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**DR. E.P. BANNING COLLECTION
CA. 1890S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION
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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: See also: *Dr. Banning's patent lace, or body brace, for the relief or cure of spinal affections, bleeding at the lungs, and all weaknesses of the body requiring support*: Pamphlet Collection: RD73 .T75 B3 1848.

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Edmund Prior Banning was born in Canfield, Ohio on 3 June 1810 to Benjamin (1780–1827) and Peggy Tanner Banning (1782–1810). Peggy died while giving birth to Edmund. While still an infant, Edmund was left with his maternal grandfather, Tryal Tanner, who became his guardian. The grandfather disinherited Edmond at age eighteen because Edmund wanted to study medicine rather than to farm as five generations of Tanners had done. Edmund then went to live with his uncle, Archibald Tanner, in Warren, Pennsylvania, until he was twenty-one. Edmund learned medicine from a doctor in Titusville, Pennsylvania, beginning around 1832. At some point he studied at the Medical College of Evansville in Indiana.

Edmund married Lydia Humiston Peck in Centerville, Pennsylvania, on 7 May 1834. They had ten children, the first eight of whom were born in Titusville. There were five boys and five girls. The fifth child was Edmund Prior Banning, Jr., born 28 February 1845, who would eventually follow in his father's professional footsteps.

Around 1850 the Bannings moved to New York City, where Edmund, Sr., specialized in the field of mechanical pathology. He designed, patented, and sold an adjustable brace to correct a multitude of problems. He opened "Dr. Banning's Institute of Medico-Mechanology for the Treatment of Chronic Disease (consumption, bronchitis, dyspepsia, diseases of the heart, general debility, melancholia, hypochondria, spinal derangements and other deformities of body, chronic diarrhea, hemorrhoids, constipation, the several varieties of hernia, prolapsus uteri and the protean group of symptoms called female weaknesses)." He published extensively and became a popular lecturer. He died in Mount Vernon, New York on 8 January 1892.

Edmund, Jr., enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1861 at the outbreak of the Civil War, later becoming lieutenant. After the war he attended the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery and the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College. Later he lectured on orthopedics at the Herring Medical College in Fort Wayne, Ind. He married four times; his first two wives died, and the third marriage ended in divorce. He had five children by his third wife, Carina Carpenter, whom he wed on 11 February 1879 in Geneva, New York. This third wife, also known as Carrie Belle Carpenter Banning (born 11 February 1857 in Phelps, New York), earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1877, and later also graduated from the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery. She opened an office in Fort Wayne in 1898, and was a member of the Indiana Institute of Homeopathy and the Allen County Homeopathic Medical Society.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of two photographs, one pamphlet, and one newspaper clipping.

Series 1, Photographs: The two photographs show Banning orthopedic braces worn by a man and by mannequins.

Series 2, Pamphlet: The pamphlet contains an article written by Dr. E.P. Banning, M.D. (presumably, E.P. Banning, Jr.), entitled *Compound Adjustable Support Versus The Plaster Jacket*. It is a 32-page pamphlet that was published in 1893 or later.

Series 3, Newspaper Article: This is an undated clipping from the *Marion Leader* (Marion, Ind.), of a short article with the headline "The BANNING Method of Curing Spinal Diseases, Paralysis, Rupture." The article announces a lecture by J.B. Casebeer, examining surgeon of the Fort Wayne branch of the Banning Institute, to be held at the Spencer House in Marion, Ind. (This is probably referring to Dr. Jacob Casebeer [1839–1909].)

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Series 1: Photographs

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Cabinet card photo showing the back of a man standing wearing a Banning orthopedic brace (photo by Agnew of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, ca. 1890s).

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Mounted photo of mannequins wearing Banning orthopedic braces. Note written on back indicates that they were "shipped to the Paris International Exposition where the (sic) won the Highest Awards."

Photographs, Folder 1

Series 2: Pamphlet

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Publication titled *Compound Adjustable Support Versus The Plaster Jacket*, by E.P. Banning, M.D. (This was presumably written by the son, Dr. Edmund Prior Banning, Jr. It is a 32-page pamphlet that was published in 1893 or later.)

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Photographs, Folder 1

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