Cancer "cures" collection

Pam Coll 10

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: Pam Coll 10

TITLE: Cancer “cures” collection

DATES: 1900–1954

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 box

LANGUAGE: In English.

SUMMARY: Collection consists of pamphlets and books by individuals, private cancer hospitals, and other organizations promoting non-surgical cures for cancer. The American Medical Association claimed that any such cures were fakes. The promoters in turn criticized the AMA as the “medical trust.” Most of the pamphlets contain patient testimonials. Approximate dates for items are based on the date of the most recent testimonials.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.pam.0010

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.pam.0010.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition


Conditions Governing Access

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Related Materials

There are additional advertisements for cancer cures in the William Helfand Collection of Medical Ephemera (Pam Coll 8), Album 2. See also Harry M. Hoxsey, *How Dr. Hoxsey wins and loses* (Wichita, Kansas, 1956). Hoxsey was a notorious promotor of a cancer cure. The pamphlet is about court cases against him.

Arrangement

Single series arranged by last name of individual or corporate name.
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<th>Page</th>
<th>Entry</th>
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<td>b. 1, f. 1</td>
<td>American Medical Association, <em>Cancer Cure Fakes</em></td>
<td>ca. 1909</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 3</td>
<td>Baker Hospital/ Norman Baker, Eureka Springs, Arkansas</td>
<td>1939</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 4</td>
<td>Cherokee Sanitarium/ Dr. R. C. Seaman, Cherokee, Iowa</td>
<td>ca. 1914</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 5</td>
<td>Indianapolis Cancer Hospital/ Dr. Chas. C. Root and Dr. Chas. A. McNeill</td>
<td>ca. 1925</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 6</td>
<td>The Industrial Clinic/ George Franklin Smith, Bicknell, Indiana</td>
<td>ca. 1934</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 7</td>
<td>Krebiozen Research Foundation, Chicago</td>
<td>1954</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 8</td>
<td>Dr. L. T. Leach/ Park View Sanatorium, Indianapolis</td>
<td>1905</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 9</td>
<td>The Mason Cancer Institute, New York</td>
<td>ca. 1900</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 10</td>
<td>The Dr. Nichols Sanatorium/ Perry Nichols</td>
<td>1928</td>
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<td>Location</td>
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<td>Leather covered book with bookplate of Frederick L. Hoffman, inscribed in ink to Dr. Percy Sargent, F.R.C.S., November 21, 1932. Tomlinson, described as a London medical practitioner, was promoting the Placentin Treatment.</td>
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<td>Williams Sanatorium/ Dr. Boyd T. Williams, Minneapolis</td>
<td>Boyd T. Williams</td>
<td>The Williams Treatment for Cancer.</td>
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<td>A tipped-in page notes that the Sanatorium had moved to Hudson, Wisconsin.</td>
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

**Subjects**
Cancer
Cancer -- Hospitals
Cancer -- Treatment
Krebiozen
Quacks and quackery

**Genres / Formats**
Advertisements -- Medicine
Pamphlets

**Preferred Titles**
Cancer cure fakes
Cancer profiteers : suppression of truth
Facts about cancer
Liquid escharotic with combinations for the proper treatment of cancers, tumors, ulcers, lupus and abnormal growths without chloroform or ether
Successful cure for cancer
TNT Magazine
Value of escharotics

**Names**
Baker, Norman, 1882-1958
Helfand, William H.
Leach, Leon T.
Mason, Abbott Myron
McNeill, Charles A.
Nichols, Perry, 1863-1925
Root, Charles C.
Seaman, R. C., 1878-
Smith, G. F. (George Franklin)
Southworth, H. C.
Tomlinson, William Hoare
Williams, Boyd T.

**Corporate Bodies**
Abbott Myron Mason Chemical Co
American Medical Association
Baker Hospital (Eureka Springs, Ark.)
Cherokee Sanitarium (Cherokee, Iowa)

Dr. Nichols Sanatorium (Savannah, Mo.)
Indianapolis Cancer Hospital
Industrial Clinic (New York, N.Y.)
Krebiozen Research Foundation (Chicago, Ill.)
Mason Cancer Institute (New York, N.Y.)
Park View Sanatorium (Indianapolis, Ind.)
Williams Sanatorium, Inc. (Minneapolis, Minn.)