

Summary Information:

Collection Title: Dr. William Dougall Papers

Collection Number: MSS.02

Date Range: 1856-1928, 1935

Size: 9 Linear Feet

Location: RR.7.1-2, CO.OS.07

Creator: Dr. William Dougall

Abstract: The Dr. William Dougall Papers collection contains materials relating to the life and work of Dr. Dougall in the Joliet area. The collection contains correspondence, photographs, professional and financial records. There are also materials relating to the life of Dr. Dougall's wife, Cassie Dougall as well as her father, Edwin Walker.

Acquisition Information: 2006.22.01-1208 : Donated to the collection by Milan Bokan in 2006.

Separated Materials: 2006.22.685 : *The Five Heroines* by Cora Posey. A book regarding the Knights Templar, which was removed and added to the Library holdings in the collection.

Citation: Item Description. MSS.02 Dr. William Dougall Papers, Joliet Area Historical Museum. Box #, Folder #. Date Accessed.

Restrictions: The patient records, visit notes, and medical ledgers in Series 5: Professional Records are not available for research to the general public due to potential HIPPA violations. If you are interested in viewing these records please reach out to the Collection Staff with the name of the patient you would like to research. You must be able to prove that the patient in question passed away a minimum of 50 years ago for access to their medical records.

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Background Information:

History:

William Dougall, a prominent Joliet Doctor in the late 1800s, was born on March 1, 1842 in Paisley, Scotland. He immigrated to the United States in 1858 with his parents, who took residence near New Haven, Indiana. Shortly after moving to the States, Dougall enlisted in a three-year regiment, the 15th Indiana Infantry in 1861. He took part in the battles of Rich Mountain, Elk Water, Greenbrier, Shiloh, Corinth, Perryville, Stone River, Tallahoma and Chattanooga. In 1863 Dougall was appointed captain in the 13th United States Colored Infantry. At the end of the war, he refused a commission in the regular army, and resigned as an officer.

After the war, Dougall received his medical degree from the Chicago Medical College in 1868. In the same year he moved to Lemont, IL and opened his first practice. Many of his patients were Irish

immigrants working to deepen the Illinois and Michigan Canal. It was at this time that Dougall met Cassie Walker, the daughter of Edwin Walker, a wealthy contractor working on the canal. Dougall and Cassie would be married in October of 1872. The same year the couple relocated to their home on Union St. in Joliet and began their family. They would go on to have two children, Mary (Mamie) C. Dougall, later to become Mrs. Richard J. Barr, and William Houston Dougall.

In 1872 Dr. Dougall also relocated his business and began practicing medicine in the Joliet area. In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Dougall became a part owner of the Seltzer Drug Store located on Cass St. with Dr. M.F. Williams. By 1889 Dr. Dougall bought out Dr. M.F. Williams, dissolving the partnership, and becoming the sole owner of the business.

Dr. Dougall, while being a prominent doctor and business owner, was an active member of the Joliet community. Dougall acted as the president of the Illinois Pure Aluminum Company of Lemont, president and later secretary of the Will County Medical Society, a member of the Masonic order, knighted in the Joliet Commandery No. 4 Knights Templar, founder of the Union Veterans Club, member of the Joliet Memorial Association, and chairman of the Republican Central Committee. Dougall also was appointed postmaster of Joliet in 1879 by President Hayes, retiring from the position in 1883.

Dr. Dougall would pass away at age 73 in 1915 at his home on Union St in Joliet.

Scope and Content Arrangement:

The Dr. William Dougall Collection contains correspondence, financial papers, personal records, and photographs pertaining to the life and work of Dr. Dougall. The collection has been arranged into 8 series by document type and the materials in each series are arranged chronologically.

Series 3: Clubs and Organizations is the only series created based on the content of the documents included and has been arranged first alphabetically by organization title, and then chronologically. Series 3 does contain correspondence and financial records relating to the organization or club noted on each folder.

Series 7: Calling Cards contains Victorian era calling cards that are undated. They have been arranged alphabetically.

There are a small number of oversized materials in the collection. They have been listed in Series 8 of the collection and are listed in the finding aid with their original series number as well. All oversized materials for this collection are in oversize storage drawer 7 located in the Curator's Office.

The series in the collection are as follows:

Series 1: Biographical, 1864-1865, 1910, 1917

Series 2: Correspondence, 1856-1928

Series 3: Clubs and Organizations, 1856-1905, 1935

Series 4: Financial Records, 1873-1926

Series 5: Professional Records, 1872-1908

Series 6: Photographs, 1860-1970

Series 7: Calling Cards, Undated

Series 8: Oversized Materials

Related Materials:

2006.22.1204-1208: Dougall Family Baby Shoes, Basement
2006.22.1191: Dr. William Dougall's Medical Bag, Basement
2021.10.39 Seltzer Drug Sliding Yard Stick, Basement

MSS10 Joliet Post Office Collection
MSS.16 Holly Club Collection
MSS.28 Illinois State Penitentiary Collection

Content Listing:

Series 1: Biographical, 1864-1865, 1910, 1917

Location: RR.7.1

Scope: The materials contained in this series includes handwritten family trees from Dr. Dougall, his final will and testament, as well as Edwin Walker's estate papers, and a few records regarding Dougall's time in the military.

Walker, Dougall's father-in-law, was born in Leeds, Yorkshire England in 1833. In 1851 he married Mary Clapham, and together they had 6 children. He immigrated with his family to Philadelphia in 1855, and then to Chicago in 1856. While in Chicago Walker became a master builder and contractor, most notably working on the deepening of the I&M Canal, the Cook County Courthouse, and the Illinois Pure Aluminum Co. in Lemont.

Of note, the series also contains materials pertaining to Robert Burns, a Scottish poet from the late 1700s. Celebration of his life and work became popular during the 19th and early 20th centuries, which can be seen through the creation of Burns Clubs throughout the world. These clubs annually celebrated Burns' birthday to honor his work and encourage an interest in Scottish literature. The collection contains a flyer from one of the annual celebrations of Burns birthday as well as a Burns Birthday book in which the Dougall's signed their names.

| Folder Title: | Folder #: | Box #: |
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| Civil War Equipage and Clothing Return, 1864-1865 | 1 | 1 |
| Edwin Walker V. Dr. William Dougall, 1908 | 2 | 1 |
| Estate Report of Edwin Walker, 1910 | 3 | 1 |
| Last Will and Testament of Edwin Walker, Checks, 1912-1919 | 4 | 1 |
| Will of Dr. William Dougal, 1917 | 5 | 1 |

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| Misc. Personal Records, Undated | 6 | 1 |
| Notebook on the Anatomy of Animals, Undated | 7 | 1 |

Series 2: Correspondence, 1856-1928

Location: RR.7.1

Scope: The materials contained in this series include letters from the Dougall family from 1856 through 1928. The correspondence reflects their day-to-day life and business happenings in Joliet at the time. The materials have been organized chronologically.

There is a small collection of invitations the family received to various events around Joliet, giving insight to their social lives during this time frame. Of note are an invitation to the Annual Basket Picnic of the Officers and Employees of the Illinois State Penitentiary, and an announcement for the arrival of convicts to the Illinois State Penitentiary from 1881.

| Folder Title: | Folder #: | Box #: |
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| Correspondence, 1871-1879 | 8 | 1 |
| Correspondence, 1882-1889 | 9 | 1 |
| Correspondence, 1898-1899 | 10 | 1 |
| Correspondence, 1900-1928 | 11 | 1 |
| Invitations and Greeting Cards, 1856-1897 | 12 | 1 |
| Correspondence, Undated | 13 | 1 |

Series 3: Clubs and Organizations, 1856-1905, 1935

Location: RR.7.1

Scope: Dr. Dougall was a member of numerous Joliet-based organizations, only a few of which are represented in this collection. This series contains materials relating to his time in the Joliet Memorial Association, the Knights Templar and Masonic Order, the Order of Scottish Clans, the Republican Central Committee, the Union Veteran Club, and the Will County Medical Society. Dougall held a prominent role in each of these organizations. He acted as the president and later secretary of the Will County Medical Society, as well as chairman of the Republican Central Committee in 1875.

This series also contains records regarding the Dougall's involvement at the Christ Church Parish where Dougall acted as the senior warden and head of the board of vestrymen. As well as Cassie Dougall's involvement with the Holly Club.

| Folder Title: | Folder #: | Box #: |
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| Christ Church Parish Financial Records, 1894-1895, 1901-1905 | 1 | 2 |
| The Holly Club Ledger, 1894 | 2 | 2 |
| Joliet Memorial Association Receipts, 1882-1885 | 3 | 2 |
| Joliet Memorial Association Treasury Records, May 1884 | 4 | 2 |

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| Knights Templar, Chicago Grand Conclave Papers, 1879-1880, 1935 | 5 | 2 |
| Order of Scottish Clans, 1893 | 6 | 2 |
| Republican Central Committee Papers, 1872-1876 | 7 | 2 |
| Republican Central Committee Treasury Records, 1876-1877 | 8 | 2 |
| Republican Central Committee Treasury Records, 1878-1882 | 9 | 2 |
| Union Veteran Club, 1882 | 1 | 3 |
| Will County Medical Society, Violations to the Code of Ethics, 1875-1894 | 2 | 3 |
| Will County Medical Society Constitution and By-Laws, 1875 | 3 | 3 |
| Will County Medical Society Papers, 1856-1897 | 4 | 3 |

Series 4: Financial Records, 1873-1926

Location: RR.7.1

Scope: This series contains financial records relating to the personal life of Dr. Dougall and his family. The bulk of the materials are bank deposit records and cancelled checks from the Ridgely Farmers State Bank in Springfield, IL. Of note are letters discussing the selling of Cassie Dougall's stock holds in the Illinois Pure Aluminum Co. after her father, Edwin Walker's passing.

| Folder Title: | Folder #: | Box #: |
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| Personal Receipts and Financial Documents, 1873-1926 | 5 | 3 |
| Stocks and Bonds Records, 1911-1926 | 6 | 3 |
| Ridgely Farmers State Bank Deposits and Cancelled Checks, Jan., Apr.-July, Sept. 1919 | 7 | 3 |
| Ridgely Farmers State Bank Deposits and Cancelled Checks, Mar.-May, Oct. 1920 | 8 | 3 |
| Ridgely Farmers State Bank Deposits and Cancelled Checks, Jan.-Apr., July 1921 | 9 | 3 |
| Ridgely Farmers State Bank Deposits and Cancelled Checks, Aug.-Dec. 1921 | 10 | 3 |
| Ridgely Farmers State Bank Deposits and Cancelled Checks, Feb.-Aug. 1922 | 11 | 3 |
| Ridgely Farmers State Bank Cancelled Checks, 1919-1924 | 12 | 3 |
| Check Stubs, 1920-1922, 1926 | 13 | 3 |
| First National Bank of Joliet Cancelled Checks, 1923-1924 | 1 | 4 |
| First National Bank, Springfield IL Deposits and Cancelled Checks, June, Aug-Oct, 1924 | 2 | 4 |
| First National Bank, Springfield IL Deposits and Cancelled Checks, Jan-Mar., Nov.-Dec., 1925 | 3 | 4 |
| First National Bank, Springfield IL Cancelled Checks, 1926 | 4 | 4 |
| First National Bank, Springfield IL Deposits and Cancelled Checks, Jan.-Feb., Apr.-May, Aug., Nov., 1926 | 5 | 4 |
| First National Bank, Springfield IL Deposits and Cancelled Checks, Jan.-April, June, 1927 | 6 | 4 |
| Maime Dougall Financial Ledger, Undated | 7 | 4 |

Series 5: Professional Records, 1872-1908

Location: RR.7.1-2

Scope: This series contains records pertaining to Dr. Dougall's work as a family physician in Lemont and Joliet including his financial ledgers listing patient names, addresses, and amount owed per visit. Dougall made house calls for \$1-\$2, and the visits rarely exceeded \$10 in cost. The series also contains notebooks with information regarding prescriptions and diagnosis. Due to the nature of these records, they have been restricted due to potential HIPPA violations.

In addition to medical practice, Dr. Dougall was appointed Postmaster from 1879-1883. This series contains records pertaining to his time as Postmaster, including the cash book ledger he maintained as postmaster in 1879.

Dr. Dougall's father-in-law, Edwin Walker founded the Illinois Pure Aluminum Company in 1892 in Lemont. In 1917 Dr. William Dougall is listed as president of the company with Walker's son, George S. Walker as acting Vice President and Treasurer. The following year George would take over as president for his father's company. This series includes real estate warranty deeds for the company, and a stock ledger from March of 1893.

Finally, the series contains a financial ledger for Seltzer Drug from 1889-1890. The ledger contains information regarding business finances for the pharmacy. Dr. Dougall and Dr. Williamson operated the Seltzer Drug Store at 646 Cass St beginning in 1888. There was an earlier Seltzer Drug located on Jefferson St. originally run by Henry Seltzer, but eventually operated by Dr. Dougall who rented the property.

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| Dr. Dougall Financial Ledger, 1872-1876 (R) | 8 | 4 |
| Postmaster Records, 1879-1882 | 9 | 4 |
| Postmaster Cash Book Ledger, 1879 | 1 | 5 |
| Dr. Dougall Financial Ledger, 1881-1884 (R) | 2 | 5 |
| Dr. Dougall Financial Ledger, 1885 (R) | 3 | 5 |
| Dr. Dougall Financial Ledger, 1887 (R) | 4 | 5 |
| Dr. Dougall Financial Ledger, Feb.-June 1888 (R) | 5 | 5 |
| Seltzer Drug Store Ledger, 1889-1890 | 1 | 6 |
| Illinois Pure Aluminum CO. Stock Ledger, 1893 | 2 | 6 |
| Patient Financial Records, 1871-1903 (R) | 3 | 6 |
| Patient Birth Records, 1890-1896 (R) | 4 | 6 |
| Notes from Patient Visits, Jan.-Feb. 1891 (R) | 5 | 6 |
| Notes from Patient Visits, Jan.-April 1895 (R) | 6 | 6 |
| Notes from Patient Visits, May-Sept. 1895 (R) | 7 | 6 |
| Notes from Patient Visits, Jan.-Feb. 1896 (R) | 1 | 7 |
| Notes from Patient Visits, Mar.-June 1896 (R) | 2 | 7 |
| Notes from Patient Visits, Feb.-May 1901 (R) | 3 | 7 |

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| Notes from Patient Visits, May-Dec. 1901 (R) | 4 | 7 |
| Notes from Patient Visits, Apr. and Dec. 1904, Jan, Apr.-May, Oct.-Nov. 1905, Jan.-Mar. 1908 (R) | 5 | 7 |
| Illinois Pure Aluminum CO. Warranty Deeds, 1912-1937 | 6 | 7 |
| Illinois Pure Aluminum CO. Payroll, 1963 | 7 | 7 |
| Illinois Pure Aluminum CO. Checks, 1964, 1968 | 8 | 7 |
| Notes from Patient Visits, Undated (R) | 9 | 7 |

Series 6: Photographs, 1860-1910

Location: RR.7.2

Scope: This series contains photographs of Dr. Dougall, his family, and the Walker family. Of note are photographs of the Dougall family in front of their home on Union Street in Joliet. There are a number of photographs in this series that are unidentified. These photographs are from the Dougall family home and may contain images of the family, the Walker family, or close family friends.

| Folder Title: | Folder #: | Box #: |
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| Civil War Photographs, Circa 1860 | 1 | 8 |
| Dr. William Dougal Portraits, 1870-1910 | 2 | 8 |
| Dougall Family Photographs, 1870-1907 | 3 | 8 |
| Knights Templar, Chicago Grand Conclave Photographs, 1879-1880 | 4 | 8 |
| Photographs of Family Friends, Circa 1898 | 5 | 8 |
| Walker Family Photographs, 1899-1901 | 6 | 8 |
| Unidentified Photographs, Undated | 7 | 8 |
| Dougall Family Photo Album, Undated | 8 | 8 |

Series 7: Calling Cards, Undated

Location: RR.7.2

Scope: This series contains calling cards the Dougall family collected and saved. As the calling cards are not dated it is unclear the time frame the cards cover, but it may be assumed they fit within the time frame of the remainder of the collection. Calling cards became largely popular in the 1800s. The small cards, roughly the size of a modern day business card often only contained the name of the owner, with little to no elaborate design. The cards were left at homes, sent to individuals, or exchanged in person for social purposes. The possession of calling cards was a sign of social status, and often indicated you were of the upper class. The collection contains calling cards from various acquaintances of the Dougall family, as well as the Dougall's own calling cards.

The calling cards have been arranged alphabetically and are all housed together rather than divided into folders. All calling cards are housed in Box 9.

Series 8: Oversized Materials

Location: CO.OS.07

Item:

Certificate for appointment to the Consulting Staff of St. Joseph Hospital
Burns' Birthday Annual Celebration Flyer
Edwin Walker Property Maps, C. 1850s
Joliet Masonic Association First Mortgage Bond
Christ Church Parish House Subscription
Christ Church Parish Financial Records, 1895
Grand Army of the Republic, 1882
Post Office Audit, 1879

Original Series:

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