



**Collection Name:** Dr. Bertie Rozel Johnston Collection  
**Collection #:** MSS 1029  
**Size:** 8.25 cf  
**Dates:** 1907-1943  
**Processed:** Katie Crane and SDH  
**Restrictions:** Some patient records restricted.  
Consult librarian for details.

### **Biographical Note:**

Dr. Bertie Rozel Johnston was born on September 25, 1895. He graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 1917 then served as a surgeon in World War I. After the war, he married Henry Gertrude Solomons and had their only child, Gertrude, in 1929. Around this same time, he built a small doctor's office next to the family home in Estill, South Carolina, where he practiced general medicine. Dr. Johnston also owned a small farm and enjoyed fox hunting and raising hound dogs. He was involved with his father-in-law's dry goods company, Solomons & Co., often receiving shipments and making sales to customers on behalf of his in-laws. He died at the age of 47 on January 1, 1943 in Estill. He was survived by his wife and daughter.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

Dr. Bertie Rozel Johnson Collection, 1907-1943, is arranged in two series: Personal and Professional. The Personal Series, 1909-1943, 24 folders, are further arranged into two subseries: Bertie Rozel Johnston Papers and the Solomons Family Papers. The Bertie Rozel Johnston Papers Subseries, 1918-1943, 12 folders, include information related to Dr. Johnston's land holdings and agricultural activities, his hobby of foxhunting and hound dog breeding, his personal finances including his life insurance, banking, and stocks and bonds, as well as personal mail, such as correspondents from friends and family, and sixteen photographs. The Solomons Family Papers Subseries, 1909-1942, 12 folders, include information regarding the life of Henry Lee Solomons, Dr. Johnston's father-in-law, and the documentation of his dry-goods business, Solomons & Co., bankruptcy, failing health, and death. It also includes documents from other various Solomons family members as well as a tenant on Henry Lee Solomons' property, Mr. Marvin O'Neal. The Professional Series, 1907-1942, 56 folders, is arranged alphabetically and includes advertisements from private companies and the South Carolina State Board of Health as well as various other blank forms including insurance forms, birth certificates, and forms from the state and county regarding venereal diseases. Also included are printed materials, such as pamphlets, journals, and bulletins; financial

materials related to Dr. Johnston's practice, including invoices and receipts from various pharmaceutical and medical supply companies; and continuing education done by Dr. Johnston. Other items include professional mail from life insurance companies, the American Medical Association, and other medical institutions as well as patient referral requests and patient financial materials, including day books documenting the patients treated and fees charged to them. Also included are completed life insurance forms, a large stack of ledger papers, and restricted patient information regarding the personal health of Dr. Johnston's patients. Please see a librarian to access the restricted patient information folders.

**Citation:** Dr. Bertie Rozel Johnston Collection, MSS 1029, Waring Historical Library, MUSC.

**Note:** Certain items related to Dr. Johnston's patients have restricted access. Consult librarian for details.

**Note:** Other papers related to Solomons & Co. and Dr. Johnston's dog-breeding activities can be found at the South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina.

**Note:** Printed materials have been removed and cataloged.

**Subject Headings:**

Johnston, Bertie Rozel, 1895-1943  
Johnston, Henry Gertrude Solomons, Mrs. 1899-1996  
O'Neal, Marvin H. d.1899  
Solomons, Henry Lee, 1871-1928  
Solomons, Gertrude Tyler, 1876-1972  
Hendrix Mill & Lumber Co. (Estill, S.C.)  
Solomons & Co. (Estill, S.C.)  
Solomons Company Wholesale Druggists (Savannah, Ga.)  
Account books, South Carolina  
Agricultural administration, South Carolina  
Bankruptcy, South Carolina  
Drug, Advertisements  
Dry-Goods, South Carolina  
Fees, Medical, South Carolina  
Industrial life insurance claims, South Carolina  
Invoices, South Carolina  
Johnston family, Photographs  
Life insurance Medical examinations, South Carolina  
Life insurance, Forms  
Medical care, South Carolina  
Medical records, South Carolina  
Medical Supplies, Advertisements

Patient care, Records and correspondence  
Patient records, South Carolina  
Physicians, South Carolina  
Stockholder wealth, South Carolina  
Estill, S.C., History

## **Inventory:**

### **Box 1**

Series 1: Personal

Subseries 1: Dr. Bertie Rozel Johnston Papers

Folder 1: Agriculture and Education (Diploma in Oversized Box 5)  
Folder 2: Dog Breeding  
Folder 3: Non-Medical Advertisements  
Folder 4: Personal Finances; Banking Information  
Oversized Box 6, Folder 1: Personal Finances; Banking Information  
Folder 5: Personal Finances; Miscellaneous (1 of 2)  
Folder 6: Personal Finances; Miscellaneous (2 of 2)  
Folder 7: Personal Information  
Folder 8: Personal Mail  
Folder 9: Photographs  
Folder 10: Stocks and Bonds (1 of 2)  
Folder 11: Stocks and Bonds (2 of 2)  
Folder 12: Miscellaneous

Box 1:

Subseries 2: Solomons Family Papers

Folder 13: Mrs. Henry Gertrude Solomons Johnston  
Folder 14: Mr. Henry Lee Solomons; Failing Health and Death  
Folder 15: Mr. Henry Lee Solomons; Financial  
Folder 16: Mr. Henry Lee Solomons; Life Insurance  
Folder 17: O'Neal; Financial  
Folder 18: O'Neal; Insurance  
Folder 19: O'Neal; Mortgage (1 of 2)  
Folder 20: O'Neal; Mortgage (2 of 2)  
Folder 21: O'Neal; Personal  
Folder 22: Solomons & Co. Business  
Folder 23: Solomons Bankruptcy  
Folder 24: Solomons Family Miscellaneous  
Oversized Box 6, Folder 1: Solomons Family Miscellaneous

Box 1:

Series 2: Professional

Folder 25: Advertisements; Drugs (1 of 5)  
Folder 26: Advertisements; Drugs (2 of 5)  
Folder 27: Advertisements; Drugs (3 of 5)  
Folder 28: Advertisements; Drugs (4 of 5)  
Folder 29: Advertisements; Drugs (5 of 5)  
Oversized Box 6, Folder 1: Advertisements; Drugs

Folder 30: Advertisements; Medical Supplies

## Box 2

Series 2: Professional, continued

Folder 31: Advertisements; Samples  
Folder 32: Advertisements; South Carolina State Board of Health  
Folder 33: Blank Forms; Birth Certificates and Infant Care  
Oversized Box 6, Folder 2: Blank Forms; Insurance  
Folder 34: Blank Forms; State/County  
Folder 35: Blank Forms; Stationary  
Folder 36: Blank Forms; Venereal Diseases  
Folder 37: Business Reply Cards  
Folder 38: Financial  
Folder 39: Invoices and Receipts (1 of 2)  
Folder 40: Invoices and Receipts (2 of 2)  
Folder 41: Invoices and Receipts; Solomons Company Wholesale Druggists  
Folder 42: Mail; American Medical Association  
Folder 43: Mail; Professional  
Folder 44: Medical Research  
Folder 45: Patients; Financial Records  
Folder 46: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1907/1908-1917/1918 (1 of 11)  
Folder 47: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1921/1922-1923 (2 of 11)  
Folder 48: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1924-1926 (3 of 11)  
Folder 49: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1927-1929 (4 of 11)  
Folder 50: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1930-1931 (5 of 11)  
Folder 51: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1932-1934 (6 of 11)  
Folder 52: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1935-1936 (7 of 11)

## Box 3

Series 2: Professional, continued

Folder 53: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1937-1938 (8 of 11)  
Folder 54: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1939 (9 of 11)  
Folder 55: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1940-1941 (10 of 11)  
Folder 56: Patients; Financial Records; Day Books 1942 (11 of 11)  
Folder 57: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1919-1921 (1 of 11)  
Folder 58: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1921-1922 (2 of 11)  
Folder 59: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1922 (3 of 11)  
Folder 60: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1923 (4 of 11)  
Folder 61: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1924 (5 of 11)  
Folder 62: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1925 (6 of 11)  
Folder 63: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1922-1925 (7 of 11)  
Folder 64: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1937-1938 (8 of 11)  
Folder 65: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1937-1938 (9 of 11)

## Box 4

Series 2: Professional, continued

Folder 66: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1939-1940 (10 of 11)  
Folder 67: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Sheets 1939-1940 (11 of 11)  
Oversized Box 7: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Books 1925-1926  
Oversized Box 7: Patients; Financial Records; Ledger Books 1934-1935

- Folder 68: Patients; Life Insurance; Unrestricted
- Folder 69: Patients; Life Insurance; Restricted
- Folder 70: Patients; Personal Information; Unrestricted
- Folder 71: Patients; Personal Information; Restricted
- Folder 72: Patients; Referrals
- Folder 73: Patients; Referrals; Hendrix Mill & Lumber Co.
- Folder 74: Printed Materials; Bulletins (1 of 2)
- Folder 75: Printed Materials; Bulletins (2 of 2)
- Oversized Box 5, Folder 1: Printed Materials; Charts
- Folder 76: Printed Materials; Journals
- Folder 77: Printed Materials; Pamphlets (1 of 2)
- Folder 78: Printed Materials; Pamphlets (2 of 2)
- Folder 79: Printed Materials; Telephone Directories
- Folder 80: Regulated Drug Forms