

Thomas Jefferson University Archives and Special Collections

MS 071

Thomas D. Mütter Collection, 1842-1884 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

Biographical Note

Dr. Mütter (1811-1859) was the third Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Jefferson Medical College, 1841-1856. He was the first surgeon in Philadelphia to administer ethyl ether to a patient (23 December 1843). Mütter bequeathed his pathological museum to the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, together with an endowment of \$30,000 for maintenance and a lectureship associated with the collection.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of materials by or about Thomas D. Mütter, M.D. and the Mütter Museum from 1841-1884. The materials include addresses (1841-1851) given to Jefferson students (consisting of introductory lectures and charges to graduates), publications of syllabi for Jefferson courses (many interleaved with student notes), and two memoirs (1859) of Mütter, one written by R.J. Levis and the other by Joseph Pancoast.

Organization and Arrangement

- I. Addresses (1842-1851)
 Arranged in chronological order.
- II. Mütter Museum (1884)
- III. Necrology (1859)
- IV. Publications (1843-1853)
 Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

I. Addresses (1842-1851)

- 1.1 Jefferson Medical College
1851 - Charge to the graduates.
- 1.2 Jefferson Medical College
1851 - Charge to the graduates. (Acc. # 92-28)
- 1.3 Jefferson Medical College
1847 - Introductory lecture, Principles & Practice of Surgery.
- 1.4 Jefferson Medical College
1844 - Introductory lecture, Principles & Practice of Surgery. -Present position of some of the most important of the modern operations of surgery.
- 1.5 Jefferson Medical College
1842 - Introductory lecture, Principles & Practice of Surgery. - Recent improvements in surgery.

II. Mütter Museum (1884)

- 1.6 1884 - Committee petition

III. Necrology (1859)

- 1.7 Memoir by Joseph Pancoast, MD - 1859 Oct.
- 1.8 Memoir by R. J. Levis, MD - 1859 May

IV. Publications (1843-1853)

- 2.1 1853 - Syllabus of the course of lectures on the principles & practice of surgery delivered in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. [Interleaved with notes taken by Jos. Willis Houston (JMC 1857)]
- 2.2 1853 - Syllabus...[Interleaved with notes, some in shorthand, taken by Alex. R. Gray (JMC 1855)]
- 2.3 1851 - Syllabus...[Interleaved with notes. Gift of Victor J. Baluta (JMC 1924)]
- 3.1 1850 - Syllabus...[Interleaved with notes taken by Henry A. Dorsey (JMC 1852)]
- 3.2 1848 - Syllabus...
- 3.3 1846 - Syllabus...[Interleaved with student notes]
- 3.4 1843 - Syllabus...[Interleaved with notes taken by Tho. Sydenham Reed (JMC 1846)]
- 3.5 1843 - Report on the operations for fissures of the palative vault.
Cases of deformity from burns successfully treated by plastic operations.

*Reprocessed and described:
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