

**Frank N. Britcher Collection**  
**Adams County Historical Society**

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**LOCATION:** Room 203, Rack 2, Shelf D

**PREFACE**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Frank N. Britcher Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in 1984 from Mrs. Frank Britcher. The collection was processed by Julian Newton Weiss in 2013.

The collection focuses mainly on pharmaceutical practices and study during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, but also would be of use for examining resident’s views of World War I, militarism, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gettysburg, the Red Scare, or as a case study of a pharmacist, member of the Knights of Pythias, and WWI veteran.

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**PREFERRED CITATION**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Frank Neal Britcher (10 September 1891 – 17 February 1965) was a pharmacist who operated the Britcher & Bender Drug Store on Chambersburg Street in the building of the former James Gettys Hotel. Frank graduated from the University of Maryland in 1914, and entered the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1921. Frank was also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He volunteered and entered the Army on June 24, 1918. On June 14, 1922 he married Hilda Violetta Stambaugh. He is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection is made up of books, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, newspapers, notes, tests, correspondences, certificates, and pharmaceutical recipes. The collection has a few items from as early as the 1880s, but mostly concerns the time period from 1914 to 1925, with a few items up to Frank Britcher's death.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series I – Miscellaneous papers and books**

This series consists of the following: Bank statements, drug orders, dog licenses, class schedules, test papers from college, graded papers from college, commencement and graduation announcements, newspaper clippings and problem solving papers, advertising cards, books. Diplomas and certificates from the service, high school, college, photographs, and information on different clubs, 1910-1922.

### **Series II – Notebooks**

This series consists of the following: Notebooks with remedies for ailments, prescriptions and some instructions on how to make and mix alcoholic drinks. Also has a notebook with newspaper clippings, the carriage list for the funeral of Annie E. Britcher, dated April 11, 1922, a third large book with newspaper clippings, 1913-1959.

### **Series III – Letters, booklets, notebooks**

This series consists of the following: A small box of letters from Frank during the European war, 14 letters written between 1917 and 1922, 1882. Many other letters written to Frank and from Frank, some from his friends at the White House, two song books about the war and 3 draft card notices, an envelope with pamphlets, papers, handbills and certificates. Two notebooks with Frank's hand writing for his course in Chemistry and Dispensing Pharmacy during his senior year at University of Maryland.

## **CONTAINER LISTING**

### **Box #1**

- 1-1 Bank statements, three checkbooks.
- 1-2 Photographs, about fifty, a few negatives, mostly on card stock.
- 1-3 Miscellaneous information, many notes, correspondence (some still in envelopes), on clubs, Knights of Pythias, pharmacies.
- 1-4 Drug orders, dog licenses, class schedules, eight papers
- 1-5 Test papers.
- 1-6 Graded papers.
- 1-7 Commencement & Graduation announcements, 1910, 1914, twelve documents.
- 1-8 Newspaper Clippings.

- 1-9 Advertising cards.
- 1-10 Miscellaneous books, titles: *Attempted Assassination of President Garfield*, 1881, *University of Maryland: Department of Pharmacy, 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Announcement, 1914-1915*, *Lancaster County Dog Protective Association*, January 5-6, 1922, “Me & Ceasar”, a pharmaceutical ad, *University of Maryland Department of Pharmacy, 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Announcement, 1913-1914*, and *Memoirs of my Days in the Service* – nothing written in this book.
- 1-11 Diplomas & Certificates, five documents.

### **Box #2**

- 2-1 Notebook, two ring, full of newspaper clippings, concerning in part World War I and veteran’s affairs, 1913-1920
- 2-2 Notebook, leather bound, with remedies and prescriptions and how to mix alcoholic drinks.
- 2-3 Notebook, seven-ring leather bound, with remedies and prescriptions, newspaper clippings, notes, and picture of child in military uniform, 1943-1959.
- 2-4 Large book on Geography of Pennsylvania pasted over with newspaper clippings of veteran and battle memorials, heavily concerning 50th anniversary reenactments, 1913, anti-communist propaganda, Gettysburg Times full paper May 30, 1921, June 5, 27, 1951, 1929, 1936.

### **Box #3**

- 3-1 Box of letters during World War I – 1919, still in envelopes.
- 3-2 Correspondence dated 1917 to 1922, reception invitation 1882 to Jacob Britcher.
- 3-3 Miscellaneous letters and booklets.
- 3-4 Two War Song Booklets/Three Draft Notices.
- 3-5 Pamphlets, papers, handbills & certificates.
- 3-6 Dispensing Pharmacy Notes.
- 3-7 Senior Chemistry Notes.