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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 21 GINGLES Collection

1 box. 5 folders. 37 items. 1851-1969. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Gingles was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina on 16 July 1804. When still a young man, Gingles moved from North Carolina to Maury County, Tennessee, where he married Sarah Graves (b. 26 December 1818, d. 24 May 1889). He served as a major in the Mexican War. In November 1853 he bought land in Calloway County, Kentucky in the Penny Community. He and his wife lived in this area the rest of their lives and reared eight children. They are buried in the Dale Cemetery in Penny.

John Thomas Gingles was born on 22 April 1843 in Maury County, Tennessee to James and Sarah (Graves) Gingles. He moved with his family to Calloway County, Kentucky. In August 1862 he entered the service of the Confederate States as a private in Company C of Outlaws Bn., regiment of Confederate Cavalry, Tennessee Volunteers. On 3 March 1863 he was captured at Fort Heiman by members of the Fifth Iowa Cavalry. After signing an oath of allegiance to the U.S., he was released and returned to Calloway County.

In 1869 John Thomas Gingles entered medical school at the University of Louisville. Upon graduation he returned to Calloway County and practiced medicine in Kirksey, Kentucky. He married Martha Alice Watkins (b. 10 April 1853, d. 19 November 1924). In 1874 he purchased land in Kirksey, where he practiced medicine until 1904 when he lost his eyesight. He served for a number of years as a member of the Calloway County Board of Health. He and Martha reared nine children in their Kirksey home. John T. was an elder in the North Pleasant Grove Church, and the couple is interred in that church's cemetery.

Hunter W. Gingles was born 30 June 1889, the seventh child of John Thomas and Martha Alice (Watkins) Gingles. He taught school below Kirksey. After graduating from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1916, he practiced medicine in Kirksey for a short time. Later he moved to Hardburly, Perry County, Kentucky, where he practiced medicine until his retirement. He died on 5 February 1960.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists chiefly of the personal and medical account books (1886-1885) of Dr. John T. Gingles of Kirksey, Calloway County, Kentucky. A personal account book, 1851-

1878, probably belonging to James A. Gingles, father of Dr. John T. Gingles, is included in the collection. A paper entitled "Vitamin Therapy" written by Dr. Gingles' son Dr. Hunter W. Gingles of Hardburly, Perry County, Kentucky is also included, as well as a 1915 University of Louisville Medical School commencement booklet, four issues of the *Murray Weekly News* related to the Ohio Valley Railroad, letters, receipts, and stray account book pages.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	GINGLES Collection	1851-1969	37 items
Folder 1a	Inventory		
Folder 1	<i>Murray Weekly News</i>	1887-1887	4 items
Folder 2	Paper by Dr. Hunter W. Gingles titled "Vitamin Therapy", letters, receipts, stray account book pages	1877-1969	27 items
Folder 3	Account book, 1851-1878; Dr. John T. Gingles' account book and medical notebook, 1866-1870; Dr. John T. Gingles' account book, 1872-1875; University of Louisville Medical School commencement booklet, 1915	1851-1915	4 items
Folder 4	Account book, Dr. John T. Gingles	1880	1 item
Folder 5	Account book, Dr. John T. Gingles	1884-1885	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Dr. John T. Gingles, Kirksey, Calloway County, Kentucky, account books for 1866-1870, 1870, 1872-1875, 1880, 1884-1885. Account book for 1851-1878, probably his father's, James A. Gingles. Typescript of 1946 paper titled "Vitamin Therapy" by his son Dr. Hunter W. Gingles, Hardburly, Perry County, Kentucky. University of Louisville Medical School commencement booklet, 1915. Letters, receipts, and four copies of the *Murray Weekly News*, 1886-1887.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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