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## **Berkey, Vernon A., Collection, MS 237**

### **Overview of the Collection**

<b>Title</b>	The Vernon A. Berkey Collection
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS 237
<b>Dates</b>	Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> Century
<b>Collection Size</b>	5 linear feet
<b>Creator</b>	Vernon A. Berkey and Elizabeth B. Moore
<b>Scope and Content</b>	A collection of medical equipment of Dr. Vernon A. Berkey, who worked in the medical field from 1943-2000.
<b>Repository:</b>	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
<b>Languages</b>	English

**Biographical Note** Vernon Atkeson Berkey was born in 1918 at Fortuna, Missouri. He attended and graduated from Mulberry (Kansas) High School in 1936. Berkey attended and graduated from the University of Kansas University and subsequently graduated from KU Medical School in 1943, joining the US Army Medical Corps shortly after, and served during World War II. During this time, he worked at a field hospital in the Philippines before being transferred to Fort Devin, Massachusetts as a Hospital Commander. Following the war, he completed a fellowship in radiology at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Berkey began working at Wadsworth Hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas during which he met his wife, Suzanne Anderson. In 1954, Dr. Berkey began working at Mt Carmel Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas (today's Ascension Via Christi), where he would work for nearly 50 years, as well as the Ft. Scott and Chanute Radiology Departments. He retired in 2000. In 2002, the Vernon A. Berkey Imaging Center for Women was dedicated at the Mt. Carmel Hospital. Dr. Berkey's daughter, Elizabeth B. Moore followed in her father's footsteps to pursue a career in the medical field, and donated the collection to Pittsburg State University in 2011.

**Processing Note**

Collection processed in October 2019

**Content Description**

This collection is primary sources and is divided into the following series:

1. Medical Items
  - a. Medicine Bottles and Labels
  - b. Medical Tools
  - c. Medical Bag
2. Vernon A. Berkey Items
  - a. Wallet
  - b. Valise
  - c. Sign
3. A. J. Griner Company Microscope Box
  - a. Microscope

**Detailed Description of the Collection**

**Series 1: Medical Items**

Medicine Bottles

Medicine Labels and Boxes

Tools:

- Head Mirror
- Ear and nose scope
- Metal vial or device
- Radium Company metal cylinder/container
- Pipet

Monogrammed Medical Bag (Outside Box)

**Series 2: Vernon A. Berkey Items**

- Slide rule
- Monogrammed Prince Gardner wallet and key gard
- Monogrammed valise
- Sign: Vernon A. Berkey Imaging Center for Women

**Series 3: A. J. Griner Company Microscope Box**

- Microscope
- Lenses
- Prepared slides
- Colored pencils
- Rulers
- Insect/pest book

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- Microscope guide

Also donated by Elizabeth B. Moore are two books:

*Physical Foundations of Radiology*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., 1961

*Anatomy of the Human Body*, Lea & Febiger, 1936