DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

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Abstract:
Cardiologist James Bryan Herrick, 1861-1954, received his medical degree from Rush Medical College in 1888 and ended up joining the faculty. He specialized in cardiology. The James Bryan Herrick Papers include biographical information, correspondence, writings, clippings, and miscellaneous material. Correspondence includes letters to and from Herrick including letters concerning gifts to the Rush Medical College Library. Writings include medical articles written by Herrick, mostly in the area of cardiology. Other writings include biographical and historical articles about physicians and other topics and various addresses. Clippings feature Herrick and his contributions to cardiology. Miscellaneous items include a bibliography, class tickets, invitations and programs from various events, and hand written notes on mainly clinical topics.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Cardiologist James Bryan Herrick was born in 1861 in Oak Park, Ill. He received his A.B. from the University of Michigan and taught school in Peoria and Oak Park before beginning his medical education at Rush Medical College. He received his M.D. in 1888. Upon graduation, he served an internship at the Cook County Hospital, followed by private practice in Chicago and teaching at the Rush Medical College. Dr. Herrick believed that the teaching of medicine should not be confined to didactic lessons in the classroom, and often taught by example in a clinical setting. He traveled to Europe on several occasions to further his own education.

Herrick made many contributions to the medical community, especially in the area of cardiology. His major achievements include publishing the first description of sickle cell anemia, identifying that coronary thrombosis is not always fatal, and clinically using the electrocardiogram with coronary heart disease. He served as president of the Chicago Pathological Society, the Chicago Society of Internal Medicine, the Association of American Physicians, the American Heart Association, the Institute of Medicine in Chicago, and the Society of Medical History of Chicago. Honorary degrees received by Herrick include a master of arts in 1907 and doctor of law in 1932 from the University of
Michigan. He received the George M. Kober Medal in 1930 from the Association of American Physicians and, in 1939, the Distinguished Service Medal from the American Medical Association.

Herrick had a life-long love of literature. He read eleven papers at meetings of the Chicago Literary Club, including “The Story of a Good Boy” and “Why I Read Chaucer at Sixty.” He was married to Zellah P. Davies of Oak Park, Illinois. Herrick died in 1954.

COLLECTION OVERVIEW:

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ARRANGEMENT OF SERIES:

1. Biographical information
2. Correspondence, 1904-1951
3. Writings, 1891-1944 and undated
4. Other Writings, 1912-1940 and undated
5. Clippings, 1949-1972 and undated
6. Miscellaneous material, 1882-1958 and undated

ITEMS SEPARATED:

None.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION:

Series 1. Biographical Information

6 items
Scope Content: Articles and obituaries about Herrick’s life and accomplishments. A copy of Herrick’s autobiography, “Memories of Eighty Years,” can be found in the James W. Merricks Papers.

BOX 1

Articles about Herrick
Series 2. Correspondence, 1904-1951

16 items
Arrangement: chronological
Scope Content: Letters to and from James Herrick including letters concerning gifts to the Rush Medical College Library or the proposition of an oil portrait of Herrick, 1928.

BOX 1 (cont.)

Correspondence between Herrick and mostly Rush Medical College Library, 1904-1951

Series 3. Writings, 1891-1944 and undated

88 items
Arrangement: chronological
Scope Content: Medical articles written by James Herrick, mostly in the area of cardiology.

BOX 1

“Report of a Case of Locomotor Ataxia with Laryngeal and Gastric Crises and Epileptiform Seizures,” 1892
“Observations Based on an Experience with Nearly One Thousand Cases of Typhoid Fever,” 1893
“Report of Seven Cases of Rupture of the Urinary Bladder, with Observations on Diagnosis,” 1893
“Diuretin,” 1893
“Croupous Pneumonia in a Child with Crisis on the Second Day,” 1893
“Polymyositis Acuta, with Report of a Case Presumably of Syphilitic Origin (Myositis Syphilitica),” 1896
“On the Importance of Physical Signs Other than Murmur in the Diagnosis of Valvular Diseases of the Heart,” 1896
“Report of a Case of Typhoid Fever Complicated by Extraterine Pregnancy,” 1896
“Thyreoid Therapy,” 1896
“Nervous Shock and Disease of the Nervous System as a Cause of Pernicious Anemia,” 1896
“Report of a Case of Sporadic Cretinism or Infantile Myxoedema,” [1896?]
“Tricuspid Stenosis with Reports of Three Cases with Autopsies, together with Abstracts of Forty Cases Reported Since Leudet’s Thesis (1888),” 1897
“Report of a Case of Acute Leukemia with Streptococcus Infection,” 1897
“The Treatment of Ulcer of the Stomach by Rest and Rectal Feeding,” 1898
“Report of a Case of Concretio Cordis and Mitral Stenosis, with Recurrent Laryngeal Paralysis from Pressure of Fibrous Bands and an Enlarged Left Auricle,” 1898
“Concerning Certain Diseases Sometimes Mistaken for Malaria,” 1898
“A Few Words Concerning Arterio-Sclerosis,” 1898
“Some Points Concerning the Diagnosis of Pleurisy with Effusion, with Particular Reference to Misleading Physical Signs,” 1898
“A Case of Ainhum,” 1898
“Concerning Kernig’s Sign in Meningitis,” 1899
“Notes on Diabetes,” 1900
“The Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus,” 1901
“Some Points on the Diagnosis of Gall-stones,” 1901
“Pneumococic Arthritis,” 1902
“The Classification of Chronic Nephritis,” 1902
“Some Points Concerning the More Modern Conception of Diseases of the Heart,” 1902
“Repeated Small Hemorrhages as a Cause of Severe Anemia,” 1902
“The Ward Clinic,” 1902
“The Healing of Ulcerative Endocarditis,” 1902
“Acute Endocarditis,” 1902
“Pericarditic Pseudo-cirrhosis of the Liver,” 1902
“Abdominal Pain in Pleurisy and Pneumonia,” 1903
“Some of the More Modern Views Concerning Typhoid Fever,” 1903
“The Study of Older Medical Writings,” 1903
“Exophthalmos in Leukemia,” 1906
“Differential Diagnosis of Rheumatoid Joint Affections,” 1907
“The Relation of the Clinical Laboratory to the Practitioner of Medicine,” 1907
“Chronic Acetanilid Poisoning with a Report of a Case due to Absorption of the Drug from an Ulcer on the Leg,” 1906
“Acute Dilation of the Stomach,” 1906
“Methods of Diagnosis,” 1907
“The Oatmeal Diet in the Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus,” 1908
“General and Metastatic Infections due to the Gonococcus,” 1909
“Peculiar Elongated and Sickle-Shaped Red Blood Corpuscles in a Severe Case of Anemia,” 1910
“Pain in Disease of the Heart,” 1911
“The Educational Function of Hospitals and the Hospital Year,” 1911
“Clinical Features of Sudden Obstruction of the Coronary Arteries,” 1912
“Report of a Case of Diabetes Insipitus with Marked Reduction in the Amount of Urine Following Lumbar Puncture,” 1912
“Certain Medical Aspects of Recurrent Malignant Tumors,” 1915
“Angina Pectoris: Clinical Experience with Two Hundred Cases,” 1918
“Report of a Case of Rupture of an Aortic Aneurysm into the Left Innominate Vein,” 1919
“Treatment of Influenza by Means other than Vaccines and Serums,” 1919
“Thrombosis of the Coronary Arteries,” 1919
“Relation between the Specialist and the Practitioner,” 1921
“On the Importance of Recognizing Secondary or Metastatic Tumors,” 1921
“Clinical Observations on Block of the Branches of the Auriculoventricular Bundle,” 1922
“The Problem of the Chronic Cardiac Cripple: A General Survey,” 1925
“Acute Obstruction of the Coronary Artery,” 1925
“Angina Pectoris,” 1925
“Syphilis of the Aorta,” 1926

**BOX 2**

“The Educational Function of a Hospital,” 1926
“The Clinician of the Future,” 1926
“On the Combination of Angina Pectoris and Severe Anemia,” 1927
“Some of the More Favorable Features of Heart Disease,” 1927
“Comments on the Treatment of Heart Disease,” 1928
“The Prevention and Relief of Heart Disease in Adults,” 1929
“Some Unresolved Problems Connected with Acute Obstruction of the Coronary Artery,” 1929
“Modern Diagnosis,” 1929
“Atypical Features of Acute Coronary Occlusion,” 1929
“Clinical Signs of Heart Disease,” 1930
“The Coronary Artery in Health and Disease,” 1930-1931
“Common Errors in the Treatment of Heart Disease,” 1931
“The Coronary Artery in Health and Disease,” 1931
“The Importance of the History and Physical Examination in Diagnosis,” 1931
“Coronary Thrombosis: Past, Present and Future,” 1933
“The Practitioner of the Future,” 1934
“Changes in Internal Medicine Since 1900,” 1935
“The Successful Doctor,” 1936
“On Mistaking Other Diseases for Acute Coronary Thrombosis,” 1938
“How Knowledge of the Heart and its Diseases has Developed,” 1938
“The President’s Address: Some Features of Present-Day Diagnosis,” 1938
“Certain Text-Books on Heart Disease of the Early Nineteenth Century,” 1941
“A Short History of Cardiology,” (first draft), 1941
“A Short History of Cardiology,” (second draft), 1941 (3 folders)

**BOX 3**

“A Note Concerning the Long Neglect of Auenbrugger’s ‘Inventum Novum,’” 1943
“An Intimate Account of my Early Experience with Coronary Thrombosis,” 1944
“Cardiac Neuroses,” undated
“Multiple Hirhnamorrhagien bei Leukamie,” undated

**Series 4. Other writings, 1912-1940 and undated**

13 items
Arranged: mostly chronological
Scope: Writings on various topics, including biographical and historical articles about physicians and other topics and various addresses. A copy of Herrick’s autobiography, “Memories of Eighty Years,” can be found in the James W. Merricks Papers.

BOX 3 (cont.)

Address by Herrick at Reception by the College of the Tablet of the Class of 1912, from Bulletin of the Alumni Association of Rush Medical College, 1912
Address by Herrick to the Graduating Class of the Training School for Nurses of Rockford Hospital, 1916
Address by Herrick to Unit No. 13 of Presbyterian Hospital, 26 December 1917
Address to alumni about Frank Billings, from Bulletin of the Alumni Association of Rush Medical College, 1924
Address by Herrick at Commencement of Lewis Institute, “The Average Man,” 20 June 1929
“Why I Read Chaucer at Seventy,” 1931
“Allan Burns: Anatomist, Surgeon and Cardiologist,” 1935
“The Johns Hopkins Hospital; Its Past and Its Future,” 1939
“Jean-Baptiste Bouillaud and His Contributions to Cardiology,” 1940
“Contribution of Three Early British Surgeons to Knowledge of Heart Disease,” undated
“Tolerance,” undated
“Robert Adams, Surgeon, and His Contributions to Cardiology,” undated

Series 5. Clippings, 1949-1972

5 items
Arrangement: mostly chronological
Scope Content: Clippings featuring Herrick and his contributions to cardiology.

BOX 3 (cont.)

Clippings, 1949-1972


44 items
Arrangement: by item type
Scope Content: Miscellaneous items include a bibliography, class tickets, invitations and programs from various events, and hand written notes on mainly clinical topics.

BOX 3 (cont.)

Herrick Bibliography
Invitations, Programs, Menus, 1882-1958
Rush Medical College Class Tickets, Exam Certificates, 1885-1888
Toastmaster Notes, Rush Medical College Banquet, 1906
Cardiology Notes, undated