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Biographical Note: Dr. Jesse Cleveland Pearce was born in Elliott, South Carolina, on August 22, 1888, the son of Adalaide Lee and Jesse E. Pearce, who was a leader in the organization of the town of Kershaw, and served as its first mayor. Dr. Pearce studied at the Medical College of South Carolina, received his doctor of medicine degree in 1911, and began his practice in Graniteville, which lasted more than half a century. During World War I, Dr. Pearce served with the American Expeditionary Forces and was one of a select group of medical men to serve with the British forces as well. He spent 22 months in front line trenches until poisonous gas caused his hospitalization. Dr. Pearce also received a certificate and medal for serving as an uncompensated personnel member of the Selective Service System during World War II. A South Carolina Senate Resolution in 1962 commended Dr. Pearce, for his faithful and devoted practice of medicine for more than 50 years, and for his “long, cheerful, diligent, and dedicated service to the people of Graniteville.”

Series/Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of the papers of Dr. Jesse Cleveland Pearce, who served in World War I and II. Items include diaries (1917, 1919), a pharmacopeia (1917), a splint manual (1919), a French/English dictionary used in World War I, certificates, pamphlets, and photographs, including half a dozen of World War I medicine.

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001:

00001: Biographical Material



- 00002: Wessex Field Ambulance RAMC Xmas Concert Programme (1917)
- 00003: Treasury Department Insurance Certificate (1918)
- 00004: Savings Account Book form Cox & Co. (ca. 1918)
- 00005: Receipts and Prescription Pads, Misc. (1920-1943)
- 00006: Masonic Protective Association, Application and Brochures (1921)
- 00007: Registration Certificate (1942)
- 00008: Selective Service Medal Letter (1946)
- 00009: Selective Service Medal and Ceremonies (1946)
- 00010: Photographs
- 00011: World War I Military Publications
 - *The Pharmacopoeia, General Military Hospital, Edmondton* (1917)
 - *Manual of Splints & Appliances for the Medical Department of the United States Army* (1917)
- 00012: Pocket Books
 - Diary (September-October 1917)
 - French and English Pocket Dictionary (ca. WWI)
- 00013: Diaries
 - Pocket New Testament of the Bible (1917)
 - Pocket Diary and Notebook (1919)