

Day Family Physicians Papers

MSS #35

Collection Date(s): c.1873-c.1980; Bulk Dates: 1892-1934

Language: English

Extent: 1.46 linear feet

2 boxes

Title: Day Family Physicians Collection

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Supervising Archivist: Christine Jankowski (2020-)

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Processing Note: Collection contains oversized photographs and certificates that are housed separately.

Description Rules: Describing Archives: A Content Standard (2013)

Language of Description: English

Related Accessions: John Uri Lloyd Papers (1849-1936)
Eclectic Medical College Records (1845-1942)
John Milton Scudder Papers (1829-1894)
John King Papers (1813-1893)
John Thomas Lloyd Papers (1884-1970)

Abstract: This collection contains the papers, ephemera, photographs, and ledgers of the Day Family physicians – four generations of doctors, three of which attended the Eclectic Medical Institution.

Arrangement: Collection is arranged into five series: “Series 1: Day Family History and Research,” “Series 2: Isaac Harrison Day,” “Series 3: Walter Gray Day,” “Series 4: Luther Walter Day,” and “Series 5: Day Family Photographs.”

Provenance: The collection’s dates are between 1892-c.1980 with the bulk of the materials dating in between 1892-1934. Dr. Stanley G. Day donated his family’s papers and ledgers in 2018.

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Biographical History: The John Day Family lived in Clermont County, Ohio starting in 1801 or 1802 having traveled first from Maryland, then to Kentucky, and finally settled in Ohio. Several generations of Day men became physicians, three studying at the Eclectic Medical Institute, later known as the Eclectic Medical College, in Cincinnati. They were **Isaac Harrison Day** (1833-1892), his son **Walter Gray Day** (1868-1936), and his son **Luther Walter Day** (1904-1973).

Isaac Harrison Day (1833-1892) was a son of John Bennett Day and a grandson of John Day, who settled in Clermont County. He worked on his father John Bennett's farm until 1852 when he began reading medicine with his uncle, Dr. David Wood of Point Isabel, Ohio. When David died, Isaac continued his studies with Dr. Robinson of Henning's Mills, Ohio. He graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati on February 1, 1856. The following month, Isaac opened his practice in Point Isabel. Isaac died in an accident involving a horse and buggy on April 27, 1892.

Walter Gray Day (1868-1936) was a son of Isaac Harrison Day and his second wife, Nancy Carr. Walter graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati on June 7, 1892. He received his diploma in Latin and his thesis was on syphilis. After his father's death and his graduation, Walter settled in Point Isabel and took over his father's clients. He died in 1936.

Luther Walter Day (1904-1973) was a son of Walter Gray Day and Estella Stevens. He attended Miami University for premedical studies for two years and was accepted into the Ohio State Medical Board in 1923. He attended the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati starting in 1926 and graduated on May 20, 1929, with his thesis on carbon monoxide poisoning. Luther went on to practice medicine and surgery in Detroit, Michigan and at the Jonesville Medico-Dental Office in Jonesville, Michigan. He died in 1973.

Luther's son **Dr. Stanley Gordon Day** (1939-) is a retired physician who studied at Iowa. He conducted genealogical research at the Lloyd Library & Museum in 2006 and later donated this collection of ledgers, photographs, and ephemera related to his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to the Lloyd in 2018.

Wendell Carl Gray (1954-), mentioned in the family history composed by Dr. Stanley Gordon Day, is a great-grandson of Walter Gray Day and is Stanley's first cousin once removed. He contributed to the genealogical research of the Days.

Scope and Content:

The Day Family Collection includes photographs, ephemera, and ledgers from four generations of Day physicians. This collection, which dates from c.1873 to c.1980, belonged to Isaac Harrison Day, Walter Gray Day, and Luther Walter Day. The ledgers detail patients and compounds that were first taken by Isaac Harrison Day and then by his son, Walter Gray Day. The Day family were physicians in Clermont County, Ohio for decades until Isaac moved to Michigan.

System of Arrangement: Collection is arranged into five series.

Acquisition Information: These items were donated by Dr. Stanley G. Day in November 2018.

Preferred Citation: Title and date of item, Collection Name, Lloyd Library & Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Series 1: Day Family History and Research

Contains a typed genealogy of the Day family and three articles on the Eclectic Medical College.

Series 2: Isaac Harrison Day (1833-1892)

Includes a published biography of Isaac Harrison Day that was written before his death in 1892 and a ledger he used for patients.

Series 3: Walter Gray Day (1868-1936)

Contains invitations and menus for Eclectic Medical Institute events, a photocopy of Day's marriage invitation, and a drug advertisement. Also includes three ledgers and a reference notebook.

Series 4: Luther Walter Day (1904-1973)

Includes Day's class notes, report cards, acceptance into the Ohio State Medical Board, and ephemera from his practice. Also includes graduation booklets and articles related to his time studying at the Eclectic Medical Institute.

Series 5: Day Family Photographs

Contains printed photocopies of portraits, family photographs, and records. Oversized photographs and materials are stored separately.

CONTAINER LISTING

Series 1: Day Family History and Research

Box #	Folder #	Folder Name
1	1	"Descendants of John Day Point Isabel, Ohio (Clermont County) and Feesburg, Ohio (Brown County)" written and revised by Stanley G. Day, Ph.D., P.E. St. of Ohio (Ret.), 2018.
1	2	Research Articles (3) 1902, 1936, c.1950

Series 2: Isaac Harrison Day (1833-1892)

Box #	Folder #	Folder Name
1	3	Historic sketch: "I.H. Day M.D.," c.1873-1880s
2	n/a	Ledger 1892 (used later by Walter Gray Day)

Series 3: Walter Gray Day (1868-1936)

Box #	Folder #	Folder Name
1	4	Two Dinner Invitations for Eclectic Medical Institute events, 1892
1	5	Photocopy: Marriage Invitation, 1894
1	6	Bovine Advertisement, c.1900-1920s
2	n/a	Ledger 1892 (Used prior by Isaac Harrison Day) -
2	n/a	Ledger – Contains patient information, 1892-1934.
2	n/a	Reference Notebook - Contains lists of compounds with formulas and their uses and a list of common ailments and their suggested treatments. Back cover has multiple informative pamphlets for quick reference. Includes Lloyd Brothers pamphlets, ca.1880s-1890s

2	n/a	Ledger from Jan. 1 1897 to _ 189 – Ledger of drugs and compounds purchased, 1897-1934.
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Series 4: Luther Walter Day (1904-1973)

Box #	Folder #	Folder Name
1	7	Ohio State Medical Board Acceptance, 1923
1	8	Class and Exam Notes, c.1929
1	9	Report Cards with envelope, 1926-1929, 1970
1	10	Eclectic Medical College Commencement Booklets (2), 1928-1929
1	11	Photocopy: Newspaper article, "Third generation ready to enter medical profession," 1929
1	12	Eclectic Medicine Articles: "Editorial: A Viewpoint of Medication" by Luther W. Day M.D., 1932. "The Non-diabetic Rationale of Insulin in the Treatment of Pernicious Vomiting in Pregnancy" by Luther W. Day, M.D.
1	13	The Eclectic Medical College Bulletin Series II, Volume 1, 1931-1932
1	14	Insurance Offer from The Medical Protective Company, 1933
1	15	U.S. Internal Revenue Order Forms for Opium, etc., 1923, 1934
1	16	Personalized Office Stationery and Business Cards, c.1930s-1970s

Series 5: Day Family Photographs

Box #	Folder #	Folder Name
1	17	Photocopy: Day Family Physicians Portraits: 1856, 1892, 1929, 1969
1	18	Photographs (copy): Isaac Harrison Day Portraits, c.1856
1	19	Photograph: Walter Gray Day and Eclectics, 1892
1	20	Photographs (copy): Walter G. Day and wife Estelle, c.1890s
1	21	Photographs (copy): Walter G. Day and Family, 1890s-1900s

1	22	Photographs (copy): Luther H. Day's Jonesville, Michigan practice, c.1950s, 1980s
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