



Collection Name: David Aiken Patents
Collection #: MSS 956
Size: 1 folder (9 items)
Dates: 1892, 1900
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Restrictions: None

Biographical Note:

David Aiken was born in Winnsboro, South Carolina on February 7, 1868. He attended The Citadel and graduated with a degree in dentistry from the University of Maryland in 1890. He returned to Winnsboro where he practiced dentistry. Aiken was elected president of the South Carolina State Dental Association in 1924 and served as a member of the South Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners from 1926 to 1935. He died in Winnsboro on March 10, 1949.

Scope and Content Note:

The David Aiken Patents, 1892, 1900, consist of one folder (nine items) of original and official duplicates of patents awarded to David Aiken for his inventions of a chimney cleaner (1892) and dental tool (1900). The countries of the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, France and Germany all awarded Aiken patents for “an improved device for extracting or compressing the excess of mercury or quicksilver from amalgam.” The collection also included line-drawings of the tool and printed application to the patent office of the United Kingdom in which Aiken provides details about the tool and its use.

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Subject Headings:

Aiken, David, 1868-1949.
Dental Amalgams.
Dental Instruments—history.
Patents—19th century.
South Carolina Dental Association.