

Clinton C. Cook formulary

Ms. Codex 1764

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Cook, Clinton C., 1864-1914
Creator	Jackson, Michael A., (Michael Augustine), 1887-1955
Title	Clinton C. Cook formulary
Call number	Ms. Codex 1764
Date	approximately 1900 to 1940
Extent	1 volume
Language	English
Abstract	Volume containing pharmaceutical recipes and remedies spanning the years from approximately 1900 to 1940 written in two hands. The first twenty-three pages are written by pharmacist Clinton C. Cook (1864-1914) and following eleven pages are written by Michael A. Jackson (1887-1955).

Cite as:

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Biography/History

Clinton was one of five children born to Sanford B Cook and Lydia Anne Peirce in Hardwick, Massachusetts. Cook acquired his pharmaceutical education by working with druggists in Athol, Boston, and Barre. In 1887 Cook married Lottie Ann Gage and in 1888 had a daughter, Kathleen. While working in Barre, Cook held the position of town clerk for four years. In 1898 he purchased the C. A. Smith Drugstore in Orange, Massachusetts. The store opened and was renamed Clinton C. Cook Apothecary. In Orange Cook served as a member of the school committee, chair of the committee for the construction of Town Hall, and a trustee of the the Pulic Library and New Salem Academy.

Scope and Contents

This marble paper covered volume, lacking a spine, containing pharmaceutical recipes and remedies on the first thirty-four pages with remainder of the volume blank. The formulas in the volume span the years from approximately 1900 to 1940 and are written in two hands. The first twenty-three pages appear to be written by pharmacist Clinton C. Cook. Following are eleven pages of formulas probably written by Mark Augustine Jackson. He owned the pharmacy sometime after Cook's death in 1914 under the name Orange Drug Store as indicated on prescription slips laid in the volume. The volume contains chiefly medicinal recipes of syrups, elixirs, powders, liniments, and drops to alleviate ailments such as coughs, cholera, rheumatism, burns, eye problems, and cures for corns. There are some recipes for toiletry items such as lotions, Listerine, and tooth powder. Other practical recipes include herb mixtures, bed bug poison, blue print solution, harness dressing, a urine test. There are four leaves laid in the volume. Two items are on printed Orange Drug Store prescription slips. One is a prescription and one is blank with notes in pencil on the verso. The other two leaves are adjusted quantities for Red Rose gargle. One is typed ingredients and the other is written calculations. The leaves of the volume are worn and stained.

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Custodial History note

Stamp in purple ink on first leaf: Clinton C. Cook, Apothecary, Orange--Mass.

Source of Acquisition

Sold by Eclectibles (Tolland, Connecticut), 2016.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Codices (bound manuscripts)
- Formularies
- Manuscripts, American--20th century
- Prescriptions
- Recipes

SUBJECT(S)

- Drugstores--Massachusetts--Orange--History--Sources
- Medicine--20th century--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
- Pharmacy--20th century--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
- Toilet preparations--20th century--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions

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