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# Guide to the Silas P. Holbrook Medical Daybooks 1860-1917



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.HOLBROOKS
<b>Title</b>	Holbrook, Silas P., Medical Daybooks
<b>Date</b>	1860-1917
<b>Size</b>	2.25 linear feet (5 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
<b>Abstract</b>	The Silas P. Holbrook Collection of Medical Daybooks contains a record of the daily patient visits of Dr. Silas Holbrook. The collection consists of portable patient logs divided into daily visits, pocket diaries, a physician's ledger book, an alphabetical listing of names, and a pocket wallet. The professional and personal items in the collection provide valuable insight into nineteenth century medical and health practices in the U.S.

## Information on Use

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Holbrook, Silas P., Medical Daybooks, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### Biographical Note

Silas P. Holbrook was a general practitioner during the time between the Civil War and World War I. He resided in East Douglas, Massachusetts.

### Scope Note

The Silas P. Holbrook Medical Daybooks contain daybooks, diaries, ledgers, and a wallet. The professional and personal items in the collection provide valuable insight into nineteenth century medical and health practices in the U.S.

Series I: Medical Daybooks and Diaries. This series contains medical daybooks and diaries from 1863-1917. The series also contains a book with notes on surgical and medical clinics and recipes from 1860-1864. The publisher of the daybooks that Holbrook used was Lindsay and Blakiston. The daybooks contain notes for physicians' reference including tables to

compute gestation, to convert metric measurements of temperature, weights and measures into various English systems, and short articles on “The immediate treatment of poisoning,” and “Incompatibility’ or allergic reaction. The daybooks are also interleaved with relics of the pharmaceutical trade and advertisements for medical services. The diaries in the series include a record of the weather and various memoranda.

Series II: Personal Items. This series contains a ledger with listings of the family expenses from 1863-1867. There is also a book with an alphabetical listing of names; several pages are torn out from the middle of the volume. A pocket wallet is included, as is a pocket diary of Jennie Holbrook from 1881.

## **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

## **Subject Headings**

- Holbrook, Silas P.
- Medicine, History
- Physicians -- United States

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Medical Daybooks and Diaries**

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 1**

Notes on Surgical and Medical Clinics and Recipes, 1860-1864

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 2**

Daybooks: Physician’s Visiting List, Diary and Book of Engagements, published by Lindsay and Blakiston of Philadelphia, 1863 and 1864

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 3**

Daybooks, 1865 - 1866

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 4**

Daybooks, 1867 - 1868

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 5**

Daybooks, 1869 - 1870

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 6**

Daybooks, 1872 - 1873

#### **Box 1**

**Folder 7**

Daybooks, 1876 - 1879

**Box 2**

**Folder 1**

Miniature Diary, Daybook, 1880-1881

**Box 2**

**Folder 2**

Daybooks, 1883 - 1884

**Box 2**

**Folder 3**

Daybooks, 1885 - 1886

**Box 2**

**Folder 4**

Standard Diary, Daybook, 1886-1888

**Box 2**

**Folder 5**

Miniature Diary, Standard Diary, Daybook, 1890

**Box 2**

**Folder 6**

Standard Diary, Daybook, 1891-1892

**Box 2**

**Folder 7**

Standard Diary, Daybook, 1893

**Box 3**

**Folder 1**

Standard Diary, Daybook, 1895

**Box 3**

**Folder 2**

Daybooks, 1896 and 1897

**Box 3**

**Folder 3**

Daybooks, 1898 and 1899

**Box 3**

**Folder 4**

Daybooks, 1900 and 1901

**Box 3**

**Folder 5**

Standard Diary, Daybook, 1902

**Box 3**

**Folder 6**

Standard Diary, Daybook, 1903

**Box 3**

**Folder 7**

Daybooks, 1904 and 1905

**Box 4**

**Folder 1**

Daybooks, Standard Diary, 1907-1908

**Box 4**

**Folder 2**

Daybooks, Standard Diary, 1909-1910

**Box 4**

**Folder 3**

Daybooks, Standard Diary, 1911-1912

**Box 4**

**Folder 4**

Daybooks, Standard Diary, 1913-1914

**Box 4**

**Folder 5**

Daybooks, 1915 and 1916

**Box 4**

**Folder 6**

Daybook, 1917

**Series II: Personal Items**

**Box 5**

**Folder 1**

Holbrook and Campbell's Book of Family Expenses, 1863-1867

**Box 5**

**Folder 2**

Alphabetical List of Names, undated

**Box 5**

**Folder 3**

Pocket wallet with ephemera and lock of hair, undated

**Box 5**

**Folder 4**

Pocket diary of Jennie Holbrook, 1881