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**Dr. W. A. Tolleson Collection**

**Tolleson, William Alfred (1869–1953). Records, 1873–1953. 16 feet.**

Physician. Tolleson's personal and professional correspondence (1896–1953) on matters including his employment as a physician for the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad; financial papers (1877–1949) of the Tolleson family; lecture notes (1894–1895) taken by Tolleson while in medical school; newspaper clippings (1925–1942) regarding medicine; and materials from Tolleson's medical practice in Eufaula, Indian Territory, and Oklahoma, including medical equipment and supply catalogs (1928), registers of medical prescriptions given (1929–1937), and patient account and appointment registers (1873–1942). Also in this collection are posters (1895–1898) depicting seventeenth- and eighteenth-century medical practices, and certificates (1948–1949) marking Tolleson's long service to the practice of medicine in Oklahoma.

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**Box 1 - General Correspondence, 1896-1920 and 1924-1931**

**Folder:**

1. 1896-1920  
Includes letters received by Tolleson while Superintendent, Department of Health, McIntosh County, Eufaula, Oklahoma. Also includes letters from servicemen in Europe as part of the American Expeditionary Force, and some letters regarding family members.
2. 1924-1925  
Includes letters re: patient accounts, personal affairs and business dealings, and University of Oklahoma report card of Alfred W. Tolleson.
3. 1926  
Includes letters pertaining to Tolleson's work as a trustee of Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Muskogee, Oklahoma, as chairman of the American Red Cross, Eufaula, Oklahoma, and as a member of Oklahoma State Medical Association.
4. 1927  
Includes an essay by Tolleson entitled "Medical Ethics," letters re: the Eufaula Indian School Hospital, many letters concerning the health of patients, and letters re: the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Red Cross.
5. 1928-1929  
Includes letters re: the United States Veterans Bureau, A.W. Tolleson's studies at the New Mexico Military Institute, the American National Red Cross, and various business documents.

6. 1930-1931  
Includes letters re: the American Red Cross and the Oklahoma Baptist Hospital.

### **Box 2 - General Correspondence, 1932-1939**

#### **Folder:**

1. 1932-1933  
Includes letters pertaining to business affairs, patients, etc..
2. 1934-1935  
Includes letters re: state legislation about medical matters, the Boy Scouts (Choctaw Area Council), business affairs, an essay by Tolleson entitled "Health Education," etc.
3. 1936-1937  
Includes letters re: class reunion, the Choctaw Area Council, the Lions Club, patients, and various legal matters.
4. 1938  
Includes letters dealing with the Choctaw Area Council and patient health problems.
5. 1939  
Includes letters re: the Choctaw Area Council, Tulsa County Medical Society, American Red Cross, and patients

### **Box 3 - General Correspondence, 1940-1942**

#### **Folder:**

1. 1940  
Includes letters concerning insurance policies, patient health problems, the Southeastern Oklahoma Medical Association, etc.
2. 1941  
Includes letters re: the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Selective Service, the American Red Cross, and patient health matters.
3. 1942  
Includes letters re: the Oklahoma State Health Department, the Office of Civil Defense, the Oklahoma State Medical Association, and numerous get well cards.

### **Box 4 - General Correspondence, 1942-1953**

#### **Folder:**

1. 1943  
Letters re: Boy Scouts, and patient information

2. 1944-1953  
Primarily personal correspondence with family members and greeting cards. Also get well cards and other greeting cards.

### **Box 5 - Correspondence & Papers - Eufaula Boarding School**

#### **Folder:**

1. Lab Reports, 1939
2. Forms, n.d.
3. General Correspondence (correspondence with Tolleson as secretary of the county medical society), 1930-1942
4. Department of Interior Correspondence, 1912-1937  
  
Tolleson practiced as School Physician for the Eufaula Boarding School.
5. Department of Interior Correspondence, 1938-1939
6. Department of Interior Correspondence, 1940-1942
7. Health Bulletins, 1941-1942
8. Individual Health Reports, 1912-1939
9. Individual Health Reports, 1937-1940
10. Individual Health Reports, 1912-1935
11. Individual Health Reports, 1930-1932

### **Box 6 - Correspondence & Papers - Education, Class Notes**

Notebooks (24) containing class notes taken by Tolleson while a student at Missouri Medical College, 1892-1895

### **Box 7 - Correspondence & Papers - Education**

#### **Folder:**

1. Writings (poems and essays on various subjects, most by Tolleson), n.d.
2. Correspondence (letters received by Tolleson while a student at Searcy College School for Boys, Searcy, Arkansas; also, letter to Tolleson announcing his receipt of a scholarship to attend Barnes College, St. Louis, Missouri), 1889, 1892

3. Class Notes, 1894
4. Printed Materials (commencement program, matriculation ticket, commencement invitation, lecture schedule, and college catalogs from the Missouri Medical College and Searcy College, medical articles, *Bethesda Herald* (Dec. 1893), and *St. Louis Baptist Hospital Bulletin* (Jan. 1894), 1889-1896
5. Receipts, Report Cards, Class Cards, etc., 1890s, 1939

**Box 8 - Correspondence & Papers - U.S. Treasury Department (Narcotics),  
Laboratory & Health Reports, Birth & Death Certificates**

**Folder:**

1. Birth Certificates, 1913-15, 1930
2. Death Certificates, 1913-15, 1935
3. Laboratory Reports, 1929-43
4. Health Reports (correspondence & notes), 1916-34
5. Treasury Department - Narcotics Reports (includes ledger book, correspondence and printed materials), 1915-42

**Box 9 - Special Correspondence & Papers - Selective Service**

Tolleson served as an examining physician for the local Selective Service Board of McIntosh County, Eufaula, Oklahoma.

**Folder:**

1. Forms ("Report of Physical Examination"), 1940-41
2. Directives, 1930-48
3. Correspondence, 1940-42
4. Directives and Correspondence, 1917-18

**Box 10 - Correspondence & Papers**

**Folder:**

1. Muskogee Construction Company - correspondence, notes, estimates & bills, 1910, 1925
2. McIntosh County Medical Association - correspondence, 1905-42

3. Oklahoma State Medical Association - correspondence, 1930-42
4. Veterans Administration - correspondence, 1930-32

**Box 11 - Correspondence & Directives - Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company Folder:**

1. MKT Railroad Employees Hospital Association - charter, by-laws, & regulations, 1923-43
2. Physicians Reports, 1939-44
3. Injury Reports, 1929-44
4. Correspondence & Directives, 1929-43

**Box 12 - Account Ledgers & Day Books**

Day Books (18), includes date, name, cash & collection  
1886-1896, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1921-1922, 1923-25, 1927

Account Ledgers (2), description of transaction and amount, 1873-1886, 1899-1900

Monthly Summary, 1900

**Box 13 - Account Ledgers & Day Books**

Account Ledgers (3), 1923, 1927-28

Physician's Diary, 1924

Physician's Daily Log, 1931

Day Books, 1925, 1930

**Box 14 - Account Ledgers & Day Books**

Account Ledgers (7), 1939-42

Day Books (6), 1939-42

**Box 15 - Tax Receipts**

**Folder:**

1. Tax Receipts, 1877, 1881, 1882, 1884

2. Tax Receipts, 1885-88
3. Tax Receipts, 1889-91
4. Tax Receipts, 1892-93, 1895-96, 1899, 1912
5. Medals, badges & souvenirs from activities of fraternal organizations and medical societies

**Box 16 - Bills & Receipts**

Folders 1-4, 1909-1932

**Box 17 - Bills & Receipts**

Folders 1-4, 1933-1940

**Box 18 - Bills & Receipts**

Folders 1-4, 1941-1949, undated

**Box 19 - Insurance Papers, Legal Papers**

Insurance policies and legal papers pertaining to injury claims (Tolleson was examining physician). Also "Soil Survey of McIntosh County, Oklahoma" by Knobel and Brening (1938), 1885-1940

**Box 20 - J.T. Tolleson Estate, Notes Receivable**

Liability Ledger Book (includes name, address, line of credit and particular terms), 1927-1929

**Box 21 - Insurance Examinations**

**Folder:**

1. Insurance Examination Instructions (instructions to medical examiners), 1894-1918
2. Sample Insurance Examinations, n.d.
3. Correspondence re: Insurance Examinations, 1911-1921

**Boxes 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 - Equipment & Supply Catalogs**

*The Modern Hospital Yearbook*, 1929, 1930, 1932

Various medical equipment and supply catalogs such as "Modern Operating Tables," "Operating Room Equipment," etc.

**Box 27 - Publications (Advertising), Advertising Form Letters**

**Folder:**

- 1-2. Advertising Form Letters (advertisements for insurance companies, medical supply houses, medical care givers, pharmaceutical companies, etc.), 1911-1941

Printed advertisements, various dates

**Box 28 - Publications (Advertising)**

**Publications (Institutional & Organizational)**

Various printed materials on health-related subjects such as venereal disease, the digestive tract, pharmaceutical, tuberculosis, etc. A few items concerning farming.

**Box 29 - Publications - Pharmaceutical Houses A-M**

Various publications of pharmaceutical houses including "The Merck Report," "The Medical World," and "Clinical Excerpts," 1921-51

**Box 30 - Publications - Pharmaceutical Houses N-S**

Various publications of pharmaceutical houses including "Pharmacal Advance," "Physician's Bulletin," and "The Roycrofter," 1919-48

**Box 31 - Publications - Pharmaceutical Houses T-Z**

Various publications of pharmaceutical houses including "Therapeutic Notes," and "What's New," 1938-49

**Box 32 - Publications - Boy Scouts of America, The Lion, and Travel Brochures**

**Folder:**

1. Travel Brochures (ex. "American Motor Traveler," "Las Vegas, San Miguel County, New Mexico")
- 2-5. *The Lion*, 1928-1950
6. Boy Scouts of America - Printed Materials, 1937-1945

**Box 33 - Publications**

**Folder:**

1. "Washington University Alumni Bulletin," 1933-52

2. Programs of Medical Meetings, 1924-41
3. "The Oklahoma Mason," "The Shrine," 1925-44
4. American Medical Association - National Education Campaign, 1949-51
5. "National Physicians Committee Newsletter," "Council on Medical Service," 1942-49
6. "The MKT Employees Magazine," 1930-39
7. "The Modern Woodman," "The National Waltonian," 1930-43
8. "The Speakers Library Magazine," 1934-42

**Box 34 - Publications - Government**

"Public Health Reports," U.S. Treasury Department

Various medical reports published by the Government Printing Office, 1930s & 1940s

"Infant Care," U.S. Department of Labor

Farmers' Bulletins, U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Box 35 - Publications - Government**

Farmers' Bulletins, U.S. Department of Agriculture

"Public Health Reports," U.S. Treasury Department

"Public Health Report," U.S. Public Health Service

Farmers' Bulletins, U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Box 36 - Publications - Miscellaneous**

Publications include "Battle Creek Sanitarium News," "The Medical World," reprints of medical articles (Consulting Bureau Service), "The Radiological Review," "Swamp-Root Almanac," and "Dr. Miles New Weather Almanac," 1914-52

**Box 38 - Newspaper Clippings**

Assorted clippings on various subjects



**Box 39 - Prescription Books**

Prescription books (10), including patient name, prescription, and dosage, 1929-32

**Box 40 - Prescription Books**

Prescription books (13), including patient name, prescription, and dosage, 1932, 1933, 1936-37

**Box 41 - Reprints of Articles**

Reprints of articles from various medical journals such as "Medical Record," "Medical Times," and state medical association journals

**Box 42 - Reprints of Articles**

Reprints of articles from various medical journals such as "Bureau of Medical Economic Research," "Journal of the American Medical Association," and "Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics."

**Box 43 - Bank Statements & Cancelled Checks (State National Bank, Eufaula, Oklahoma), 1925-1937**

**Box 45 - Personal Records, Notes & Memoranda, Blank Forms**

**Folder:**

1. Personal records including last will and testament of George Ely, business cards, membership cards and certificates, and New Mexico Military Institute and Emory University commencement announcements, 1914-51
2. Notes & memoranda primarily re: Tolleson's medical practice. Assorted dates, many undated

Blank forms (medical)

**Box 46 - Japanese Printed Material**