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MS 42 Solis-Cohen Family Collection, 1838-1960

III. Solomon Solis-Cohen 1886-1952 3.5 Linear Feet (7 Boxes)

Introduction

Few papers were found for Solomon Solis-Cohen within the collection. Many of the materials by and about Solomon were, in his professional activity, inseparable from the papers of Myer Solis-Cohen and are located within Myer's papers.

Biographical Note

Solomon Solis-Cohen (1857-1948) was born in Philadelphia on 1 September 1857, the son of Myer David Cohen and Judith S. Solis. One of four children, his siblings included Jacob da Silva (1828-1927), Leon (1840-1884), and David (1850-1928). Solomon received his AB (1872) and MA (1877) from Central High School in Philadelphia and his MD from Jefferson Medical College in 1883. An internist and specialist in pharmacotherapeutics, Solomon was on the faculty at Jefferson from 1884-1927. His appointments included:

1884 Chief Clinical Assistant Medical Department
1885 Lecturer on Special Therapeutics
1888 Clinical Lecturer on Medicine
1902 Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
1904 Professor of Clinical Medicine
1927 Emeritus Professor

Solomon was also associated with the Philadelphia General Hospital (1887-1927), the Jewish Hospital (1887-1927), the Philadelphia Polyclinic and College for Graduates in Medicine (1887-1902), Rush Hospital for Consumptives (1890-1920), and the State Hospital for the Insane in Norristown, PA (1900-1924). While lecturing in medicine, Solomon also taught science in Philadelphia schools and was a lecturer at the College of Pharmacy and Sciences. In addition to his medical profession, Solomon, who was educated at Jewish Theological Seminary, was a Hebrew scholar and translator.

In 1885, Solomon married Emily Grace Solis (1859-). Their children included Emily Elvira (1886-1966), David Hays (1887-1978), Leon (1889-1965), and Francis Nathan (1892-). Solomon died on 12 July 1948 at the age of ninety.

Scope and Contents

This portion of the collection consists of materials by and about Solomon Solis-Cohen from 1886-1952. Chiefly reprints, other materials include correspondence, medical manuscripts,

patient records, biographical memoirs (several written after Solomon's death by Myer), and a few of Solomon's theological writings in various Jewish publications. The majority of the materials document Solomon's clinical research at the Mastbaum Laboratory of the Jewish Hospital, including information on meningococci infection, diphtheria, vasomotor ataxis, and tuberculosis. Also included in the collection are medical records, biographical papers, and published works of George D. Heist. Heist conducted significant scientific work under his mentor, Solomon, at Mastbaum, and also with Myer. Because his work was chiefly with Solomon, the Heist papers are primarily concentrated in Solomon's clinical papers and published works in series B.4 and B.5.

Organization and Arrangement

The collection is organized into three series that are further divided into subseries

A Personal papers

- 1 Early years
- 2 Family correspondence
- 3 Jewish, social and civic affairs
- 4 Non-medical papers
- 5 Honors
- 6 Historical documents and publications

B Medical papers

- 1 Biography
- 2 Education
- 3 Military and governmental service
- 4 Clinical practice, research and teaching
- 5 Published works
- 6 Patient records.
- 7 Appointment records, clinical practice diaries
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- 9 Medical societies
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- 11 History of medicine

C. Related materials

1. Artifacts
- 2 Photographs and pictorial works

Related Materials within the Collection

IV.B.6 Contains Solomon's correspondence to Myer, principally on medical topics or patients including the treatment of Myer's son David for multiple sclerosis.

I.C.4 Contains genealogical correspondence with Myer.

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B. Professional papers

1. Biography

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- 1.7 Biography. Solis-Cohen, Myer. Some notable medical achievements of Solomon Solis-Cohen. Ms. as read [a medical biography]. ca. 1949
- 1.8 Biography. Solis-Cohen, Myer. In memorial, [Biographical memoir of Solomon Solis-Cohen], Clinical Proceedings, Jewish Hospital, September - December 1949. 1949
- 1.9 Correspondence. Medico-Historical Press. Correspondence re: S. Kagan's book, *Jewish Medicine*, which includes Jacob and Solomon Solis-Cohen. 1952
- x Correspondence. See also genealogical correspondence in I.C. for Hays Solis-Cohen correspondence regarding Solomon. 1952
- x B.2. Education and B.3. Public medical service. The papers of Solomon do not include records regarding his medical education or manuscripts of public health services. 1952

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B. Professional papers

4. Clinical practice, research and teaching

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| 2.2 | Meningococci. Heist, et al. A study of the virulence of meningococci for man and of human susceptibility to meningococci infection. As read: Am. Assoc. of Pathologists & Bacteriologists and Am. Assoc. Immunologists. 25 March 1921 (typescripts). | | 1921 |
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| 2.4 | Pharmacotherapeutics. Address to American Pharmaceutical Association, September 1907. | | 1907 |
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| 2.7 | Protein sensitivity. Solis-Cohen, Solomon. Supporting references. Citations of Solomon's work by Alexander Sterling in results of tests for food protein sensitiveness. | | 1918 |
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| 5.10 | Reprints. The antitoxin treatment of diphtheria. The Medical Fortnightly, p. 181, 1 April 1897. | 1897 |
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6. Patient records

- x Cross reference. See IV.B.6. Myer Solis-Cohen's patient records 1930-1934
for extensive Solomon/Myer correspondence related to patients
who were subjects in joint clinical research studies at the
Mastbaum Laboratory, including correspondence re: David Solis-
Cohen (brother to Solomon), and David's progress reports and
correspondence with both in relation to the clinical course of his
multiple sclerosis.

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C. Related materials

- x Cross reference. Photographs. See VI. Solis-Cohen family ca. 1902

photographs for the following: Portraits of David Solis-Cohen and Solomon Solis-Cohen, sepia in appearance: 2 items; 1 portrait of David Solis-Cohen, 3" by 5" framed; 1 portrait of Solomon Solis-Cohen, 3_ " by 5_ " mounted, ca 1902; and a publication photoprint of Solomon, ca. 1940-1948.