



Gleason Family Collection

c. 1900-1950s

33 textual documents: 3 boxes (15 linear inches)

Drs. J.C. Gleason (Feb/8/1845-March/27/1908) and **Flora S. Gleason** (March/13/1850-January/17/1910.) received their homeopathic medical degrees from the Medical College of Iowa City, Iowa and later married. In 1887 they came to California, first to Santa Ana and then in December, 1887, to South Riverside where for several years they were the only physicians in the City¹. (info from obituary, Corona Courier, March 28, 1908, copy of which is in the Heritage Room bio file under Gleason)

Their son, **Vesper Avery Gleason**, married **Florence Agnes Newton**, (March 30, 1874-Jan 7, 1954), their children, **Paul R. Gleason** (Feb 10, 1899-April 17, 1970) and **Floy Gleason Clark** (Sept 17, 1895-April 13, 1966) inherited the property on 6th Street, the Drug store and home.

Paul and Floy attended the University of Redlands, Paul became a physicist and later headed the Department of Physics at Colgate University and Floy was a nurse, later a chemist and worked in a bi-products plant.

The account book, the list of patients and their complaints and treatment, plus a scrapbook compiled by the Doctors, of medicines and treatments available, provides extensive information on early medical care at the beginning of the 20th century in Corona.

Correspondence (1899-1899) from **Elmer Fern Gleason** (Sept 14, 1873-Aug 16, 1902) to his mother, Flora S. Gleason gives a soldier's account of the Filipino-American War,

The women in the family kept diaries and scrapbooks, beginning with the diary, 1869, of the mother of Flora Gleason, Mrs. Dexter P. Smith, down to her great-granddaughter, Floy Gleason. Floy's diary provides insight into the life of a teenage girl in 1912 in a small town.

¹Corona Courier. (28 March 1908). *Dr. Gleason Passed Away*. Pages 1-2.

Location: A,8 – B,1

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Gifts of: Frances M. Clark, great-granddaughter of J. C. and Flora Gleason, MDs

Call Number	Folder	Description of Records
M029/1	F1	Finding Aid & Accession Records & history of Corona from 1886-1905, written June 3, 1905 by J.C. Gleason, M.D.
Series 1		Accounts ledgers & miscellaneous business documents.
M029/1	F2	Account Book, floral illust. leather cover, dated Orange, California, 7-15-1887 to 11-19,1887. South Riverside Dec 9, 1887-Jan 15, 1892, patients' complaints, treatment and charges. Also includes addresses quotes and poetry.

M029/1	F3	Account book, dated Dysart, Iowa, February 13, 1885 to South Riverside California September 22, 1888.
M029/1	F4	Account book, dated South Riverside, California, April 7, 1888-South Riverside, California, February 4, 1891
M029/1	F5	Account book, journal dated South Riverside, April 14, 1894 to Corona, March 8, 1901
M029/1	F6	Account book, ledger, dated 1902 to 1908
M029/1	F7	Account book, ledger, dated 1895-1896 concerning saddlery business
M029/1	F8	Business license issued to Drs. J.C and Flora Gleason, dated April 1, 1905
M029/1	F9	Miscellaneous medically related notes and clippings
M029/1	F10	Stationery, Drs. Gleason dated Corona, Ca, -190-
M029/1	F11	Stationery, J.C. Gleason...Saddles...dated Corona, Ca 19__
M029/1	F12	List of voters and their ages (?) on Drs. Gleason, South Riverside, CA stationery (photocopy of)
Series 2	Correspondence, Diaries, Newspaper clippings	
M029/2	F1	Correspondence from Elmer Fern Gleason to his mother, pasted into a leather covered book, dated Los Angeles, October 2, 1899 to Catbalogan, Philippines. March 18, 1900, during Filipino-American War
M029/2	F2	Book-Miscellaneous notes concerning travel. Opening grocer store and medical information
M029/2	F3	Correspondence from the American Red Cross.
M029/2	F4	Diary of Florence Agnes Gleason, age 76, ca. 1950
M029/2	F5	Obituary of Florence Agnes Gleason, (copy, no citation)
M029/2	F6	Graduation announcement and class roll, Jun 4, 1914, Corona High School
M029/2	F7	Diary of Floy Fern Gleason, 17 years old, ca.1912.
M029/2	F8	Article Reprint form The Review of Scientific Instruments, v.3, n.10 (Oct. 1932) "New Photocell Photometer." Written by Paul R. Gleason
M029/2	F9	Newspaper clippings on Floy and Paul R. Gleason. Marriage of Floy, (no citation) Promotion of Paul R. Gleason to head of Army University in France (no citation.) Attack on Paul R. and wife in Burma by Buddhist (Corona Independent, Oct 14, 1924.)
M029/2	F10	Correspondence from University of Redlands to V. A. Gleason regarding scholarships.
M029/2	F11	Charity Birthday Party invitation from the Baptist Church, two small cloth bags attached to hold the donations.
M 029/2	F12	Advertisement: Vocalization Red Records, March 13, 1924, imprinted with H. G. Phillips, Everything in Music... Corona, CA Advertisement brochure, Riverside Realty Board, concerning sale of different groves in Riverside County, ca. 1930
M029/2	F13	Household book with remedies, recipes, and misc. formulas. Compiled by Mrs. Dexter P. Smith (mother of Flora Gleason.) Began June 27 th , 1869.
M029/2	F14	Memorial card, taken from the Corona Independent, December 1, 1910 for Lawson Newton.
M029/2	F15	Correspondence from Mrs. Merlin (Frances) Jefferies Albers, concerning family genealogy.
M029/2	F16	Genealogy of Gleason, Newton, Clark and Eder Family, compiled by Marie Clark Eder
M029/2	F17	The Alumni Register of the State University of Iowa... November 1904
M029/2	F18	Notes to Heritage Room Librarian regarding materials donated. Thank you letters from various libraries for postcard donations.
Series 3	Scrapbook	
M029/3		Scrapbook of Medical Remedies, property of Drs. J.C & Flora Gleason