
Collection Description:

My Memoirs by Hughes, which were completed shortly before his death. This 74 page book (copyright Horton E. Hughes, Shawnee, 1951) about the pioneer physician reveals his courage, devotion to his profession, affection for humanity, and adventurous sportsmanship. He quit school at 12; farmed and herded sheep in Wyoming; was the janitor of the Marysville Seminary when he began his formal education at 20. While in medical school, he worked as a paper boy, book agent and carpenter. He graduated from Chicago in 1906 and came at once to Oklahoma Territory. He practiced for 12 years with Dr. Wells of Shawnee. After his office was destroyed by fire, he organized with Drs. R. M. Anderson and F.L. Carson the A.C.H. Clinic of Shawnee, which operated on a "gentlemen's agreement" without a written contract. He was a captain during World War I. He toured Europe, South America, and Russia, and hunted big game in Alaska and Africa. His account is full of observations from the viewpoint of a practical and scientific physician (1878-1946).