

Jesse Greer book of Charokee [sic] medicine, 1887:

A Guide

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Greer, Jesse

Title: Jesse Greer book of Charokee [sic] medicine, 1887

Inclusive Dates: 1884

Abstract: The ledger documents the activities of Jesse Greer in the late 1800s and his interest in medicine.

Identification: AR4

Extent: 0.09 cubic feet (1 ledger)

Shelf location: 6:C:4

Language(s): Collection is in English.

Repository: Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives and Special Collections, Stephenville, Texas

Biographical Note/Organizational History

Jesse Greer is possibly be the person by that name who was born 22 March 1847 in McComb, Pike County, Mississippi. He was the father of Jasper Pinkney Greer (b. 15 November 1874, Ringgold, Bienville Parish, Louisiana). Jasper had a restaurant and meat market in Granbury, Hood County, Texas from about 1890 to 1905. The business was located on the west side of the courthouse square next to a livery repair and saloon. On the opposite side of the square was the Granbury Opera House. All of Jasper's younger siblings were born in Miller County, Arkansas. Jasper was married in Bowie County, Texas in 1880. It is possible that the ledger came to Tarleton State University through Jasper Greer's descendants.

Sources:

"Judia and Ralph Terry – Family and Neighbors of Coleman County, Texas. Family Tree ID: 181741; Name: Jasper Pinkney Greer," *RootsWeb World Connect Program*, accessed 10/24/2017, <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=capenoch&id=I81741>.

Scope and Contents

The ledger documents the activities of Jesse Greer in the late 1800s and his interest in medicine. The front flyleaf of the ledger contains the notation, "Jessie Greer, Texarkana, Miller County, Arkansas." Page 149 of the ledger contains the following information:

State of Arkansas

County of Miller

Know all men by these presents that I William Wilson, M.D. of the County and State aforesaid has this day gave to Jesse Greer and to his heirs my Charokee [sic] medical works and that they have a right to make use and Sell this medicines [sic] and Practice the Same by complying with the Laws of Each and Every State where he may attempt to Practice this September the 17th A.D. 1887

Dr. W. Wilson, M.D.

The ledger contains handwritten recipes for medicine describing how to mix and administer them as well as which ailments they cure. Directions of physical care are also given for some medical problems. Pages 150-156 contain directions written in a different ink. Pages 157-160 have been torn from the ledger. Pages 161-255 are blank. Page 256, the back flyleaf, and the back-end page also contain recipes. Example recipe found on page 13: "Wilson's Wonder, Greatest Indian Remedy" calls for "...Horemint, Sassafras, Organnin, Wintergreen, Cloiform, Camphor, Sulphered Either, Turpentine, Balsam of Fur, Opium, Catechue, Guiucum, Capsicum, Argamont, and Alcohol." The directions claim, "Take this medicine for all Chronic diseases for all pains it is Instant cure of Pain."

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Index Terms

Persons

Greer, Jesse
Wilson, William

Subjects

Folk medicine
Primitive medicine

Places

Miller County (Ark.)

Administrative Information

Provenance

Provenance is unknown and undocumented.

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Processing Information

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