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PROVENANCE

The William Schleif Papers were donated to the University Archives and Records Center by Lynn W. Oliver in May 2006 (accession number 2006:36).

ARRANGEMENT

The William Schleif Papers are organized in to four series – Correspondence, Memorabilia, Miscellaneous, and Photographs – which are each arranged alphabetically.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Schleif was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 26, 1868. He studied pharmacy at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (now the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia) and earned a Ph.G. in 1890. He studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and earned a M.D. in 1895. While studying medicine he was an Assistant Demonstrator of Pharmacy and after completing his studies was an Instructor in Pharmacy,

1896-1905, and Demonstrator of Pharmacy, 1905-1910. He was Director of Physical Education at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science 1910-1913. He worked for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health as the physician of the Sixth District of Philadelphia. He also maintained a private practice for fifty years and authored *Administration of Drugs* and the textbook *Materia Medica and Therapeutics*. His wife Gertrude preceded him in death by several years. William Schleif died on January 26, 1951.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The correspondence in the William Schleif papers pertains entirely to the efforts of the executrix of his estate, Elsie Warren Heiser, to probate Dr. Schleif's will, which included giving her land in Papeete, Tahiti that originally belonged to Schleif's brother Oscar, who died in 1935. The remainder of the collection consists of photographs, memorabilia related to track meets and reunions of Schleif's medical class of 1895, and a copy of his book *Administration of Drugs* (1898).

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Occupation(s)

- Physicians--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.
- Physicians.

Personal Name(s)

- Schleif, William, 1868-1951

Subject(s)

- Pharmacy--Pennsylvania.
- Pharmacy--Practice--Handbooks, manuals, etc.

- Physical education and training--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia

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INVENTORY

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Estate Information 1948-1951	1	1
Estate Information 1953-1956	1	2
Estate Information 1959-1967	1	3
Executrix: Elsie Warren 1937-1950	1	4
Executrix: Elsie Warren 1951-1956	1	5
Executrix: Elsie Warren 1957-1959	1	6
Papeete, Tahiti property 1933-1948	1	7
Papeete, Tahiti property 1949-1951	1	8
Papeete, Tahiti property 1953-1955	1	9
MEMORABILIA	Box	Folder
Alumni Day program and Medical Class of 1895 Thirty-fifth Reunion postcard 17 June 1950	1	10
Old Guard tags 12 June 1948, 17 June 1950	1	11
Relay race measurer medal 1916	1	12
University of Pennsylvania medals and unknown key 1891, undated	1	13

MISCELLANEOUS	Box	Folder
Administration of Drugs 1898	1	14
Biographical sketch of William Schlief undated	1	15
Medicine and surgery card circa 1945	1	16
Obituary of William Schlief and cemetery certificate 1951	1	17
Schlief family coat of arms undated	1	18
PHOTOGRAPHS	Box	Folder
Dr. William Schlief, portrait March 1940	1	20
Dr. William Schlief, portrait circa 1940	1	21
Dr. William Schlief, reading undated	1	22
Medical Class of 1895 Twentieth Reunion, group photograph 1915	OS	1
Miscellaneous photos undated	1	23
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