

# Forty Cords of Wood Manuscript Collection (AC30)

## *Introduction*

The Forty Cords of Wood Manuscript Collection contains manuscript pages for Dr. John E. Perry's autobiography *Forty Cords of Wood: Memoirs of a Medical Doctor*, published by Lincoln University in 1947.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: John E. Perry  
Title: Forty Cords of Wood Manuscript Collection  
Dates: ca. 1947  
Size: 0.08 linear feet, 1 box  
Collection Number: AC30

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

## *Citation Note*

Forty Cords of Wood Manuscript Collection (AC30), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

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## *Historical Sketch*

Dr. John E. Perry, physician and surgeon, was born in Clarksville, Texas, in 1870. He came to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1903 and opened a private hospital, Perry Sanitarium, in 1910. Dr. Perry was instrumental in the founding of Wheatley-Provident Hospital in 1916 and served the medical needs of Kansas City's African American community at that hospital and General Hospital No. 2 for thirty-one years. Dr. Perry retired to Houston, Texas, where he died in 1962.

Dr. Perry's autobiography, *Forty Cords of Wood: Memoirs of a Medical Doctor*, was published by Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, in 1947. A complete copy of the autobiography is shelved with rare books.

## *Scope and Content Note*

This collection consists of undated manuscript pages for Dr. John E. Perry's autobiography, *Forty Cords of Wood: Memoirs of a Medical Doctor*. The collection includes original manuscript pages numbered consecutively 783-834, covering chapters 37-39 of the final book. The collection also includes original photograph pages, which were found separated from the other original manuscript pages, and photocopies of the original manuscript pages with photocopies of original photograph pages inserted as they appear in the final book.

### ***Collection Inventory***

- f. 1 Manuscript pages, pp. 783-834, ca. 1947
- f. 2 Photograph pages, ca. 1947
- f. 3 Manuscript pages, pp. 783-834, ca. 1947 (photocopies)

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