

Inventory of the

**Dr. James Alba Johnston**  
Byron, Illinois

Collection

In the

Regional History Center

**RC 181**

## INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Robert (Cleo) Boger donated the Dr. James Alba Johnston Collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on May 29, 1987.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Dr. James Alba Johnston Collection documents medical practice and theory from 1875 to 1949. Little biographical information on Dr. Johnston is included in the collection.

Material related to Dr. Johnston and his practice can be found in Series I: Business and Personal Papers. This material includes some correspondence, certificates appointing him company doctor for several firms, drug inventories, ledgers and cash books, and public health notices. Advertisements for medical products, article reprints, and Dr. Johnston's handwritten reading notes complete the series.

The major part of the collection are sixty-seven volumes found in Series II. These publications' contents reflect medical theories current during their publication dates (1890-1944). In addition to general medical and reference works, the volumes cover such topics as electrical and vibratory therapy, sexual problems & childhood diseases, vaccine therapy and pharmaceuticals, and various specialities including geriatrics and surgery.

Researchers interested in health care in northern Illinois should consult the Center's guide for related collections. A list of Dr. Johnston's medical instruments which have been separated out of the collection is at the back of this inventory.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. James Alba Johnston was born December 31, 1859 on the family farm northwest of Byron, IL. Dr. Johnston attended Wheaton College where he met his future wife, Carrie Nash of Belvidere, IL. After their marriage in Belvidere on December 23, 1886, the couple farmed near Storm Lake Iowa for several years. Dr. Johnston entered medical school at the University of Nebraska where he received his degree in 1894. He practiced medicine in Craig, Nebraska until December 1897 when the couple moved to Byron, IL. Dr. Johnston was past president of the Ogle County Medical Association, past president and clerk of the Byron Public School Board,

and active in the Congregational church. Dr. Johnston practiced medicine and was a civic leader in Byron until his death in April 1949.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Byron  
Johnston, Dr. James Alba  
Medical Care

COLLECTION INVENTORY

| <u>BOX</u>                                     | <u>FOLDER</u>           | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>  |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| Series I. Business and Personal Papers         |                         |   |
| 1  | 1                       | Biographical, 1936, 1949; Certificates and Correspondence, 1894-1896, 1937-1939   |
|  | 2                       | Orders and Inventories for Opium, etc., 1931-1947   |
|  | 3                       | Public Health Notices and Legislation, 1937-1941  |
|  | 4                       | Cash Book - Dodge & Oakland, Nebraska, 1875, 1889, 1894-1897  |
|  | 5-6                     | Ledger - Dodge, Nebraska, 1889-1890   |
|  | 7                       | Expenses, 1941-1948   |
|  | 2                       | Advertisements:   |
| 1  |                         | Allergies & Skin Problems, 1906, 1934   |
| 2  |                         | Cancer, Arthritis, & High Blood Pressure, 1937-1938   |
| 3  |                         | Gastro-Intestinal Problems, 1927-1936   |
| 4  |                         | Nutrition, n.d.   |
| 5  |                         | Pharmaceutical Products, 1915, 1937   |
| 6  |                         | Venereal Disease & Sexual Problems, 1937  |
| 7  |                         | Vitamin & Mineral Products, 1934-1939   |
| 8  |                         | Reprints, Clippings & Circulars, 1900-1938  |
| 9  | Handwritten Notes, n.d. |   |
| Series II. Volumes                             |                         |   |
| Subseries A. General Medical & Reference Works |                         |   |
| 3  | 1 volume                | Bartholow, Robert. <u>A Practical Treatise on Materia Medica and Therapeutics</u> . 7th ed. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1890.                    |
|  | 1 volume                | Loomis, Alfred L. <u>A Text-book of Practical Medicine</u> . 8th ed. New York: William Wood and Company, 1892.  |
|  | 1 volume                | Ellingwood, Finley and Prof. John Un Lloyd. <u>A Systematic Treatise on Materia Medica and Therapeutics</u> . Chicago: Chicago Medical Press Co., 1902. |
|  | 1 volume                | <u>The Medical World</u> . Philadelphia: C.F. Taylor and A.L. Russell, Vol. XXII No. 1 (December 1903)-Vol. XXIII No. 12 (December 1905).               |

| <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u>   | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>   | 4 |
|------------|---|--|---|
| 3          | 1 volume  | White, W. Hale. Edited by Reynold W. Wilcox. <u>Materia Medica, Pharmacy, Pharmacology and Therapeutics</u> . Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1892.   |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Hughes, Dan'l E. <u>A Compend of the Practice of Medicine</u> . Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1892.   |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Boericke, William. <u>Pocket Manual of Homeopathic Materia Medica</u> . 8th ed. New York: Boericke & Runyon, 1924.   |   |
| 4          | 1 volume  | Powell, Thomas. <u>Fundamentals and Requirements of Health and Disease</u> . Los Angeles: Powell Publishing Company, 1909.   |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Butler, Glenworth Reeve. <u>The Diagnostics of Internal Medicine</u> . New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1901.  |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Loomis, Alfred L. <u>Lessons in Physical Diagnosis</u> . 10th ed. New York: William Wood & Company, 1893.  |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Flint, Austin. <u>A Text-book of Human Physiology</u> . 4th ed. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1891.   |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Pratt, E.H. <u>The Composite Man</u> . Chicago: The New Age Publishing House, 1902.  |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Witthause, R.A. <u>The Medical Student's Manual of Chemistry</u> . 3rd ed. New York: William Wood & Company, 1890.   |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Chittick, Alexander. <u>Biochemistry and Physiological Therapeutics</u> . Newark, N.J.: Physicians Drug News Company, 1913.  |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Guyer, Michael F. <u>Being Well-Born: An Introduction to Eugenics</u> . Childhood and Youth Series. Edited by M.V. O'Shea. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1916.                          |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Blanchard, Charles Elton. <u>Medical Dollars and Sense: The Story of the Building of a Large Office Practice</u> . Racine, Wis.: Western Printing & Lithographing Co., 1912.                       |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Burdick, Gordon G. and Theodore C.F. Abel. <u>Rational Medicine: From a Physiological Standpoint</u> . Chicago: By the Authors, 1914.  |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Carrington, Thomas Spees. <u>Fresh Air and How to Use It</u> . 2nd ed. New York: The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, 1914.                                      |   |
|            | 1 volume  | Vallery-Radot, Rene. <u>The Life of Pasteur</u> . Translated by Mr. R.L. Devonshire. Introduction by Sir William Osler. The Star Series. Garden City, N.Y.: Garden City Publishing Co., Inc., n.d. |   |
| 1 volume   | Blanchard, Charles Elton. <u>Wayside Experiences: A Collection of Plain Tales as Heard Along the Road</u> . Newark, N.J.: Physicians Drug News Company, 1913. |  |   |

Subseries B. Electrical & Vibratory Therapy

|   |           |  |
|---|-----------|--|
| 5 | 1 volume  | Neiswanger, Chas. S. <u>Electro-Therapeutical Practice</u> . 22nd ed. Chicago: Ritchie & Company, 1922.  |
|   | 1 volume  | Gottschalk, Franklin B. <u>Practical Electro-Therapeutics</u> . Chicago: T. Eisell, 1904.  |
|   | 2 volumes | Eberhart, Noble M. <u>A Working Manual of High Frequency Currents</u> . 4th and 7th ed.'s. Chicago: New Medicine Publishing Co., 1916, 1921.       |
|   | 1 volume  | de Cholnoky, Tibor. <u>Short Wave Diathermy</u> . New York: Columbia University Press, 1937.   |
|   | 1 volume  | Eberhart, Noble M. <u>A Brief Guide to Vibratory Technique</u> . 2nd ed. Chicago: New Medicine Publishing Co., 1910.                               |
|   | 1 volume  | Pilgrim, Maurice F. <u>Mechanical Vibratory Stimulation</u> . New York: The Lawrence Press, 1903.  |
|   | 1 volume  | Grafstrom, Axel V. <u>A Textbook of Mechano-Therapy: Massage and Medical Gymnastics</u> . Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders, 1899.                       |
|   | 1 volume  | Durville, H. <u>The Theory and Practice of Human Magnetism</u> . Chicago: The Psychic Research Company, 1900.                                      |
|   | 1 volume  | Munro, Henry S. <u>Handbook of Suggestive Therapeutics, Applied Hypnotism &amp; Psychic Science</u> . 3rd ed. St. Louis: C.V. Mosby Company, 1913. |

Subseries C. Sexual Problems & Childhood Diseases

|  |          |  |
|--|----------|--|
|  | 1 volume | Malchow, C.W. <u>The Sexual Life</u> . Minneapolis: The Burton Company, 1904.  |
|  | 1 volume | Robinson, William J. <u>A Practical Treatise on the Causes, Symptoms and Treatment of Sexual Impotence</u> . 9 <sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Critic and Guide Company, 1920. |
|  | 1 volume | Robinson, Byron. <u>Colpoperineorrhaphy and the Structures Involved: the Vagina and Perineum and How to Mend Them</u> . Chicago: The Clinic Publishing Co., 1899.          |
|  | 1 volume | Woodward, Charles. <u>An Original and Comprehensive Method of IntraUterine Medication...</u> Chicago: Woodward Company, 1904.  |
|  | 1 volume | Griffith, J.P. Crozer. <u>The Care of the Baby: A Manual for Mothers and Nurses</u> . 2nd ed. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders & Company, 1901.                                 |
|  | 1 volume | Holt, L. Emmett. <u>The Diseases of Infancy and Childhood</u> . New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1901.   |

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|------------|---------------|---|---|
| 5          | 1 volume      | Smith, J. Lewis. <u>A Treatise on the Diseases of Infancy and Childhood</u> . 7th ed. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1890.         |   |
|            | 1 volume      | Candler, George H. <u>The Every-Day Diseases of Children and Their Rational Treatment</u> . Chicago: The Clinic Publishing Co., 1907. |   |

#### Subseries D. Vaccine Therapy & Pharmaceuticals

|   |           |   |  |
|---|-----------|---|--|
| 6 | 2 volumes | Sherman, G.H. <u>A Physician's Manual of Vaccine Therapy</u> . Detroit: Bacteriological Laboratories, 1924.                                   |  |
|   | 1 volume  | Allen, R.W. <u>Vaccine Therapy and the Opsonic Method of Treatment</u> . 2nd ed. Philadelphia: P. Blakistons Son & Co., 1908.                 |  |
|   | 1 volume  | Servoss, George L. <u>The Hypodermic Syringe</u> . Newark, N.J.: Physician's Drug News Co., 1914.   |  |
|   | 1 volume  | Rogers, L.D. <u>Auto-Hemic Therapy</u> . 3rd ed. Chicago: Auto-Hemic Therapy Foundation Press, 1922.  |  |
|   | 1 volume  | French, J.M. <u>Elements of Active- Principle Therapeutics</u> . Chicago: The Abbott Press, 1916.   |  |
|   | 1 volume  | Shaller, John M. <u>A Therapeutic Guide to Alkaloidal-Dosimetric Medication</u> . 2nd ed. Chicago: The Alkaloidal Clinic Pub. Co., 1879.      |  |
|   | 1 volume  | <u>Ichthyol: Its History, Properties and Therapeutics</u> . New York: Merck & Co., 1913.  |  |
|   | 1 volume  | Gardner, R.W., ed. <u>Chemically Pure Hypophosphites</u> . 16th ed. New York: R.W. Gardner, 1899.   |  |
|   | 1 volume  | Ferguson, Burr. <u>Facts and Phagocytes:... the Development of Hydrochloric Acid Therapy</u> . Youngstown, Ohio: Medical Success Press, 1936. |  |

#### Subseries E. Various Specialties

|  |          |  |  |
|--|----------|--|--|
|  | 1 volume | Covey, A. Dale. <u>The Secrets of Specialists</u> . 3rd ed. Newark, N.J.: Physicians Drug News Co., 1911.                    |  |
|  | 1 volume | Blech, Gustavus M. <u>Practical Suggestions in Borderland Surgery</u> . Philadelphia: Professional Publishing Company, 1910. |  |
|  | 1 volume | Bogue, Benjamin Nathaniel. <u>Stammering: Its Causes and Cure</u> .  |  |
|  | 1 volume | Thewllis, Malford W. <u>Geriatrics</u> . Introduction by A. Jacobi and I.L. Nascher. St. Louis: C.V. Mosby Company, 1919.    |  |
|  | 1 volume | Ochsner, Edward H. <u>Chronic Fatigue Intoxication</u> . New York: G.E. Stechert & Co., 1923.                                |  |

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|------------|--|--|---|
| 6          | 1 volume   | Bouchard, Charles. <u>Lectures on Auto-Intoxication in Disease</u> . Translated with preface by Thomas Oliver. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company, 1901.               |   |
|            | 2 volumes  | Harrower, Henry R. <u>Practical Organo-Therapy: The Internal Secretions in General Practice</u> . 2nd & 3rd ed.'s Glendale, Calif.: Harrower Laboratory, 1920, 1922. |   |
| 7          | 1 volume   | Stelwagon, Henry W. <u>Treatise on Diseases of the Skin</u> . 5th ed. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Company, 1907.   |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Stelwagon, Henry W. <u>Essentials of Diseases of the Skin</u> . Saunders' Question Compend, No. 11. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders, 1890.                               |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Ball, M.V. <u>Essentials of Bacteriology</u> . Saunders' Question Compend, No. 20. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders, 1891.  |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Jackson, Edward and E. Baldwin Gleason. <u>Essentials of Diseases: Eye, Nose and Throat</u> . Saunders' Question Compend, No. 14. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders, 1892. |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Bacon, John E. <u>Catarrh</u> . Chicago: Alkaloidal Clinic Press, 1897.  |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Waugh, William F. <u>The Diseases of the Respiratory Organs</u> . Chicago: The Clinic Publishing Company, 1901.  |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Judovich, Bernard and William Bates. <u>Segmental Neuralgia in Painful Syndromes</u> . Foreword by Joseph C. Yaskin. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company, 1944.         |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Pottenger, Francis Marion. <u>Symptoms of Visceral Disease</u> . 2nd ed. St. Louis: C.V. Mosby Company, 1922.  |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Montague, J.F. <u>Troubles We Don't Talk About</u> . 2nd ed. New York: Home Health Library, 1938.  |   |
|            | 1 volume   | Herschell, George and Adolphe Abrahams. <u>Chronic Colitis</u> . London: Longmans, Green and Co., 1914.  |   |
| 1 volume   | Robinson, Byron. <u>The Abdominal and Pelvic Brain</u> . Hammond, Ind.: Frank S. Betz, 1907. |  |   |

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## Series VI. Memorabilia, Artifacts, and Ephemera

## Subseries E. Dr. James Alba Johnston Medical Instruments

**BOX 1**

## Bottles &amp; Small Items:

## Prescription Bottles:

- Strychnine
- Quinine Sulfa
- Tincture for rigid cervix
- Gelreinoid for rigid cervix
- Iron

## Pharmaceutical Bottles &amp; Boxes:

- Holadin
- Staphylox
- Subdermuis Ergot
- Chloroform Squibb
- Silver Nitrate (box)
- \*Thyuitary (full ampoules)
- \*Tetanus Antitoxin (full ampoule)

## Small Items:

- Horsehair
- Black Silk Thread
- Rubber Catheter Hose
- Glass Slides
- Tweezers (4)
- Probe
- Pipette
- Laryngeal Mirror
- Funnel
- Test Tube
- Surgical Case
- Empty Pouch

**BOX 2**

## General Medical &amp; Obstetrics-Gynecology Instruments:

## General Medical:

- Scalpels (2)
- Scissors (3)
- Forceps (4)

**BOX 2**

Obstetrics-Gynecology:

- Placenta Forceps
- Uterine Forceps
- Intra-Uterine Sound (2)
- Uterine Dilators (6)
- Curettes (3)
- Intra-Uterine Douche Nozzles (6)
- Corkscrews (3)
- Unidentified Pieces (2)

**BOX 3**

Unidentified Pieces:

- ? Metal Weights (3)
- Metal and rubber with hollow tube. Metal chamber packed with cotton.
- ? Cotton Packers (3) Wire Basket
- Closed Wire Hoop Metal Pieces (3)
- Rubber and metal piece
- "M"-shaped metal piece
- Wood and metal piece
- Straight metal piece

**BOX 4**

Instruments & Gowns:

Instruments:

- Rubber-tipped Mallets (3)
- Uterine Dilators (3)
- Hale's Vagina Speculums (4)
- Birth Forceps
- Stirrups
- Unidentified Metal Piece

Gowns:

- Size Medium
- Size 40
- Cloth Instruments Carrier (2)

**BOX 5**

Doctor's Bag (poor condition)

Ear Examiner

**BOX 6**

Shelton Deluxe Vibrator

**BOX 7**

## Instruments &amp; Accessories:

## Instruments:

Electro-Therapeutic Kit

Sphygmomanometer (blood pressure measurer)

## Accessories:

Distilled Water Ampoules (empty)

Leather Stirrups

Unidentified Leather Straps