



COLLECTION NAME	William Weston Jr. Collection
COLLECTION NUMBER	MSS 304
VOLUME	.5 cubic feet
DATES	1888 – 1932, n.d.
PROCESSED BY	Patrick Leonard/SDH 4/2013
RESTRICTIONS	None

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Weston Jr., MD, was born August 25, 1898 in Columbia to Elizabeth Vanderhorst and Dr. William Weston. He died on June 6, 1993. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina, class of 1919, and he received his medical degree from the University of Virginia in 1923. After graduation, Dr. Weston served an internship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and was later chief resident of the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. He was a pediatrician with a national reputation, and he was a leader in community medicine in Columbia, serving as President of the Columbia Medical Society, Chief of Staff of the Columbia Hospital, successful sponsor of the fluoridation of water in the city of Columbia, and was an organizer of the Easter seal program in South Carolina. Notably, Dr. Weston was the first physician in South Carolina to limit his practice to infants and children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The William Weston Jr. Collection, 1888-1932, n.d., 0.5 cubic feet, consists of case reports, correspondence, handwritten manuscripts and typescripts of papers and articles, and journal reprints about to the pediatric condition acrodynia, commonly known as "pink disease," and related conditions. Acrodynia is primarily attributed to exposure to mercury, commonly found in teething powders. In the early twentieth century, approximately one in five hundred exposed children developed the condition. The collection is arranged in seven series: case files of Dr. Weston, Case Studies Conducted by Other Physicians, Clinical Notes and Information, Correspondence, Medical Articles with Foreign Authors, Medical Journal Articles from American Medical Journals, and Printed Materials.

Series, 1: Case files of Dr. Weston, 1920-1922, N.D., consist of 9 items primarily pertaining to individual clinical cases and research in the study of acrodynia.

Series 2: Case Studies Conducted by Other Physicians, 1922, N.D., consists of 8 items that pertain to clinical studies of acrodynia and symptomatically related conditions as observed during clinical trials by American doctors.

Clinical Notes and Information, 1888 - 1922, N.D., consists of 7 items that pertain to the clinical observations of acrodynia, and symptomatically related conditions.

Correspondence, 1920-1932, consists of approximately 30 handwritten and typescript letters pertaining to and from William Weston concerning the pathology of acrodynia.

Medical Articles with Foreign Authors, 1888-1923, N.D., consists of 15 items that primarily pertain to observations of acrodynia and erythroedema by foreign medical doctors.

Medical Journal Articles from American Medical Journals, N.D., consists of items that pertain to medical journal articles written by American physicians regarding acrodynia and symptomatically related conditions.

Printed materials, 1914-1931, consist of journal reprints and pamphlets that pertain to the academic study of acrodynia, and symptomatically related conditions.

CITATION FORM: William Weston Jr. Collection, MSS 304, Waring Historical Library, MUSC, Charleston, SC.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Acrodynia—South Carolina.

Polyneuropathy.

Skin Diseases. Diagnosis.

Weston, William Jr, 1898-1993

Pediatrics. South Carolina.

Mercury Poisoning.

Medical History. South Carolina

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Series 1, Case reports, 1920-1922, N.D.

Folder 2

Series 2, Correspondence, 1920-1932

Folder 3

Series 3, Medical Articles with Foreign Authors, 1888-1923, N.D.

Item 1: "Articles on Acrodynia." translated from French. no further publication data provided.

Item 2: Crookshank M.D., F.G. "Acrodynia." *Medical Press* vol. 110 (1920): 495-496. London.

Item 3: Crookshank, F.G. "Acrodynia." *Medical Press* vol. 110 (1920): 495 - 496. London. (handwritten copy).

Item 4: "Erythroedema or The Pink Disease." Further Publication Data Unknown.

Item 5: Feer, Prof. E. "A Peculiar Neurosis of the Vegetative System in Young Children (Acrodynia, Erythrema, Pink Disease." Second Communication. The University Children's Clinic in Zurich.

Item 6: Feer, Prof. E. "A Peculiar Neurosis of the Vegetative System in Young Children (Acrodynia, Erythrema, Pink Disease." Second Communication. The University Children's Clinic in Zurich. (handwritten copy).

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Item 7: Littlejohn, E.S. "A Case of (Pink Disease) Acrodynia." Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney.

Item 8: Petren, Karl. "Acrodynia -- An Arsenical Intoxication." *Neurologie* vol. 28 (1921). (French Article on Acrodynia, Translated).

Item 9: Petren, Karl. "L'acrodynie: une intoxication arsenicale." *American Institute of Medicine, Inc.* (1923). New York.

Item 10: Strachan, Henry. "Malarial Multiple Peripheral Neuritis." *Annual of the Universal Medical Sciences*. vol. 1 (1888): 139-141.

Item 11: Strachan, Henry. "On a Form of Multiple Neuritis Prevalent in the West Indies." *The Practitioner*. vol. 59 (1897): 477 - 484.

Folder 5

Item 12: Thursfield M.D., Hugh, F.R.C.P. and D.H. Paterson, M.B., M.R.C.P. "Dermato-Polyneuritis (Acrodynia:Erythroedema)." *British Journal of Children's Diseases* vol.19 (1922): 27-32.

Item 13: Webber, F. Parkes, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. "A Condition Somewhat Resembling Lupus Pernio in a Child." *The British Journal of Dermatology and Syphilis*. (1921).

Item 14: Webber, F. Parkes, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. "A Condition Somewhat Resembling Lupus Pernio in a Child. Sequel: Question of Erythriedema (The "Pink Disease") and Acrodynia (Epidemic Erythema)." *The British Journal of Dermatology and Syphilis*.

Item 15: Wood. "Erythroedema." *Medical Journal of Australia* (1921).

Item 16: Waring, William R, M.D. "Temperance." *The Georgia Medical Society* (1832).

Series 4, Clinical Notes and Information, 1888 - 1922, N.D

Folder 6

Item 1: "Genito-Urinary cont'd." further publication data unknown.

Item 2: "List of Articles on the Subject of Acrodynia."

Item 3: "Numbness." no other publication data given.

Item 4: "Numbness." (handwritten copy). no other publication data given.

Item 5: Smith, first name unknown. "Acrodynia (Painful Extremities)." Spartanburg, S.C.

Item 6: Strachan, Henry. "Malarial Multiple Peripheral Neuritis." *Annual of the Universal Medical Sciences* vol. 1 (1888): 139-141

Item 7: "Swift's Disease; Acrodynia; Erythredema." No other publication data given.

Series 5, Case Studies Conducted by Other Physicians, 1922, N.D.

Folder 7

Item 1: "Cases." further publication data unknown.

Item 2: Porter, Langley. "Dermatopolyneuritis (Thursfield, Patterson) Acrodynia, (Weston), Erythredema (Swift)." *Medical Clinics of North America* (1922).

Item 3: Emerson, Paul W. "A Case of Acrodynia." *American Medical Journal* vol. 77 Boston.

Item 4: Emerson, Paul W. "A Case of Acrodynia." *American Medical Journal* vol. 77 Boston. (handwritten copy)

Item 5: Mackenzie, A.F. "Acrodynia (?) A Report of Three Cases in Rural Practice. Read at meeting of Ontario Medical Association. (1922).

Item 6: Patrick, W.F. "Acrodynia." Portland, Oregon.

Item 7: Valleix, first name unknown. "Acrodynia."

Item 8: Valleix, first name unknown. "Acrodynia." (handwritten copy)

Series 6, Medical Journal Articles From American Medical Journals, N.D.

Folder 8

Item 1: "Acrodynia." No other publication data given.

Item 2: "Acrodynia in the United States." Economy Typewriter Tablet. No other publication data given.

Item 3: Lamb, Frank H. "Acrodynia." Cincinnati.

Item 4: Weston, William. "Acrodynia."

Item 5: Weston, William. "Acrodynia in Early Childhood."

Item 6: Weston, William. "Discussion on 'Acrodynia in the United States.'"

Series 7, Printed Materials, 1914-1932, N.D.

Item 1: Bilderback, J.B., M.D. "Acrodynia." Reprinted from *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1925.

Item 2: Bilderback, J.B., M. D. "A Group of Cases of Unknown Etiology and Diagnosis." Reprinted from *Northwest Medicine*, 1920.

Item 3: *The British Journal of Dermatology and Syphilis*. 1922.

Item 4: Brown, Alan, M.B. Courtney, Angelia M. A.B. and Ida F. MacLachlan. "A Clinical and Metabolic Study of Acrodynia." Reprinted from *Archives of Pediatrics*, 1921.

Item 5: Byfield, Albert H., M.D. "A Polyneuritic Syndrome Resembling Pellagra-Acrodynia Seen in Very Young Children; Report of Cases." Reprinted from *American Journal of Diseases of Children*, 1920.

Item 6: Cartin, Harry J., M.D. *Acrodynia*.

Item 7: Feer, Emil. "Die Feer'sche Krankheit" *Sonderabdruck aus Handbuch der Kinderheilkunde*. Leipzig: 1931.

Item 8: Foerster, Harry R., M.D. "Erythredema Polyneuritis." Reprinted from *Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology*, 1925.

Item 9: Lindsay, Lionel M. "Two Cases of a Polyneuritic Affection Resembling Acrodynia Met with in Young Children." Reprinted from *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 1922.

OVERSIZED

Oversized 1: *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. Vol. 84, No.7, 1925.

Oversized 2: *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. Vol. 85, No. 9, 1925.

Item 10: McNeal, Morley D. M.D. *A Report of Five Cases of So-Called Acrodynia*. 1922.

Item 11: Rocaz, Ch. *L'Acrodynie Infantile*. 1932.

Item 12: Rodda, F.C., M.D. "Acrodynia: A Clinical Study of Seventeen Cases." Reprinted from *American Journal of Diseases of Children*, 1925.

Item 13: Swift, H., B.A., M.D. *Erythroedema*. 1914.

Item 14: Weston, William. "Acrodynia". New York: *Archives of Pediatrics*, 1920.

Item 15: White, Cleveland J., M.D. "Acrodynia in Adults." Reprinted from *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1926.