

Eugene Rollin Corson family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
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Title:	Eugene Rollin Corson family papers
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Biographical/Historical Note

Eugene Rollin Corson was born in Washington, D.C. in 1855. He was the son of Hiram Corson and Caroline Rollin Corson. He received his medical degree from the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia (1877) and performed his postgraduate work in Vienna, Austria. Due to poor health, he relocated to Savannah, Georgia in October 1879, and opened a medical practice. Corson's first major published paper, "The Future of the Colored Race in the United States From an Ethnic and Medical Standpoint," was presented at the Georgia Historical Society and published in the *New York Medical Times* in 1887. Corson was also a pioneer in his work with x-rays with his first publication on the subject being in the *New York Medical Record*, May 8, 1897. This paper, "Some Observations on Colles' Fracture by the Aid of the X-Ray," was the first of its kind to be published.

In 1885 Corson married Belle O'Driscoll. She died in 1886. In September 1894, he married Cora Wirt Baker of New Orleans. They had three children (Pauline Rollin Corson Coad, Eugene Rollin Corson, Jr., and Mildred Wirt Corson Cavanaugh). Eugene R. Corson died on June 10, 1946 and is buried in Savannah, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of publications of Eugene R. Corson, Eugene R. Corson, Jr.'s diary from a family trip to France in 1913, letters from Harry Hervey to Pauline Corson Coad, photographs, and four volumes of gynecological and obstetrical notes from Corson's medical practice (1882-1920). Also included is a biography of Corson written by E.H. Skinner and photocopies of Corson's obituaries. Also included are three photographs, one depicting Dr. Eugene R. Corson and two depicting unidentified subjects.

The folder containing photographs is noted as "VM" (visual materials) in the collection inventory.

Index Terms

Biographies (documents)
Coad, Pauline Corson.
Corson, Eugene Rollin, 1855-
Corson, Eugene Rollin, Jr.
Diaries.
Gynecology--Georgia--Savannah.
Hervey, Harry, 1900-
Letters (correspondence)
Medicine--Georgia--Savannah.
Obituaries.
Obstetrics--Case studies.
Photographs.
Physicians.
Publications.
Research notes.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Diary, correspondence, and pamphlets acquired from Coad; the correspondence was written between Corson and Coad.

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Container List

Box Fldr

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| 1 | 1 | "A Pioneer Roentgenologist: Eugene R. Corson, M.D." Written by E.H. Skinner, M.D., 1931 |
| | 2 | Photocopies of obituaries of Eugene R. Corson |
| | 3 | Testimony of Eugene R. Corson in the case of "Probate of the Will of Peter R. Foye, 1909 |
| | 4 | "Some Clinical Jottings of Five Hundred Cases of Labor", 1897
2 copies |
| | 5 | "An X-Ray of the Normal Movements of the Carpal Bones and Wrist, 1898 |
| | 6 | "A Large Pelvic Extraperitoneal Hematocele Following Dilatation of the Cervix and |

Curettage", 1900

7 "Bone Cysts", 1902

8 "The Centennial Anniversary of the Georgia Medical Society", 1905

9 "Sir Charles Bell: The Man and His Work", 1910

10 "Some Unpublished Water-Color Sketches of Sir Charles Bell, With Observations on His Artistic Qualities", 1914

11 "Agassiz's Essay on Classification Fifty Years After", 1919

12 Eugene R. Corson, Jr.'s journal of trip to Paris, 1913

13 Letters from Harry Hervey to Pauline Corson Coad, 1950-1951

14 Two postcards to Professor Hiram Corson, Cornell University

1 Photographs

Volumes containing Corson's gynecological and obstetrical notes

Volume

1 Volume I, 1882-1889

Volume

2 Volume II, 1889-1897

Volume

3 Volume III, 1897-1907

Volume

4 Volume IV, 1907-1920