

## **Thomas Jefferson University Archives and Special Collections**

### **MS 058**

### **Joseph Pancoast Collection, 1835-1883 0.25 linear feet (1 box)**

#### **Biographical Note**

An 1828 graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Joseph Pancoast (1805-1882) was the second Chairman of the Department of Surgery (1839-1841) and the fifth Chairman of the Department of Anatomy (1841-1874) at Jefferson Medical College. In the latter years of his life, Dr. Pancoast suffered greatly from ill health. Upon his resignation from the Jefferson Medical College faculty in 1874, Pancoast's son William Henry Pancoast succeeded him. At the time of his death on 7 March 1882, Dr. Pancoast was the last survivor of Jefferson's "famous faculty of 1842."

#### **Scope and Contents**

The collection consists of materials by or about Joseph Pancoast, MD, and his family from 1835-1883. The type of materials include addresses (1835-1872) such as introductory lectures to Jefferson students and commencement addresses (1855 and 1865), medical journal articles (1872), and correspondence (1869) concerning the vacancy of Pancoast's chair due to ill health.

#### **Organization and Arrangement**

I. Addresses (1835-1872)

Arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the sponsoring organization, thereafter in chronological order.

II. Correspondence (1869)

III. Publications (1872)

IV. Events and Ephemera (1886-1879)

Arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

V. Necrology (1882-1883)

## Container List

### I. Addresses

- 1.1 Jefferson Medical College  
1872 - On a case of ligation of the common carotid artery, for the relief of an encephaloid tumor on the head.
- 1.2 Jefferson Medical College  
1869 - Introductory lecture.  
1865 - Commencement.
- 1.3 Jefferson Medical College  
1859 - Introductory. "The Late Professor T. D. Mütter"
- 1.4 Jefferson Medical College  
1856 - Introductory lecture. "Professional glimpses abroad"  
1855 - Commencement.
- 1.5 Jefferson Medical College  
1849 - Introductory lecture.
- 1.6 Jefferson Medical College  
1845 - Introductory lecture.  
1843 - Introductory lecture.
- 1.7 Philadelphia Assoc. for Medical Instruction  
1835 - Introductory lecture.

### II. Correspondence

- 1.8 1869 June 5 - From : Joseph Pancoast  
To : B. Howard Rand, Dean of Jefferson Medical College  
Re. : Faculty resolution passed in Dr. Pancoast's absence bearing on the controversy surrounding the possible vacancy of Pancoast's chair due to health considerations.

### III. Publications

- 1.9 1872 - New operation for the relief of persistent facial neuralgia.  
1872 - Excision of right half of inferior maxillary bone for cancerous disease.

### IV. Events & Ephemera

- 1.10 News clippings (n.d.)
- 1.11 Receipt for professional services rendered by Dr. Pancoast, 1860

### V. Necrology

- 1.12 Obituaries, 1882
- 1.13 Presentation of memorial bust, 1883

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