

Guide to the Boynton Family Papers, 1858-1966, 2000, bulk 1886-1935

Administrative Information

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Abstract:

The Boynton Family Papers center around Perry Boynton (1866-1961), his parents Oren Boynton (1834-1909) and Alice (Hollister) Boynton (1842-1929), brother Harry Boynton (1869-1934), and wife Esther (McCombs) Boynton (1875-1950). The Boyntons were from Lisbon, NH; Oren and Harry were the town physicians while Perry, also a physician, moved to New York City to attend medical school and then practice. The family wrote back and forth with news of town, friends, family, and their travels; they also shared information about medical cases. The collection consists of their correspondence, family photographs, and genealogical information.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Boynton Family papers were given to the New Hampshire Historical Society by Maynard Boynton Wheeler, grandson of Perry Boynton, on September 29, 2022.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in October 2022. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in October 2022. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Oren Boynton (1834-1909) was the Lisbon, NH, town physician and was married to Alice (Hollister) Boynton (1842-1929). They had two sons, Perry (1866-1961) and Harry (1869-1934). Both sons also became physicians; Harry married Jean McCargo (1875-1960) and succeeded his father in Lisbon while Perry, after graduating from Dartmouth College in 1890, went to New York City for medical school at New York University/Bellevue Hospital, from which he graduated in 1895. He spent the next two years receiving additional surgical training. In 1900, he married Esther Frazer McCombs (1875-1950). They lived in Manhattan, NY, where he had a private surgical practice. Beginning in 1927, he was also on the surgical staff at Harlem Hospital. They had three children, Martha (1904), Perry (1909) and Carroll (1910).

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Boynton Family papers consist largely of correspondence among members of this Lisbon, NH, family. Oren Boynton (1834-1909) wrote his wife and children when he went to Southern

Pines, NC, for several winter months between 1897 and 1902. He and his wife Alice (Hollister) Boynton (1842-1929) both exchanged letters with their son Perry (1866-1961) and daughter-in-law Esther (McCombs) Boynton (1875-1950), who lived in New York City, and Esther wrote frequently to Perry from Lisbon when she was there with their young children in the summers between around 1904 and 1920. The Perry Boynton family wrote describing their Grand Canyon trip in 1907. There are also photographs of family members and groups.

The three Boynton men were all physicians and their letters sometimes contain descriptions of cases they had attended. There are also letters from patients asking for advice, and several extended lists of surgical cases and descriptions of difficult operations by Perry Boynton.

The family history and genealogical information included in the collection contains research about the Boynton ancestral families: Aylsworth, Carroll/Carrell, Esselstyne, Fraser, Hart, Hollister, and McCombs.

Not included among these papers is information about Perry Boynton's brother, Harry Boynton (1869-1934) and his wife, Jean (McCargo) Boynton (1875-1960). There is little information about the early life and education of Esther (McCombs) Boynton.

The materials in this collection date from 1858 to 1966 and 2000, with gaps. The bulk of materials are dated 1886 to 1935.

Arrangement:

Materials in this collection are arranged alphabetically by name, then by genre, then chronologically, with photographs at the end.

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Published Material:

Dartmouth College and Chandler School of Science and the Arts Class of 1890. Secretary's First Report by Charles Albert Perkins, 1891

Dartmouth Literary Monthly, 1890 May

Freshman History of the Class of Ninety, of Dartmouth College by Henry Hoyt Hilton, 1887

Sophomore History of the Class of Ninety, Dartmouth College by George S. Mills, 1889

This list is not exhaustive.

Separated Materials:

The following volume was transferred to the library:

Wheeler, Maynard Boynton. *Esther & Perry Boynton: Their Lives, Their Family, Their Ancestors*, 2016

Subject Terms

People:

Boynton, Alice, 1842-1929

Boynton, Esther McCombs, 1875-1950

Boynton, Oren, 1834-1909

Boynton, Perry, 1866-1961

Boynton family

Organizations:

Bellevue Hospital

Dartmouth College

Lisbon High School (Lisbon, N.H.)

Methodist Episcopal Church. New Hampshire Conference

New York University. School of Medicine

St. Johnsbury Academy (St. Johnsbury, Vt.)

Subjects:

Correspondence

Genealogy

Medical education

Medicine--Practice

Universities and colleges

Travel

Locations:

Grand Canyon, AZ

Lisbon, NH

New York, NY

Southern Pines, NC

St. Johnsbury, VT

Occupations:

Physicians