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**Hickman County (Tenn.) Doctor's Daybook, 1852-1856,
and General Store Account Book, 1883-1885**

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:

Harrington, A. L. (Andrew L.), 1831-1884
Reid, John T., 1825-

Inclusive Dates:

1852-1856; 1883-1885

Scope & Content:

Two volumes containing customer account information from a Hickman County, Tennessee, doctor's practice and a general store.

Volume one is a doctor's daybook kept by Dr. John T. Reid and Dr. A. L. Harrington from 1852 to 1856. The physicians listed their patients' names with information about dates visited, services rendered, and fees charged. Some entries note treatments given to "servants," which were possibly slaves. The final page includes notes about the "investigation of diseases" and the need to "attain a knowledge of medicine" for proper diagnosis.

Volume two is written in a different hand and has an unknown author. Based on the items purchased, it appears the account book is a record of general store transactions. The entries were made between 1883 and 1885. Payments for groceries, clothing, oil, and other everyday necessities are listed under customers' names.

Both volumes include surnames of early settlers in the Lick Creek area of Hickman County, including Anderson, Clagett, Easley, Flowers, Gilmer, Martin, Totty, Webb, Younger, and others. These sources also provide a glimpse into the medical and material needs of residents in the area.

Physical Description/Extent:

1 reel microfilm; 16mm

Accession/Record Group Number:

Mf. 2049

Language:

English

Permanent Location:

Mf. 2049 (available only on microfilm)

Repository:

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

Administrative/Biographical History

Dr. John T. Reid was born in 1825 in Virginia, but before 1850 moved to the Shady Grove community of Hickman County, Tennessee. He practiced medicine in the area with Dr. A. L. Harrington. The son of Robert Harrington and Sallie Anderson, A. L. Harrington was born in 1831. The 1860 census lists him with his wife Nancy C. Harrington and son William.

Source: Information in the biographical note was gleaned from the April-June 1971 issue of "Ansearchin' News" published by the Tennessee Genealogical Society, <http://www.tngs.org/ansearchin/pdf/1971-2.pdf>.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Daybook is arranged in a somewhat chronological fashion. Entries are grouped by date, but years appear out of order. Account book includes a name index.

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Index Terms**Personal/Family Names:**

Harrington, A. L. (Andrew L.), 1831-1884
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Subjects:

Medicine -- Therapeutic use
Physicians -- Tennessee -- Hickman County -- History

Geographic Names:

Hickman County (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources

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Daybooks

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Privately held.

Electronic Location and Access:

<http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/findingaids/mf2049.pdf>

DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

CONTAINER LIST

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