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Title

Clement Drug Company Prescription Ledgers

Date

1892-1895 and 1909-1912

Extent

2 bound volumes, ledger books, housed in individual custom boxes. Dimensions: Medfield ledger book, 38 x 28 x 12 cm; Wellesley ledger book, 40 x 33 x 13 cm.

Name of Creator

Clement Drug Company

Biographical/Historical Note

Clement Drug first opened for business on Wellesley Square in 1908, when N. Clark Clement took over ownership of Sexton's Pharmacy. The N. Clark Clement Drug Store was an established pharmacy in the metro west area as early as the 1890s, with a pharmacy in Medfield; the 1908 acquisition Sexton's established Clement Drug as one of Wellesley's most successful and iconic businesses over the next half century.

In 1913 the pharmacy relocated from the Taylor/Norman block area to the Waban Block at the corner of Grove and Washington streets (570 Washington), rebranding itself as the Clement Drug Company. Robert C. Clement eventually took over the business from his father, and in addition to the Wellesley location, Clement also owned the Belvedere Pharmacy (opened 1925) in Wellesley Hills, as well as The College Pharmacy (opened 1927), located at the corner of Washington and Church streets. (The College Pharmacy would become the College Shoppe in 1963, when Clement converted it to a luncheonette and gift shop.)

In 1965 Paul J. Dumouchel took over as the new owners of Clement Drug and the Belvedere Pharmacy, with Clement retaining ownership of The College Shoppe. By 1989 the Wellesley Square store, known then as Eaton Apothecary, closed; the Waban Block site now houses Anderson's Jewelers and other businesses.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection is comprised of two large bound Clement Drug Company ledger books, from the Medfield location (1892-1895) and the Wellesley Square location (1909-1912). The ledger books are collections of actual prescription slips, pasted on to the pages in roughly chronological order. Each of the slips contains names and addresses of the prescribing entity or doctor, the type and amount of the prescription, and the name of the recipient. The slips also contain dates and fulfillment notations.

Library of Congress Index Terms

Business records
Drugstore customers
Drugstores
Drugstores—Management
Medfield (Mass.)
Medicine—Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
Pharmacy
Prescription writing
Record books
Wellesley (Mass.)

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Physical Access

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

N/A

Accruals

The Historical Society may add materials to this collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

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Description

DACS-compliant Finding Aid created February 2019 by Taylor Kalloch and Alden Ludlow. Processing of these items was made possible through a grant from the Wellesley Community Preservation Committee.

Bibliography

Wellesley *Townsmen* newspaper articles

July 17, 1908, p. 8 (“Dr. J. H. Sexton has sold out his drug store...”)

October 17, 1913, p. 1 (Clement Drug moves to Waban Block)

April 28, 1916, p. 1 (Advertisement page, Waban Block)

Container List

Box 1

Item: Prescription Ledger, Medfield Location; 1892-1895

Box 2

Item: Prescription Ledger, Wellesley Location; 1909-1912