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Guide to the

William R. R. Granger, Jr. letters

1906-1969

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Summary

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Title: William R. R. Granger, Jr. letters

Date: 1906-1969

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Abstract: William R. R. Granger, Jr., was a physician. This collection consists of over 500 letters written to Dr. William Randolph R. Granger, Jr., by his parents; his wife, Dr. Isabella Vandervall; his five brothers; relatives; and friends.

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Creator History

William R. R. Granger, Jr., was a physician. He was the eldest brother of New York Urban League executive, Lester Granger, and one of six brothers, three of whom were medical doctors and two of whom were dentists. Their father William R. R. Granger, Sr., was also a physician. Granger's wife,

Isabella Vandervall, was a gynecologist.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of over 500 letters written to Dr. William Randolph R. Granger, Jr. by his parents; his wife, Dr. Isabella Vandervall; his five brothers; relatives; and friends. In addition, the collection contains bills for room and board while he was enrolled at Dartmouth College, typed poetry and prose, and one article by Granger dated November 16, 1918. The letters are mainly of a personal nature; there is a minimal amount of business and professionally-related material. The letters from Granger's parents, primarily his mother Mary (Turpin) Granger, deal with the family's economic situation; his father's medical practice; academic, social and everyday affairs; and the family's health. The letters from his wife, Dr. Isabella Vandervall, a gynecologist, relate to personal and domestic matters and also include some discussion of individual patients and other medical and career matters. There are eight (8) letters from Dr. Aldrich R. Burton, a friend of Granger's who was stationed in France with the 808th Infantry Medical Corps (an African American unit) as part of the American Expeditionary Forces. The letters, written between 1918 and 1919, discuss France, the French people, life at camp, his medical duties, and health and combat issues affecting the soldiers.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American families
African American physicians
African American women physicians
African Americans -- Health and hygiene
Authors, Black
World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- France

Names

Granger, William R. R.

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