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Tennessee State Library and Archives**

**DR. BAILEY BROWN SORY (1871-1940)
LEDGER BOOKS,
1893-1942**

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:

Sory, B. B. (Bailey Brown), 1871-1940

Inclusive Dates:

1893-1942

Scope & Content:

The Dr. Bailey Brown Sory (1871-1940) Ledger Books span the period 1893-1942. The collection is composed of account books, daybooks, expense books, a collections book, and a note book. The account books (v. 1-3) contain lists of individual accounts from the practice of Dr. Bailey Brown Sory in Robertson County, Tennessee. An index is included on the first several pages of each book as an aid to locate individual accounts. The collections book (v. 4) holds a list of money collected from individuals as payment on their accounts. The collections data is kept in the back of a printed book titled *The Medical Record or Physicians' Diary for 1929*, published by William Wood and Company, New York. The printed book contains helpful information for physicians such as an obstetric calendar to estimate the probable duration of pregnancy, a medicine dosage calculator, a list of contagious diseases, a list of poisons and their antidotes, signs of death, and hints on writing wills. The daybooks (v. 5-11) are a daily record of Dr. Sory's practice. They detail the names of patients seen each day, the service performed, and the amount that was charged for the service. The expense books (v. 12-13) contain the expenditures of Curtis Holt Sory, during his first year at The University of the South (Sewanee), and Anne Sory, during her time at Peabody. The note book (v. 14) is comprised of Dr. Sory's medical notes from Vanderbilt University.

Physical Description/Extent:

1 microfilm reel, 35mm

Accession/Record Group Number:

Mf. 2016

Language:

English

Permanent Location:

Mf. 2016 (available only on microfilm)

Repository:

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243-0312

Administrative/Biographical History

Bailey Brown (B. B.) Sory was born August 9, 1871, to Leona Francis Edwards and Robert Sory in Sadlersville, Robertson County, Tennessee. He married Annie Farmer Long (February 10, 1874-June 16, 1955), daughter of Sallie Farmer and James Long, on November 20, 1895. They were married in the M. E. Church South in Cedar Hill, Robertson County, Tennessee. The couple made their home in Cedar Hill and had at least six children: Margaret (b. October 16, 1896), Bailey Brown Jr. (b. January 22, 1899), James Robert (b. January 20, 1904), Curtis Holt (b. about 1909), Anne (Annie) Frances (b. about 1911), and Mary Elizabeth (b. about 1914). B. B. received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1898 and practiced medicine in Robertson County for many years. He died March 7, 1940, and is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Springfield.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

The arrangement of the collection is alphabetical by document type and then chronological.

Conditions of Access and Use**Restrictions on Access:**

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Index Terms

Personal Names:

Sory, B. B. (Bailey Brown), 1871-1940

Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:

University of the South
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University. Peabody College

Subjects:

Medicine -- Therapeutic use
Poisons -- Treatment

Geographic Names:

Cedar Hill (Tenn.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
Cedar Hill (Tenn.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Robertson County (Tenn.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
Robertson County (Tenn.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources

Document Types:

Account books
Daybooks
Lecture notes

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:

This collection was loaned to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Cecil Vaughn on April 11, 2012. The collection was microfilmed by TSLA and returned to the donor.

Processing and Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:

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The collection was reviewed and prepared for microfilming by Lori D. Lockhart, April 11, 2012.

Existence and Location of Originals:

Held privately.

Electronic Location and Access:

<http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/findingaids/mf2016.pdf>

DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

CONTAINER LIST

Contents/Item Title	Date	Box	Volume
Account book	1913-1920	1	1
Account book	1921-1930	1	2
Account book	1931-1940	1	3
Collections book	1931-1940	1	4
Daybook	October 23, 1893-October 23, 1895	1	5
Daybook	January 1, 1896-August 28, 1897	1	6
Daybook	January 1, 1899- December 31, 1901	1	7
Daybook	January 1, 1902-October 28, 1904	1	8
Daybook	1914-1919	1	9
Daybook	September 1, 1929- December 31, 1930	1	10
Daybook	July 1, 1928- August 22, 1931	1	11
Expense book	1921-1928	1	12
Expense book	1941-1942	1	13
Note book	1923-1924	1	14