Henry Herbert Donaldson diaries and papers, 1869-1938 1869-1938

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Summary Information

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Abstract The collection consists of diaries, 1890-1938, containing brief records

of professional work and family events (49 vols.); also autobiography entitled "Memories for my boys," 1930 (B D713m), referring to his childhood and to his professional career and mentioning Franz Boas, William Comstock, Livingston Farrand, William W. Keen, S. Weir

Mitchell, Elihu Root, and W. T. Sedgewick and also APS, University of

Chicago, Johns Hopkins University, Yale University, and Wistar Institute (1 vol.); also a few miscellaneous papers, 1869-1932, chiefly letters to and from members of his family, and also Poultney Bigelow, Simon Henry Gage, and W. B. Van Ingen; two essays ("The Days of Man" and "A

Venetian Night"): genealogical data; verses dedicated to his wife; extracts of letters to supplement his diaries.

Background note

Henry Herbert Donaldson was neurologist who published a classical anatomical study of the brain, "The Growth of the Brain" (1895). He taught at the University of Chicago (1892-1906) and later conducted research at the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology in Philadelphia.

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Corporate Name(s)

- American Philosophical Society.
- Johns Hopkins University.
- University of Chicago.
- Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology.
- Yale University.

Family Name(s)

• Van Ingen, W. B.

Genre(s)

- Autobiographies.
- Diaries.
- Essays.
- Genealogies.

Occupation(s)

• Neurologists -- United States.

Personal Name(s)

- Bigelow, Poultney, b. 1855
- Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
- Comstock, William
- Farrand, Livingston, 1867-1939
- Gage, Simon Henry, 1851-1944
- Keen, William W., (William Williams), b. 1837
- Mitchell, S. Weir, (Silas Weir), 1829-1914
- Root, Elihu, 1845-1937
- Sedgwick, W. T., (William Thompson), 1855-1921

Subject(s)

- Medicine -- United States.
- Neurology.