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Name: James W. Babcock Papers
Dates: 1908-1913
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Biographical Note:

James Woods Babcock (1856-1922) was born in Chester, South Carolina. He graduated from Philips Academy (Exeter) and received both his BA and MD from Harvard University. After working for five years at the McLean Asylum in Somerville (later Waverly), Massachusetts, he accepted the position of superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum in Columbia, SC. He resigned from that position in 1914 at which time he organized the Waverly Sanitarium in Columbia which he continued to direct until his death in 1922. Babcock's observation of patients in the State and Waverley asylums led to his intense study of pellagra both in the United States and Italy. He was instrumental in organizing conferences on the disease and founded the National Association for the Study of Pellagra of which he was president for three years.

Scope and Content Note:

The James W. Babcock Papers, 1909-1913, document Dr. Babcock's research on pellagra. Included in this collection are typescript copies of correspondence and notes of the incidences of pellagra in the southeastern United States, Barbados, and Italy; casebooks with patient history, treatment, and response; a typescript of C.H. Lavinder's report to the U.S. Department of Public Health on his 1910 trip to Italy; translations and typescripts of works on pellagra including those by Victor Babes, D. A. Gregor, Charles Bouchard, C.H. Lavinder, Ludwig Merk, and George C. Mizell; a scrapbook with newspaper clippings from 1909 about the National Conference on Pellagra held in Columbia, SC; reviews, article fragments, and clippings regarding pellagra; photographs of individuals with the disease; and maps of Italy showing the rate of incidence of the disease in that country.

A large percentage of the collection is printed material which has been removed from the manuscript collection and cataloged individually. Please search the catalog by subject,

title, or the note "James W. Babcock Papers".

Subject Headings:

Babcock, James Woods, 1856-1922.

Babes, Victor, 1854-1926.

Bouchard, Ch. (Charles), 1837-1915.

Gregor, D.A.

Lavinder, C.H. (Claude Hervey), 1872-

Merk, Ludwig, d. 1925.

Mizell, George C.

Hauterscheinungen der Pellagra.

Pellagra.

National Conference on Pellagra (Columbia, S.C.), 1909.

Pellagra—Barbados.

Pellagra—Italy.

Pellagra—South Carolina.

Pellagra—United States.

Pellagra—photographs.

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Volume 1 *Die Hauterscheinungen der Pellagra* (The Skin Symptoms of Pellagra),
by Dr. Ludwig Merk, 1909.

Volume 2 *Die Pellagra* (Pellagra) by Victor Babes and V. Sion, Vienna 1901.

Volume 3 Scrapbook, National Conference on Pellagra, Columbia, SC, 1909