, also Ephraim Ingals, died, he eventually ended up in Lee County, Ill., in 1837, joining Ingals family members who had settled in the area. He graduated from Rush Medical College in 1847. Ingals married Melissa Church and had four children, the youngest of which, Lucy Ingals, married Ingals’s nephew, Ephraim Fletcher Ingals.

After graduating from Rush, Ingals practiced general medicine in Loer County, Ill., and returned to Chicago around 1857. He served as professor of materia medica and medical jurisprudence, 1859-1871. Ingals resigned in 1871, but continued his relationship with Rush. After resigning, Ingals attained emeritus professor status, serving as emeritus professor of materia medica and medical jurisprudence, 1871-1898, and emeritus professor of materia medica and therapeutics, 1898-1900. He served on the Board of Trustees, 1896-1901. Ingals was a strong supporter of Rush affiliating with the University of Chicago and contributed financially to Rush upon the merger. Ingals was a member of the American Medical Association and served as president for both the Illinois State Medical Society and the Chicago Medical Society. Ingals died 18 December 1900.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SERIES:

1. Biographical information, 1898, 1908 and undated
2. Letters, 1899 and undated
3. Writings, 1863-1893

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION:

Series 1. Biographical Information, 1898, 1908 and undated

About 5 items
Scope Content: Biographical information includes biographical sketches and an autobiography. The autobiography, 1898, includes information about Ingals's childhood and family; farm work and early education; meeting Joseph Smith, founder of Mormonism; memories of attending Rush Medical College; his friendship with Daniel Brainard; and his role as professor and administrator at Rush.

Biographical information and related material
Autobiography of Ephraim Ingals, 1898

Series 2. Letters, 1899 and undated

3 items
Scope Content: Letters include a letter from Ingals concerning his contributions to the library; a reproduction of a letter to Ingals from E. A. Guilbert about his memories of Rush Medical College in the 1840s; and an undated invitation. Guilbert’s letter mentions his relationship with Daniel Brainard and the presence of fugitive slaves and slave catchers on campus in 1845.

Letters, 1899 and undated

Series 3. Writings, 1863-1893

6 items
Arrangement: chronological
Scope Content: Writings include reports and addresses by Ingals, many concerning the state of medical education and legislation, and the medical profession. Ingals served as president of the Illinois Medical Society, 1880.

“Address Introductory to the Twenty-First Annual Course of Lectures in Rush Medical College,” 7 October 1863
“Report of the Special Committee on Medical Education before the Illinois State Medical Society,” May 1879
“The President’s Annual Address to the Illinois State Medical Society,” May 1880
“A Contribution to the Report of the Committee on Medical Legislation,” May 1882
“The Address on Preventive and State Medicine,” 1891
“Half a Century of Medical Progress in Chicago,” October 1893