

Inventory of the

Giles P. Ransom Family

Collection

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INTRODUCTION

John and Mary Nielsen donated the Giles P. Ransom Family collection to the Regional History Center on June 22, 2006. Additional supplementary records were added at later dates.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are some restrictions on access to the collection due to preservation purposes, although copies of the materials are available for viewing in most cases.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

Records in the Dr. Giles Paddock Ransom Family collection date from 1789 to 2009 with the majority of the records from the 1850 through 1930 time period. They document the personal and business aspects of individuals living in Rockford and Roscoe, Illinois. There are four main families represented in the collection—Jenks, Sherman, Leland, and Ransom; the Ransom family is most predominant. The other families are associated by marriage or settled near the Ransoms or both. Documents include personal correspondence, diaries, clippings, business records, deed records, school records, and lineage documentation. Some original documents are restricted due to their historical value or personal nature; however, most have copies available for public viewing.

The key figures in the collection are Dr. Giles Ransom and his son, Dr. Wilmont Ransom who were best known for their medical practice and Sanitarium, which was founded by Dr. Penn Ransom (son of Giles). Giles and Wilmont were meticulous in their record keeping, both personal and business related, and the collection reflects this through their extensive letters, diaries, medical notes, and personal ephemera. A missing aspect of the collection is documentation of Penn's life. Items relating to him are scarce throughout the collection.

The collection is divided into three series: Personal Correspondence, Volumes and Ephemera, and Business Correspondence. The first series contains the family's personal correspondence. Each subseries represents an individual family: (A) Leland, (B) Sherman, (C) Jenks, and (D) Ransom. Notable elements are letters to brothers Solomon and Leland Jenks who were pioneers to the Rockford area, Giles and Mahala Ransom's Civil War correspondence (located in the folders "Correspondence to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1860-1865" and "Correspondence to Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, 1860-1869"), a personal account of a Lincoln-Douglas speech, and Arthur Nielsen's letters to his wife while on site of the Hoover Dam's construction. For the ease of the researcher, transcriptions of many of these items can be found in *Series I, Subseries C: Roscoe History, Genealogy, and Additional Research*.

Series two contains volumes and ephemera, including diaries, personal expense records and receipts, clippings, school reports, volumes, pamphlets, and genealogical research. The subseries are divided between items belonging to specific family members (A) and items with no known owner (B). Subseries C contains the documents relating to historical aspects of Roscoe and supplementary materials documenting the family's history. Many items in this subseries were collected by researchers of the Ransom lineage prior to the complete processing of the collection. Included are genealogy and lineage documentation, duplicates of photographs provided by the donor, additional materials concerning the late Arthur Nielsen, and transcriptions of letters within the collection.

Series three provides the business records from the family. Subseries A contains the records relating to the medical practices of Drs. Giles, Penn, Wilmont, and Daniel Leland Ransom. Items include medical school notebooks, licenses & certificates, patient logs (Physician's Handbooks), Ransom Sanitarium records, and medical pamphlets. Although ownership and management of the Ransom Sanitarium played a significant role in these men's lives, the records from the business are sparse. The Ransom doctors were meticulous with their records and the collection reflects this with a strong presence of "Physician's Handbooks" and other log books for patient visits and payments. The additional subseries relate to (non-medical) business records and are organized by the individual family units: (B) Sherman, (C) Jenks, (D) Leland, and (E) Ransom. Included are deed records, receipts, business correspondence, and wills. Notable aspects of this series include Dr. Giles Ransom's documents while serving as a surgeon in the Civil War and the correspondence and records regarding remote land ownership in South Dakota.

Addendum 1 consists of correspondences between Daniel Leland Ransom, Norman Haskins, and C.C. Forrester regarding their business with the King Fissure Mining Company and other financial endeavors. Other miscellaneous letters are from Mary Haskins, and other distant relatives of the Ransom family. Further correspondences with Daniel Leland Ransom can be found in Box 13 (Series I, Subseries D). There is also a speech regarding the President Lincoln given by Daniel Sherman, who as a newspaper editor in Ohio.

Addendum 2 contains mainly photographs of individual family units from 1898 to 1981 as well as photographs of residences and churches. Also included is correspondence of the Nielson Family and letters between Robert and David Etnyre, father and son. Arrangement is by subject in alphabetical order.

The collection also contains electronic files of digitized photographs, correspondence, ephemera, and family genealogy that are mostly copies of what can be found in paper form in the collection.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Dr. Giles Paddock Ransom was born in 1824 and was an early settler to Winnebago County. He worked as postmaster in Belvidere, graduated from Rush Medical School in 1850, and briefly served as assistant surgeon for the 2nd Illinois Artillery during the Civil War. Giles

Ransom was best known for his many years of medical assistance to residents of the area. He married Mahala Jenks (whose father, Solomon Jenks, resided in Roscoe and was the first physician in the Winnebago area) and the two had 6 children: Wilmont, Lydia Elizabeth, Penn, Giles Norman, Susan Grace, and Charles Art.

Dr. Wilmont Leland Ransom, son of Giles, was born in 1852 and resided in the family's Roscoe home during his youth. He attended medical school in Chicago and married Sylvia Sherman (daughter of Daniel J. Sherman) in 1889. Wilmont was also a highly respected physician, especially after the passing of his father in 1892, and his brother, Penn, in 1910. The three men had worked together to manage the Ransom Sanitarium (circa 1888-1892), a place of rest and healing specializing in mental and nervous diseases. The Sanitarium relied upon spring water and other natural methods for their medicinal properties.

Wilmont was also an avid investor, engaging in many business ventures throughout his life. He promoted and centered a medical practice around the "Fidelity Rupture Cure," invested in oil, and purchased land in South Dakota that was farmed and leased under his remote supervision. He worked to trace the family's genealogy and was, like his father, a strong advocate of temperance. In his later life Wilmont devoted much of his time to the local Boy Scouts.

Wilmont and Sylvia had two children, Daniel Leland (often referred to as Leland) and Florence. Leland studied to be an Osteopathic doctor and moved many times, eventually settling in California. He had an estranged relationship with his family for reasons that are not entirely clear, although they seemed to make amends around the time of Wilmont's death in 1934. Florence remained in Rockford; she married Arthur Nielsen. They had 5 children: John, Nancy, Daniel, Arthur, Sylvia.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church	Methodist Episcopal Church
Diaries, 1840-1869	Nielsen Family
Diaries, 1870-1909	Physician
Diaries, 1910-1960	Photographs
Family Life, History	Prohibition
Frontier and Pioneer Life	Ransom Family
Genealogy	Rockford (Ill.)
Giles Paddock Ransom Family	Roscoe (Ill.)
Hoover Dam (Ariz.and Nev.)	Sanitarium
Jenks Family	Sherman Family
Leland Family	United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Love Letters	United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865, Correspondence
Medical Care	Winnebago County (Ill.)
Mental Health	World War II

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
SERIES I. Personal Correspondence		
Subseries A: Leland Family		
1	1-2	Correspondence to Solomon Leland, Roscoe, 1837-1857 [transcription available]
	3	Correspondence to Alvan Leland, 1837-1844, no date [transcription available]
	4	Correspondence to Alvan and Solomon Leland, 1841-1845 [transcription available]
	5	Correspondence to Julia (Jenks) Leland, 1850-1890
	6	Correspondence to Julia (Jenks) Leland, no date and empty envelopes
	7	Correspondence from Julia (Jenks) Leland, no date
Subseries B: Sherman Family		
2	1	Correspondence to Judge John Sherman, 1835-1846
	2	Correspondence to William Morrison, 1841
	3	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman, 1841-1865
	4	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman from L.J. Covell, 1842- 1858
	5	Military service waivers concerning Daniel J. Sherman, 1862
	6	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman, 1868-1894
	7	Correspondence to Mina Sherman, 1841
	8	Correspondence to and from Alexander Hamilton Sherman, 1841-1866
	9	Correspondence to Cyrene (Jenks) Sherman, 1842-1870, no date
	10	Correspondence to Polly Maria (Lewis) Sherman, 1851-1865, no date
	11	Correspondence to John S. Sherman, 1858, 1887, 1889, 1896, no date
	12	Correspondence to Hiram J. Sherman, 1864-1895
	13	Correspondence to Hattie (Blakeslee) Sherman, 1869, 1888, no date
	14	Correspondence to Thomas Sherman, 1909
	15	Correspondence to Grandma Sherman from Cyrene, no date

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2	16	Correspondence to unknown Sherman, no date	
	17	Empty envelope to Hiram Lewis, no date	

Subseries C: Jenks Family

3	1	Correspondence to Harriet and Mahala (Jenks) Ransom; Julia (Jenks) Leland and Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, circa 1840-1880s
	2	Correspondence to Solomon Jenks, 1841-1862
	3	Correspondence from Solomon Jenks, 1841
	4	Correspondence to Jane (Randall) Jenks, 1844
	5	Correspondence to Lydia (Walker) Jenks, 1844-1854, n.d
	6	Correspondence to Edwin Jenks, 1846-1851, no date
	7	Correspondence to Sylvia Jenks, 1847-1854
	8	Correspondence from Julia Jenks, 1848
	9	Correspondence to Minnie Jenks, 1849
	10	Correspondence to Ernest and James Wilson, 1849-1868
	11	Correspondence to Louisa Emma Jenks, 1850-1893
	12	Correspondence to Alma (Jenks) Lawrence, 1850-1853
	13	Correspondence to Cyrene Jenks, 1853-1857
	14	Correspondence from C.W. Jenks, 1859
	15	Correspondence to Harriet (Jenks) Wilson, 1867-1869, no date
	16	Correspondence to Ella Jenks, 1880-1930, no date
	17	Correspondence to Susan (Jenks) PaDelford, no date, 1881
	18	Correspondence to Gertrude (Jenks) Billings, 1888
	19	Correspondence to Louisa Emma and Ella Jenks, 1903-1916
	20	Correspondence to unknown Jenks, 1851-1865, no date

Subseries D: Ransom Family

4	1-2	Correspondence to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1840-1859
	3	Correspondence to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1860-1865 [copies] [transcription available]
	4-6	Correspondence to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1866-1879
5	1-4	Correspondence to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1880-1899, no date
	5	Envelopes from correspondence to Dr. Giles Ransom, no date
	6	Miscellaneous correspondence from Dr. Giles Ransom, 1866-1889

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5	7	Correspondence to Dr. Giles and Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, 1850-1892	
6	1-2	Correspondence to Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, 1834-1859	
	3	Correspondence to and from Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, 1860-1863 [copies] [transcription available]	
	4-6	Correspondence to Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, 1870-1904, no date	
	8	Miscellaneous correspondence from Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, 1900, no date	
7	1-5	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1860-1889	
8	1-3	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1900-1919	
	4	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom concerning (wife) Syliva (Sherman) Ransom's health, 1912, 1920-1921	
	5-6	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1920-1925	
9	1-4	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1926-1934, no date	
	5	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, empty envelopes, 1885-1932, no date	
	6	Miscellaneous correspondence from Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1893-1930	
10	1-4	Correspondence to Sylvia (Sherman) Ransom, c.1888-1922, no date	
	5	Correspondence to Sylvia (Sherman) Ransom regarding cousin Mary Luthe, 1879-1919	
	6	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom on Mary Luthe's medical condition, 1917, no date	
	7	Wedding ephemera, Dr. Wilmont Ransom to Sylvia (Sherman) Ransom, 1889	
	8-12	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont and Sylvia Ransom Family, 1890-1927, no date	
11	1-5	Correspondence to Sylvia (Sherman) Ransom, 1879-1914	
12	1	Correspondence to Erasmus Ransom, 1840-1848	
	2	Correspondence to Erasmus Ransom from Dr. Giles Ransom, 1858 [copies] [transcription available]	
	3	Correspondence to Elizabeth (Willard) Ransom, 1853	
	4	Correspondence to Daniel Ransom, Jr., 1855	

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12	5	Correspondence to Susan Anna Grace (Ransom) Shaw, circa 1870-1880s	
	6	Correspondence to Lydia "Lizzie" E. (Ransom) Worden, 1870-1934	
	7	Correspondence transcription of letters to Lydia (Ransom) Worden from Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1873-1874 (compiled by Homer W. Weaver)	
	8	Correspondence transcription of letters to Lydia (Ransom) Worden (and Mahala (Jenks) Ransom) from Dr. Penn Ransom, 1877-1881 (compiled by Homer Weaver)	
	9	Correspondence to Dr. Penn Ransom, 1871-1892	
	10	Correspondence from Susan Anna Grace (Ransom) Shaw, 1883	
	11	Correspondence to Alton M. Worden, 1885	
	12	Correspondence to Elizabeth "Bessie" Worden, 1882, 1889, no date	
	13	Correspondence to Norman Haskins, 1910	
	14	Correspondence to Sara Clift (Brown) Ransom, 1938	
	15	Correspondence from Giles Norman Ransom, no date	
	16	Correspondence from Kathryn Shaw, no date	
	17	Correspondence to unknown individuals, 1842-1936	
	18	Correspondence to unknown individuals, no date	
	19	Empty envelopes to unknown individuals	
	20	Correspondence to Charles A. Ransom, 1936	
	21	Correspondence to Mrs. James A. Wilson and son, 1866	
13	1	Correspondence to Daniel Leland Ransom, 1890-1911	
	2	Correspondence to Admiral George Dewey from Daniel Leland Ransom, circa 1901	
	3	Correspondence to Daniel Leland Ransom, 1911-1919	
	4	Correspondence to Carol (Frost) Ransom from Daniel Leland Ransom, 1918	
	5	Correspondence to Daniel Leland Ransom, 1920-1925	
	6	Correspondence to Daniel Leland Ransom, no date and empty envelopes	
14	1	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1905-06	
	2-3	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, Evanston Academy, 1911-1912	
	4	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, Rockford and Chicago, 1913-1917	
	5-7	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1920-1939	

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15	1	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1941-1965	
	2	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, no date and empty envelopes	
	3	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen from Gregg Marshall, 1920-1922	
	4	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen concerning the death of her father (Dr. Wilmont Ransom), 1934	
	5	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen from Arthur Nielsen (Hoover Dam/ Bolder City, UT), 1936-1937	
	6	Correspondence to Florence (Ransom) Nielsen from contacts in Poland, 1946-1960, no date	
16	1	Correspondence to Vanetta (Nielsen) Fovall, 1925, 1934	
	2	Correspondence to Arthur H. Nielsen, 1925-1955	
	3	Correspondence to Wilhelm Nielsen, Anna Marie (Rasmussen) Nielsen, and Peggy from Sylvia Maria (Nielsen) Etnyre, 1934	
	4	Correspondence to Sylvia Maria (Nielsen) Etnyre, 1936	
	5-7	Correspondence to Arthur and Florence Nielsen Family, 1936-1939-1966	
	8	Correspondence to Arthur and Florence Nielsen Family, empty envelopes and no date	
	9	Correspondence to Daniel and John Nielsen from Arthur Ransom Nielsen, 1946	
	10	Correspondence to Art Ransom Nielsen from Arthur H. Nielsen, circa 1954	
	11	Correspondence to Nancy (Nielsen) Townsend, 1960	

SERIES II. Volumes and Ephemera

Subseries A: Volumes and ephemera of specific family members

17	1	Journal (no. 1, vol. 1), Dr. Giles Ransom, January-March 1841
	2	Journal (no. 2, vol. 1), Dr. Giles Ransom, April-June 1841
	3	Journal (no. 4, vol. 1), Dr. Giles Ransom, October-December 1841
	4	Journal, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1843-1847 [transcription available]
	5	Memo book of personal notes, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1846
	6	Personal expenses, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1852-1853

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17	7	Certificate of American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1866	
	8	Political publications, ephemera of Dr. Giles Ransom, 1866,1870, no date	
	9	Correspondence to Dr. Giles Ransom concerning personal finances, 1868-1882	
	10	Personal account ledger, Dr. Giles Ransom, circa 1896-1875	
	11	Obituaries of Roscoe, IL residents written by Dr. Giles Ransom, no date	
	12	Roscoe Circuit Clerk candidate card, Dr. Giles Ransom, no date	
	13	Book, <i>Written Mnemonics</i> , Dr. Giles Ransom (owner), no date	
	14	Arguments for Prohibition, Dr. Giles Ransom, no date	
	15	Writings, Dr. Giles Ransom, no date	
	16	Miscellaneous ephemera of Dr. Giles Ransom, no date	
	17	Funeral sermon of Dr. Giles Ransom, 1892	
	18	"The Misogomist Covenant," Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, no date	
18	1	Copies of Dr. Giles P. Ransom's Muster Roll, ephemera of Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1862-1863	
	2	<i>A Book of Golden Deeds</i> , Dr. Wilmont Ransom (owner), published circa 1864	
	3	Cards, clippings, and other miscellaneous ephemera, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1868-1934, no date	
	4	Personal diary, Dr. Wilmont Ransom (Chicago), 1871	
	5	Notes and tin-type photographs from inner pockets of personal diary, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1871	
	6	Personal notebook, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1874	
	7	Book, <i>Greek New Testament</i> , Dr. Wilmont Ransom (owner), circa 1877	
	8	Letters and cancelled checks concerning personal finances, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1885-1926	
	9-10	Personal expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1887, 1889	
	11	Maps and history of Roscoe, Dr. Wilmont Ransom	
	12	Roscoe school memoranda	
19	1	Personal diary and ledger, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1890	
	2	Membership dues notices, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1895, 1917, 1924	
	3-4	Personal expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1896-1897, 1898	
	5	Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church Christmas service program, ephemera of Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1898	

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19	6	Personal expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, June-December 1899	
	7	Notes and empty envelopes, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1903, 1926, no date	
	8	Methodist Episcopal Church bulletins (Iowa), ephemera of Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1903, 1913	
	9	Modern Woodmen of American dues booklet and receipt, 1908-1918	
	10-11	Personal expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1911-1912	
	12	Automobile registration certificate, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1915	
	13	Personal expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1917-1918	
	14	Checkbook register, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1917-1919	
	15	Loose leaf sheets, weather and temperature notes, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1920-1924	
	16-18	European travel with scouts scrapbook, 1929	
	19-20	Summary of European Travel, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1922, 1923	
	21	“Lema Davis in Europe” column, clippings belonging to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1922-1923	
20	1	Personal expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1925	
	2	Bills from Monte Sano Sanitarium and Hospital, Los Angeles, CA, Dr. Wilmont Ransom (patient), 1926	
	3	Camp Rotary materials, 1926	
	4	Personal diary, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1928	
	5	Eastern trip with Scouts, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1928	
	6	Astronomy notes and clippings, items belonging to of Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1929-1932, no date	
	7-9	Personal notebook, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1930, 1932, 1933	
	10	Personal diary, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1934	
	11	Miscellaneous photographs, items belonging to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, no date	
	12	Arguments for temperance, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, no date	
	13	Note tablet and notes, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, no date	
	14	Notebook, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, no date	
	15	Eulogy of Rev. Erastus Colton, written by Dr. Wilmont Ransom, no date	
	16	Astronomy notes and Boy Scout merit badge book, no date	
	17	Editorials, Dr. Wilmont Ransom	
	18	Miscellaneous ephemera of Dr. Wilmont Ransom	

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20	19	Dedication address and collection of portraits, Archibald Church Library, 1930	
21	1	Book, <i>The Happy Choice</i> , Ella Jenks (owner), 1846	
	2	Book, <i>The White Ribbon Birthday Book</i> , Ella Jenks (owner), circa 1870-1838	
	3	Clippings, photographs, notes and cards from inside <i>The White Ribbon Birthday Book</i> , Ella Jenks (owner), circa 1870-1838	
	4	Personal ledger, Ella Jenks, 1929-1931	
	5	Book, <i>Short History of the Reformation</i> , Ella Jenks (owner), 1884	
	6	Book, <i>The Washington Standard Guide</i> , Ella Jenks (owner), 1898	
	7	Notes from Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church School, Ella Jenks, 1908-1929	
	8	Miscellaneous ephemera, Ella Jenks, 1880-1932, no date	
	9	Clippings, Ella Jenks	
	10	Recipe journal, Ella Jenks, no date	
22	1	Written account of life in Granger, Iowa, Daniel Leland Ransom, circa 1900	
	2	Miscellaneous ephemera, Daniel Leland Ransom, 1906-1926	
	3	<i>The Battle Creek Idea</i> , Daniel Leland Ransom (owner), 1908	
	4	Training Circular no. 17, Daniel Leland Ransom (owner), 1918	
	5	Business cards and notes, Daniel Leland Ransom, no date	
	6-7	School assignments, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, circa 1905-1908	
	8	School records, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1911-1913	
	9	Photographs of schoolmates, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, circa 1912	
	10	Recital programs, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1920-1926	
	11	Cancelled checks, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1922-1925	
	12	Street addresses of friends and relatives, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, c.1930	
	13	Personal expense ledger, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1934-1937	
	14	Home expenses, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1929-1933	
	15	Research on Poland, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, circa 1944-1950	

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	12
22	16	Cards, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, no date	
	17	Clippings, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, no date	
	18	Miscellaneous ephemera, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, 1938, 1939, 1965, no date	
	19	Recipe journal, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen, no date	
	20	Clippings from recipe journal, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen	
	23	1	Personal ledger, Charles Art Ransom, 1842-1852
2		<i>Sherwood's Writing Speller</i> , Charles Art Ransom, no date	
3		Last Will, 1948; writings, n.d., Charles Art Ransom	
4		Photograph, Alex J. Leland in militia uniform, 1883	
5		Obituary, Hiram Lewis, 1887	
6		Examples of personal stamp, "J. A. Wilson, Druggist & Apothecary," no date	
7-8		Personal diary and ledger, Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, 1885, 1890	
9		Memorial cards, Mrs. Julia (Jenks) Leland and George Jaffray, 1890	
10		Book, <i>Science and health with Key to the Scriptures</i> , Arthur H. Nielsen (owner), 1917	
11		Writings, Giles Norman Ransom, no date	
12		Speeches, John Sherman, 1872	
13		Ephemera of Daniel J. Sherman, 1899, 1910, no date	
14-15		Report cards, Syliva (Sherman) Ransom, 1877-1879	
16		Checks, tax withholding, and other Brotherhood of the American Yeomen correspondence, Sylvia (Sherman) Ransom, 1888, 1918, no date	
17		Personal expenses, Syliva (Sherman) Ransom, 1898	
18		Recipe journal, Syliva (Sherman) Ransom, circa 1915	
19		Recipe clippings, Syliva (Sherman) Ransom	
20		"Clinic card," Syliva (Sherman) Ransom, 1921	
21		Sherman family ephemera	
22		Clippings, Weaver Family	
23		Clipping, marriage announcement of Allie Lawrence (granddaughter of Solomon Jenks), circa 1900	
24		Alton M. Worden advertisement for plant tonic, no date	
25		Miscellaneous ephemera of Daniel S. Nielsen	
26	Receipt of payment for music lessons, Mrs. Luthe, no date		
27	Nielsen Family ephemera		
28	"Recollections of a Combat Engineer," Robert E. Etnyre, World War II		
29	Product literature, E.D. Etnyre & Co., 1981-1982		

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	13
23	30	<i>The Home Cook Book</i> , 1875	
	31	CD of Assorted Nielsen/Etnyre Family Images, copied 2012	
24		Leather pocketbook, Joel Jenks, circa 1860	
		Leather pocketbook, Smith Jenks, circa 1850	
		Leather document wallet, unknown owner	
		Leather medical kit with glass vials, Dr. Giles Ransom	
		Leather document wallet, Arthur H. Nielsen	
		Faux leather life insurance portfolio wallet, Arthur H. Nielsen	

Subseries B: Volumes and ephemera with unknown owners

25	1	<i>Swedish to English Dictionary</i> , 1885	
	2	<i>The Pilgrim's Rest</i> , circa 1888	
	3	<i>The Practical Book of Cage Birds</i> , 1894	
	4	"One Wish" pamphlet, 1912	
	5	<i>Dictionary of Classical Mythology</i> , 1924	
	6	<i>Massine Etern</i> , no date	
	7	<i>English to Swedish Dictionary</i> , no date	
26	1	<i>Passages from the Diary of a Late Physician</i> , 1838	
	2	<i>The Whig Almanac</i> , 1845, 1846	
	3	<i>Constitution of the Grand Council of United States of America</i> , 1854	
	4	<i>Nearer My God to Thee</i> , 1882	
	5	Pamphlet, "Address of Lewis Lampman delivered before the Green Co. Agricultural Society," 1883	
27	1	Clippings, Woodrow Wilson death, 1924	
	2	Clippings, Rockford & Roscoe history	
	3	Clippings, publishing of the Register-Gazette, 1926	
	4	Clippings, Smith v. Hoover on the issues, 1928	
	5	Clipping for Ella Jenks 87 th Birthday, 1934	
	6-7	Clippings, Queen Elizabeth visits Chicago, 1959	
	8	Clippings, historical moments	
	9	Book of clippings concerning prohibition, no date	
	10	Miscellaneous clippings	
	28	1	Sermon transcripts, 1824
2		Adultery witness accounts and examinations, Joseph Irish, G.M. Young, Richard Darby, 1867	
3		Photograph book, circa 1920-35	
4		Historical notes and timelines concerning Rome, no date	

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	6	Notes concerning insects	
	7	Arguments for Prohibition, no date	
	8	Unidentified pictures	
	9	Hand-drawn map of Dodge and Walworth Counties, no date	
	10	Miscellaneous ephemera, owner unknown	
	11	Writings, author unknown	

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29	1	Dates of births and deaths of early Roscoe residents, 1792-1940	
	2	Transcription of letters between Abi and Amos Tuttle, Horace Cole, Abi Cole, and Hiram Cole, 1838-1846	
	3	Roscoe Township, General Store ledger, 1840	
	4	Anti Slavery Society meeting proceedings, Roscoe, IL 1842	
	5	Roscoe school history	
	6	Roscoe Township S.S. Society, 1875	
	7	Early Roscoe history as recalled by Dr. Wilmont Ransom	
	8	"Hancock and English Club" petition, no date	
	9	Copy of book, <i>The Story of Roscoe</i> , no date	
	10	Researcher notes and clippings, Roscoe, IL	
	11	Miscellaneous Rockford and Roscoe, IL history	
	12	Account ledger, Methodist Episcopal Church (Roscoe, IL) in account with Edwin Jenks (and E. Holmes), 1849	
	13	Account ledger, Trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church Roscoe, IL, 1850	
	14	Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, Methodist Episcopal Church, Roscoe, IL, 1859, no date	
	15	Court Street Methodist Episcopal School notes, clippings, 1902-1907, 1910-1931	
	16	Court Street Methodist Episcopal School log book and scrapbooks, 1 volume, 1902-1931	
	17	Yearbook and directory: Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church, 1927	
30	1	Ransom home, Roscoe, Illinois, circa 1880-1989	
	2	Title records, Solomon Jenks's land, Roscoe, Illinois	
	3	Ransom Sanitarium memorial, 2001	
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	7	Ransom family genealogy, notes and clippings	
	8	Ransom and Nielsen family genealogy, prepared 1978	
	9	Willard family genealogy	
	10	Etnyre family genealogy	
	11	Mayflower lineage descendants documentation	
	12	Obituaries	
	13	Arthur H. Nielsen 90 th birthday and life stories, DVD, 1984	
	14	Correspondence with Dan Nielsen and Hoover Dam photographs, 2009	
	15	Supplementary collection research	
31a	1	Correspondence to Solomon Leland, 1837-1847 [transcriptions]	
	2	Correspondence to Solomon Leland, 1848-1857 [transcriptions]	
	3	Correspondence to Alvin Leland, 1837-1844 [transcriptions, incomplete]	
	4	Correspondence to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1860-1865 [transcriptions]	
	5	Correspondence to Mahala (Jenks) Ransom, 1861-1863 [transcriptions]	
	6	Journal, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1843-1847 [transcriptions]	
	7	Correspondence to Erasmus Ransom (from Dr. Giles Ransom), 1858 [transcription, personal account of Lincoln-Douglas speeches]	
	8	Civil War medical correspondence to and from Dr. Giles Ransom, 1862-63, 1883 [transcriptions]	
	9	Ransom family photographs, circa 1860-1902	
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	11	Text of Lincoln-Douglas speeches (Chicago), July 9-10, 1858 and <i>Chicago Tribune</i> articles concerning the Chicago speeches, 1858	

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31b	1	Rockford's Early Physicians, notes by Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1835-1905	
	2	Patient register and daily income book, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1841-1856	
	3	Physiological essays 1-4, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1846-1847	
	4	Rush Medical College materials, 1845-1850	
	5	Patient account ledger and clippings, 1851-1852	
	6	Materials concerning Dr. Giles as Assistant Surgeon, 2 nd Illinois Artillery, 1862-1863 [copies]	
	7	Civil War medical correspondence to and from Dr. Giles Ransom, 1862-63, 1883 [copies]	
	8	Assistant Surgeon for Volunteer Forces for Illinois certificate, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1862 [copies]	
	9	Civil War patient transfer orders, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1862 [copies]	
	10	Civil War special orders, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1862 [copies]	
	11	Civil War orders to and concerning Dr. Giles Ransom, 1862 [copies]	
	12	Civil War medical equipment vouchers and invoices, 1862-1868 [copies]	
	13	Personal disability and pension correspondence, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1865-1882, no date [copies]	
	14	Patient pensions, discharge, and disability correspondence and affidavits, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1862-1883, no date [copies]	
	15	Civil War disability, arrears, correction of muster lank forms, no date [copies]	
	16	Physician's License, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1863 [copies]	
	17	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1863	
	18	Business card, Dr. Daniel S. Jenks, Plano, Illinois, circa 1865	
	19	Patient ledger, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1867	
	20	Patient visit log and ledger, Dr. Girls Ransom, 1868	
	21	Patient correspondence, William Garber to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1870	
	22	Medical notebook, Dr. Giles Ransom, circa 1870	
32	1	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1871	
	2	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1873	

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	4	Notebook, medical school notes, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1873		
	5	Notebook, "Book C" medical school notes, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1873		
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	7	Notebook, "Book F" medical school notes, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1874		
	8	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1875		
	9	Patient account notes and addresses, circa 1875		
	33	1	Patient correspondence, B.C. Redington to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1876	
		2	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1876	
3		Banquet Program of the Alumni Association of Chicago Medical College, 1876		
4		Laboratory notes, Dr. Penn Ransom, 1876-1878		
5		Medical lecture notes taken by Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1877		
6		Physician's Handbook, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1877		
7		Correspondence regarding Diphtheria, E. Jefferson to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1877		
8		Research correspondence, letters to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1877		
9		Receipt for medical supplies, billed to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1878		
10		Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1879		
11		Notes from back pocket of Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1879		
12		Physician's Handbook, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1879		
13		Diary, medical notes, and personal expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, New York City, 1879		
14		Credibility references for Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1879		
15		Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom from A. P. Grout, 1879		
34	1	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Penn Ransom, 1880		
	2	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1880		
	3	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1881		
	4	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Penn Ransom, 1882		

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34	5	Notes from back pocket of Physician's Handbook, Dr. Penn Ransom, 1882		
	6	Patient correspondence, C.C. Shecrer to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1882		
	7	Correspondence concerning patient Benton, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1882		
	8	Receipts for medical supplies, billed to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1882-1885		
	9	Patient notes and personal diary, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1883		
	10-11	Physician's Handbook, 1883		
	12	Affidavits to Dr. Giles Ransom concerning disability, 1883-1884, no date		
	13	Patient correspondence, C.H. Beck to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1884		
	35	1	Patient correspondence, Fred D. Lathrop to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1885	
		2	Compound Oxygen notes and receipts, 1885	
		3	Physician's Handbook, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1885	
		4	Physician's Handbook and note, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1885	
		5	Physician's Handbook, 1886	
6		Certificates, Medical Examiner Appointment for insurance companies, Dr. Wilmont Ransom (Rockford), 1886-1889		
7-8		Physician's Handbook, 1887		
9		Expense Ledger, Rockford Sanitarium, 1887		
10		Physician's Handbook, 1888		
11		Physician's Handbook, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1889		
12		Empty envelope to Dr. Giles Ransom, 1898		
36		1	<u>Tenth Annual Report of the State Board of Health of Illinois, 1890</u>	
	2	Business card for the Ransom Sanitarium, circa 1890		
	3-4	Physician's Handbook, 1890		
	5	Pamphlets, The Ransom Sanitarium, 1889, 1891		
	6	Physician's Handbook, 1891		
	37	1	Certificate, Medical Examiner Appointment for insurance company, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, Rockford, 1892	
2		Patient account ledger, Ransom Sanitarium, 1892-1896		
3		Physician's Handbook and notes, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1892		
4		Physician's Handbook, Dr. Penn Ransom, 1892		
5		Patient visit log and account ledger, Dr. Penn Ransom, 1892		
6		Pamphlet on women's treatments, Dr. Penn Ransom, no date		

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37	7	Correspondence to P.H. Lane regarding payments, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1893	
38	1	Patient visit log and account ledger, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1893	
	2	Certificates, Medical Examiner Appointment for insurance companies, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, Roscoe, 1894-1896	
	3	Patient visit log and account ledger, 1894	
	4	Expense ledger of the Rockford Sanitarium, kept by Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1894-1895	
	5	Notes, use of cow's milk for infant food, circa 1895	
	6	Patient visit log and account ledger, 1896	
	7	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom concerning Fidelity Rupture Cure court case, 1897-1899	
	8	Correspondence between R.K. Welsch and Dr. & Mrs. Wilmont Ransom concerning Fidelity Rupture Cure, 1897-1903	
	9	Credibility reference from the First Methodist Episcopal Church for Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1898	
	10	Patient account ledger, 1899	
	11	Physician's Visiting Log, 1899	
39	1	Certificate, Medical Examiner Appointment for insurance company, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, Granger, IA, 1900	
	2	Patient account ledger, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1900	
	3	Patient symptom description notebook, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1900	
	4	Patient account ledger, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1900-1902	
	5	Vaccination List, 1902	
	6	Patient visit log and account ledger, 1902	
	7	Patient account ledger and personal expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1903-1904	
	8	Patient account ledger, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1903-1906	
	9	Advertisement for Dr. Weirick's Sanitarium, Rockford, IL, circa 1905	
	10	Personal expense ledger, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1905	
	11	Patient roster and ledger, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, Madrid, IA, 1905-1906	
	12-13	Patient account ledger, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, Madrid, IA, 1905, 1906	

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39	14	Notebook of Dr. Wilmont Ransom expenses, Dr. Penn Ransom expenses, Sanitarium expenses, 1907-1908	
	15	Pamphlet, <u>The Treatment of Trifacial Neuralgia by Means of Deep Ejections of Alcohol</u> , 1907	
	16	Correspondence from the Society of Medical History of Chicago to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1910	
	17	Correspondence from Norman Haskins to Dr. Wilmont Ransom concerning Sanitarium property	
	18	Correspondence concerning Sanitarium pricing of care, Robert Hammond to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1915-1918	
	19	Record book of births in Roscoe, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1915-1921	
	20	Postcard and historical information regarding the Municipal Sanatorium, Rockford, circa 1916	
40	1	Patient progress log, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1918-1921	
	2	Menu, Rockford Sanitarium, no date	
	3	Medical pamphlets, 1918, 1926, n.d.	
	4	Application for licence to practice Osteopathy, Daniel Leland Ransom, 1920, n.d.	
	5	Correspondence and programs from Northwestern University Medical School 50 th Reunion, 1924	
	6	Correspondence to Dr. Daniel Leland Ransom, 1940	
	7	Programs, Northwestern University Medical School, 1928-31	
	8	Patient correspondence	
	9	Medical notes, expenses, and receipts	

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41	1	Deed concerning mother's (Hannah's) estate, J. Daniel Sherman, 1789	
	2	Account ledgers and promissory notes, John Sherman, 1837-1854, no date	
	3	County tax receipt, John Sherman, 1839	
	4	Correspondence to Judge John Sherman from Sumner Bull, 1839-1846	
	5	Correspondence to Judge John Sherman from William Jarvis, 1839-1846	
	6	Account ledgers and borrowing notes, John Sherman estate, 1839-1851	

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41	7	Will and executor assignment for the estate of Nancy Streeter, John Sherman (executor), 1840-1841	
	8	Authorization of John Sherman as Justice of the Peace, Saybrook Township, 1842, 1863	
	9	Business correspondence, John Sherman, 1844-1846	
	10	Warranty Deed, Andrew Willey to John Sherman, 1845	
	11	Correspondence to William Jarvis from John Sherman, 1845	
42	1	Agreements with William Jarvis, 1839-1855	
	2	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman from William Jarvis, 1841-1849	
	3	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman from Sumner Bull, 1842-1851	
	4	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman from John Pease, 1846-1858	
	5	Account ledger, Daniel Sherman, 1847-1864	
	6	Business correspondence and account ledgers, Daniel J. Sherman, 1848-1859	
	7	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman from A. C. Hubbard, 1848-1864	
	8	Justice of Peace certificate and logbook, Daniel J. Sherman, 1849	
43	1	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman from William Jarvis, 1850-1864	
	2	Notes and cancelled checks, Daniel J. Sherman, 1851-1892	
	3	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman from Sumner Bull, 1852-1864	
	4	Bank correspondence and account book, Daniel J. Sherman, 1855-1891	
	5	Account ledger, Daniel J. Sherman, 1858-1862	
44	1	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman from James Phelps, 1861-1864	
	2	Business correspondence, Daniel J. Sherman, 1860-1866	
	3	Tax receipts, Daniel J. Sherman, 1862, 1889	
	4	Writings and speeches, Daniel J. Sherman, 1870-1873, no date	
	5	Payment schedules, bills, and memorandum booklet concerning Daniel J. Sherman, 1877-1894	
	6	Business correspondence, Daniel J. Sherman, 1878-1889	
	7	Mortgages and deeds, Daniel J. Sherman, 1878-1892	

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44	8	Warranty deed and apprenticeship concerning Hiram J. Sherman, 1885-1887	
	9	Estate correspondence and will of Daniel J. Sherman, 1888-1901	
	10	Business correspondence, Daniel J. Sherman, 1890-1896	
	11	Correspondence to Daniel J. Sherman, no date and empty envelopes	
	12	Article by Clarence S. Darrow, supported by Daniel J. Sherman, no date	

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45	1	Forms to and from John Sherman concerning Jacob Jenks as preacher, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1826-1838	
	2	Receipts and contracts, Smith Jenks, 1835-1877	
	3	Abstract of title, Jenks-Ransom property, 1839-1882	
	4	Miscellaneous Jenks business correspondence, 1840, 1849	
	5	Miscellaneous notes concerning Jenks family, 1841-1849, 1877	
	6	U.S. Post Office correspondence to J.A. Wilson, 1850	
	7	Account ledger, James A. Wilson, Roscoe, circa 1850-1870	
	8	Jenks, Ransom and Company expense ledger and journal, 1852	
	9	Will, Lydia Jenks, 1854	
	10	Receipts, James A. Wilson, 1854-56	
	11	Sale of Roscoe property, Clarissa Jenks to James O. Gregory, 1858	
	12	Property tax receipts, Smith and Clarissa Jenks, 1858-1886	
	13	Property tax receipts, Daniel S. Jenks, 1862-1873	
	14	Business correspondence, Louisa Jenks, 1878-1883	
	15	Deed of Rockford land, Sylvia Ransom to Ella and Louise Jenks, 1895	
	16	Mortgage, Louise Jenks, 1896	
	17	Deeds and land correspondence, Ella Jenks, 1896-1928	
	18	Miscellaneous business items, Ella Jenks, 1897, 1928, no date	
	19	Correspondence regarding Ella Jenks's rental property, 1897-1935	
	20	Petition for Letters of Testamentary of Daniel Smith Jenks by Lucinda L. Jenks, 1900	
	21	Property tax receipts, Ella Jenks, 1903-1914	
	22	Expense ledger and check receipts regarding rental property, Ella Jenks, 1919-1923	

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45	23	Last will and testament, Ella Jenks, 1934	
	24	Correspondence to Ella Jenks regarding Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, 1935	
	25	Ella Jenks estate, 1938-1942	
	26	Miscellaneous Jenks business, 1850, no date	

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46	1	Business correspondence and purchase ledgers between Solomon Leland and Peter Pierce, 1824-1856	
	2	Business correspondence concerning Solomon Leland, 1832-33, 1839, 1941	
	3	Correspondence to Alvan or Solomon Leland, 1833-1857, no date	
	4	Business correspondence, purchase ledgers, checks, receipt, and other ephemera concerning unknown Leland, 1837-1856, no date	
	5	Correspondence, notes, and check regarding Alvan Leland's practice, 1839	
	6	Solomon Jenks's estate with Alvan Leland as administrator, circa 1839-1843	
	7	Business correspondence, purchase ledgers, and agreements concerning Alvan Leland and Solomon Leland, 1839-1846	
	8	Land contracts, agreements, and mortgages concerning unknown Leland, 1839-1845, no date	
	9	Business correspondence, unknown Leland, 1839-1851, no date	
	10	Estate of Alvan Leland to Julia J. Leland (executrix), 1840, 1845	
47	1	Correspondence regarding Alvan Leland's practice, 1840-1845	
	2	Notes and checks regarding Alvan Leland's practice, 1840-1845	
	3	Business notes, checks, and ledgers of Solomon Leland, 1840-1849	
	4	Business correspondence concerning Solomon Leland, 1841-1849	
	5	Speeches and notes concerning Leland family, 1842	
	6	Business correspondence and purchase ledgers concerning James Thompson with unknown Leland, 1842, no date	
	7	Notes, bills, ledgers of Horace Leland, 1844-1852, no date	

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47	8	Ledgers of the Alvan Leland estate, in the name of Solomon Leland, dated 1845	
	9	Meeting minutes and notes concerning unknown Leland, 1847-1850	
	10	Business correspondence concerning Solomon Leland, 1850-1857, no date	
	11	Business notes, checks, and ledgers of Solomon Leland, 1851-1858, no date	
	12	Correspondence, notes, and checks regarding Alvan Leland's practice, 1851-1859	
	13	Correspondence, notes, and checks regarding Alvan Leland's practice, no date	
	14	Partial correspondence and scraps concerning unknown Leland, no date	

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48	1	Cancelled checks and financial notes, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1844-1878	
	2	Orders, bills and ledgers, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1852-1883, no date	
	3	State property tax receipts, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1855-1877	
	4	Notes and account balances of Dr. Giles Ransom, circa 1857-1883, no date	
	5	Miscellaneous business correspondence, Dr. Giles Ransom, 1858-1876	
	6	Deeds, Dr. Giles and Mahala Ransom, 1866-1907	
	7	Notes in account with J. W. Maton, attorney of Dr. Giles Ransom, 1857-1876	
	8	Bills from the Western News Company, Norman Giles Ransom, 1877	
	9	Business correspondence to Dr. (Unknown) Ransom, 1879	
	10	Documents concerning Jeamanod estate, 1874-1884	
	11	Power of attorney correspondence, Dr. Giles P. Ransom (signer), 1882	
	12	Warranty deeds and land plot of Maria Sherman and Ezra Metcalf, 1882, 1887, no date	
	13	Title abstract, Rockford land, for Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1885	
	14	Miscellaneous warranty deeds, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1886-1888	
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	17	Concerns regarding estate of Julia (Jenks). Leland, Dr. Giles Ransom, circa 1891	
	18	Deed, Dr. Penn Ransom to Sara Clift (Brown) Ransom, 1891	
	19	Quit-Claim Deed, Dr. Penn Ransom and Sara Clift (Brown) Ransom to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1892	
	20	Cancelled checks, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1894, 1922	
	21	Cancelled checks, Mahala Jenks Ransom, 1897	
	22	Receipt, Mahala Jenks Ransom, 1899	
	23	Correspondence from W.A. Redmond (attorney), Mahala Jenks Ransom, 1900	
	24	Mortgages, deeds, tax receipts, other receipts and notes, Charles Arthur Ransom, 1905-1946, no date	
	25	Business correspondence, Norman Haskins to Daniel Leland Ransom, 1910-1911	
	26	Contract: repayment through work for Poudre claim (Mt. Boy Group), Norman Haskins with Daniel Leland Ransom and Ernest Gault, 1911	
	27	Bills and promissory notes, Daniel Leland Ransom, 1911-1923, no date	
	28	Contract for Still College of Osteopathy fees, Daniel Leland Ransom, 1913	
	29	Cancelled checks and bank statements, Daniel Leland Ransom, 1913-1916	
	30	Warranty deed, Sara Clift (Brown) Ransom to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1914	
	31	State property tax receipts, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1914-1925	
	32	Last will and testament (duplicate), Daniel Leland Ransom, 1917	
	33	Insurance policy, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1920	
	34	Notes of expenses, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1920	
	35	Income tax, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1920	
	36	Loan correspondence, Florence (Ransom) Nielsen and Dr. Wilmont Ransom to repay Mrs. G. C. Poter, 1920-1923	
	37	Will, Sylvia (Sherman) Ransom, 1921	
	38	Grant deeds, Santa Fe Springs, CA, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1922	
	29	Correspondence to and from Dr. Wilmont Ransom concerning oil venture, 1922-1933	
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	42	Correspondence to Dr. Wilmont Ransom concerning oil lawsuit, April-November 1923	
49	1	Warranty Deed and Power of Attorney, Dr. Wilmont Ransom to Florence and Arthur Nielsen, 1925	
	2	Bank statement, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1926	
	3	Business correspondence, Fred Smith to Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1926	
	4	Donation, Dr. Wilmont Ransom to Florence and Arthur Nielsen, 1927	
	5	Bequeathment and property map, Charles Arthur Ransom to Nell Hicks, 1934	
	6	Last will and testament (copy), Edith Perry, Arthur H. Nielsen (executor), 1936	
	7	Hospital bills and receipts, Nancy Nielsen, 1935-1936	
	8	Home owner's insurance policy notice, Florence and Arthur Nielsen, 1937	
	9	Last will and testament, Anna Maire Nielsen, 1938	
	10-14	Mitchell, South Dakota property, 1906-1946, no date	

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15	Miscellaneous deeds and agreements, 1848-1906
16	General store ledger (Roscoe, IL), 1849-1851
17	Survey of land plots, 1956, 1957, no date
18	Franking privileges of Postmasters, ledger of Henry F. Eastman, 1880
19	Business correspondence, John Owens, 1891, 1896
20	Business correspondence, Norman Haskins, 1910-1912
21	Miscellaneous account ledgers and notes

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	6	Personal correspondence, Peter Peirer to Alvan Leland, 1840	
	7	Certificates and diplomas (16), 1886-1926: Postmaster appointment, Daniel J. Sherman, 1886 Benefit certificate, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1889, 1892 Envelope for benefit certificate Marriage certificate, Wilmont Ransom to Sylvia Sherman, 1889 Medical Examiner certificate, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1894 Physician's certificate, State of Iowa, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1896 Chicago Polyclinic certificate, Dr. Penn Ransom, 1899 Certificate of authority as medical examiner, Brotherhood of American Yeomen, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1904 Sanitarium License, Illinois Board of Administration, 1910 College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Diploma, Daniel Leland Ransom, 1920 Sanitarium License, Illinois Department of Public Welfare, 1920 Passport, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1922 Monte Sano Sanitarium & Hospital appointment certificate, Daniel Leland Ransom, 1923 Medical Veterans of the War, Dr. Wilmont L. Ransom, 1923 Board of Osteopathic Examiners certificate, Daniel Leland Ransom, 1926 Membership certificate, Sons of the Revolutions, Dr. Wilmont Ransom, 1926	
	8	Civil War documents (8) [copies], 1862- circa 1880: Abstract of provisions for men in the Columbus, KY hospital, March 1862 (2 copies) Report of the sick and wounded at Columbus, KY, July 1862 Invoice of Medicines, Instruments, Hospital Sores, Beddings, October-December 1862 Telegram transcriptions received at Columbus, KY	

- (transcribed by Dr. Wilmont Ransom), 1862
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