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INTRODUCTION

Dr. Jeremiah MacDonald (1859-1918)

Just before his death in 1918, Jeremiah MacDonald wrote: "I was born (May 22, 1859 at 2 p.m.) in (sic) Fiftieth Street, between Third and Lexington Avenues, New York City. The old homestead has been torn down long ago (sic) and rows of tenements now occupy the site. The `old number' of the house was 129, the number of the house which now stands on the spot where I first seen (sic) the light, is Number 151.

"My mother (Rebecca Ann Howland), grandmother, and greatgrandmothers for seven generations were also born in New York City. My father (also Jeremiah MacDonald), grandfather, and greatgrandfathers for six generations were all born at old Bull's Ferry on the Hudson River about
opposite Seventieth Street, New York. My father's people were of Scotch descent. My mother's people originally came from France, but married in (sic) the old Dutch families of New York."


 Jeremiah "was educated in the city schools, public and private...He began life as a real estate agent in New York City, and continued for several years with offices at 171 Broadway, At last...he entered the Chicago Medical College where he was graduated M.D. in 1893."

ibid. biographical sketch of the MacDonald family.

At the time of his death, Jeremiah had accumulated a number of degrees, some of which he had conferred upon himself for advertising purposes.

1966 taped interview with Mrs. Marion Rury, Jeremiah's granddaughter.

After graduation, Jeremiah practiced medicine first in Detroit, Michigan, then in Middletown, N.Y., and finally in Binghamton, N.Y., where he moved in 1895. At some point, probably while in Detroit, he was affiliated with Saint Lukes Hospital of Niles, Michigan (see document E-4).

In 1897, Jeremiah started selling his "Atlas Compound" which he made "in a small back kitchen"


of his Washington Street home. During that same year he started the Atlas Printing Company, which printed and sold his MacDonald's Farmers Almanac.

As the business grew, the building was expanded until in 1923, it occupied 10, 000 square feet at 9-15 Susquehanna Street and 53-55 Washington Street. As of that year, plans were being made to raze the old building and erect a new 25, 000 square foot building on the same site.

ibid. p.40

(I do not know if the plans were ever carried out.)

Upon Jeremiah's death on June 19, 1918, ownership of the business passed to his wife, Alida Mary MacDonald, and his two sons, Arthur C. and Reuben H. MacDonald. Arthur bought out his mother and brother, and became sole owner of the business in January 1919. Reuben went into the trucking business.

see note 3

**Arthur C. MacDonald (1884-1951)**

Arthur Cleveland MacDonald was born on August 28, 1884, in Fairview, New Jersey. "He received his early education in the public schools of Middletown, New York and in the Binghamton graded and high schools, and when his formal school training was completed, found employment in a cigar manufactory in the shipping department, where he remained for about four years. At the end of
that time, he became associated with the advertising and shipping department of his father's business, and remained there about five years, then went to Syracuse, New York.”

op. cit. (see note 2)

He married Fannie M. Noyes on Sept. 12, 1906. Arthur and his wife lived in Syracuse, where he worked as a waiter at “The Kirk Dining Room.”

article in the Syracuse, N.Y. Post-Standard (newspaper), Feb. 19, 1919 - “Mac, ' Waiter At Kirk, Falls Heir To $50, 000” Page 7.

Upon his father's death in 1918, Arthur came to Binghamton, and assumed control of the business in January 1919. Soon after, he had a house built at 31-33 Riverside Drive, where he resided for many years.

op. cit. (see note 4)

Under his leadership, the business continued to grow. Although medicine sales decreased in volume, sales of the almanac and other books increased to more than offset the decline. The business peaked around the time of World War Two.

see note 3

Soon after this, the medicines were discontinued. The healing powder was retired in 1954, and all medicine sales were ended by about 1958.

Telephone conversation with Mr. Franklin Rury (current owner of Atlas) on May 8, 1978.

Upon Arthur C. MacDonald's death in late November, 1951, his wife Fannie, and daughter Marion, assumed control of the business. In 1966, Marion and her husband Franklin Rury became the sole owners of the business, which by then was only the Atlas Printing Company.

ibid. (see note 11)

**Atlas Printing Company (1897 -)**

The Atlas Printing Company was started by Dr. Jeremiah MacDonald in 1897, when he published his first almanac. He subsequently wrote and published *Secrets of Astrology Revealed* and *Dr. MacDonald's Dream Book*. These three publications were the only things both printed and sold by Atlas.

In addition to the three books he wrote, MacDonald, through Atlas, sold a variety of publications of other companies on different topics in the "occult sciences." This practice of retailing other firms' publications continues to this day (1978).

As of May, 1978, the business is still called the “Atlas Printing Company,” and is located at 327 Water Street, in Binghamton. They currently sell only two of the original three MacDonald publications (the almanac and the Dream Book), and still retail a line of publications of other firms on the occult. (see "Miscellaneous Books and Booklets" and Appendix 2)
THE COLLECTION

This collection mainly consists of orders for MacDonald's merchandise and bills to the company. Also included are samples of MacDonald's products (see "Copies of MacDonald's Farmers Almanac" and "MacDonald's Medicines"), some of Jeremiah's diploma's and certificates (see "Diplomas, Degrees, and Certificates of Jeremiah MacDonald"), and some family photographs (see "Photographs and Postcards").

It is not definitely known how the State University of New York at Binghamton acquired the collection. It is possible that it was donated by Mrs. Marion Rury (Dr. Jeremiah MacDonald's granddaughter) sometime around 1966.

It has been subsequently learned that the MacDonald Collection was purchased accidently along with some printing equipment from the Atlas Printing Company. Prof. Ken Lindsay of the Art Department had arranged for the purchase of hand presses circa. 1966. The occasion was an auction sponsored by the Johnson City Press.

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CONTAINER LIST

Part 1

Box (Box #1)
Title: DOMESTIC ORDERS FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

Description
Orders from the 50 states and District of Columbia for the medicinal products sold by "Dr. MacDonald's Atlas Compound". These include Atlas Compound, Ac-So Tablets, Atlas Ointment, Healing Powder (discontinued about 1954), and Apple Blossom Skin Soap. Orders are arranged alphabetically by state of origin. Orders are NOT in chronological sequence, and cover the period from about 1944-1957. Includes orders for both medicines alone, and medicines and books. For Books alone, see "Domestic Book Orders."

Inventory:
file #, state(s), total # of documents

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Container 4
California
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Container 5
Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, and Iowa
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Container 6
Florida
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Container 7
Georgia
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Container 8
Illinois
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Container 9
Indiana
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Container 10
Kansas
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Container 11
Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mass., Minn., Mont., and Neb.
68

Container 12
Louisiana
60

Container 13
Michigan
90

Container 14
Mississippi
94

Container 15
Missouri
57

Container 16
94

Container 17
New York
71

Container 18
Ohio
86
Description
Orders from the 50 states and District of Columbia for various publications printed and sold by the "Atlas Printing Company:" Mac Donald's Farmer's Almanac, Secrets of Astrology Revealed, and Dr. MacDonald's Dream Book. Also included are orders for publications of other companies that were retailed by the Atlas Printing Company, most notably Solar Biology, The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses, books on palmistry, hypnotism, mind reading, and other "occult sciences," as well as dictionaries and bibles.
Orders cover the period from Nov. 1944 to May 1957 with some gaps. Orders are arranged alphabetically by state of origin, and are in chronological order within each folder.
NOTE: If document is dated only with year, date of answer (rubber-stamped date) was used for chronology. Postmarks were used, when present, in preference to date of answer. Those documents with no year were classified as "undated," and are at the end of each folder.
Orders for books only. For orders for medicines alone, and both medicines and books, see "Domestic Orders for Medicinal Products."

Inventory:
file #, State(s), Dates, # undtd., total # of documents

Container 1
Alabama 3/47 - 2/57 - 27

Container 2
Arkansas 2/47 - 5/56 4 48

Container 3
Arizona, Colo., Conn., Dela. 5/46 - 5/57 - 22

Container 4
California 12/44 - 2/58 1 46

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Florida 7/47 - 4/57 1 30
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Title: ORDERS FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FROM ABROAD

Description
Orders from foreign countries and U.S. possessions (such as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) for the medicinal products sold by "Dr. MacDonald's Atlas Compound." These include Atlas Compound, Ac-So Tablets, Atlas Ointment, Healing Powder (discontinued about 1954), and Apple Blossom Skin Soap.
Orders are arranged alphabetically by place of origin. Orders are NOT in chronological sequence, and cover the period from about 1944-1957.
Includes orders for both medicines alone, and medicines and books. For Books alone, see "Book Orders From Abroad."

Inventory:
file #, Place of Origin, Total # of documents
Container 1
the Bahamas, British Honduras, & the Belgian Congo
18

Container 2
British West Indies (B.W.I.) Misc.
42

Container 3
Canada
25

Container 4
Canal Zone
28

Container 5
Costa Rica
16

Container 6
Cuba
103

Container 7
Curacao (N.W.I.)
51

Container 8
Dominican Rep., Dutch Guiana, French Camaroon, French Guiana, and the French Ivory Coast
14

Container 9
Haiti, Holland, the Rep. of Honduras, & the Fr. Ivory Cst.
Title: BOOK ORDERS FROM ABROAD

Description
Orders from foreign countries and U.S. possessions (such as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) for publications printed and sold by the "Atlas Printing Company:" MacDonald's Farmers Almanac, Secrets of Astrology Revealed, and Dr. MacDonald's Dream Book. Also included are orders for publications of other companies that were retailer by the Atlas Printing Company, most notably Solar Biology, The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses, books on palmistry, hypnotism, mind reading, and other "occult sciences," as well as dictionaries and bibles.
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Orders for books only. For orders for both medicines and books, and Medicines alone, see "Orders for Medicinal Products from abroad.

Inventory:
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Container 1
the Bahamas, Bermuda, and British Guiana
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Container 2
Belgian Congo, French Camaroon, French Guiana, Gold Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, and Togo
34

Container 3
British Honduras
50

Container 4a
British West Indies (B.W.I.) Misc.- folder #1
125

Container 4b
British West Indies (B.W.I.) Misc.- folder #2
135

Container 5
Canada
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Container 6
Canal Zone
79

Container 7
Columbia, Guatemala, Mexico, and Nicaragua
35

Container 8
Costa Rica
43

Container 9
Cuba
129

Container 10
Curacao (N.W.I.)
87

Container 11
Dominican Republic
21

Container 12
Great Britain, Haiti, and the Republic of Honduras
32

Container 13a
Jamaica (B.W.I.) Misc. - folder #1
173

Container 13b
Jamaica (B.W.I.) Misc. - folder #2
91

Container 14
Netherlands Windward Islands (N.W.I.) Misc.
73

Container 15
Republic of Panama
34

Container 16
Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (U.S.A.)
85

Container 17
Venezuela
30

Total---- 1363

*Title:* BILLS, RECEIPTED BILLS, AND MISC. BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

*Description*
Bills from various companies for office equipment, supplies, maintenance, fuel (Coal and Oil), stationary, printing equipment and supplies, chemicals, bottles, and miscellaneous services. Also included are some personal bills, mostly of Arthur C. MacDonald such as auto repair bills, bills for jewelery, groceries, work done on his home, tax and utility bills, etc. Bills are organized by type, and are NOT in chronological order. Bills cover the period from about 1905 to 1935.

folders 1-11 in Box #4
folders 12a-19 in Box #5.

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Title: COPIES OF MACDONALD’S FARMERS ALMANAC

Description
24 copies of MacDonald’s Almanac for various years.

Inventory:
Number, Year, # of copies
Box (Box #6)
A-1941 1941 one
A-1942 1942 two
A-1943 1943
Box (Box #7)

Title: MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOKS OF MACDONALD’S COMPANIES

Description/Inventory:


Checks #1387 - 1596 remaining

(Checks # 1384-1386 missing. Entire page was removed.)

B-2 Bankbook. Account of A. C. MacDonald with the Citizen's Bank of Binghamton. Account opened 3/25/25. Last entry 12/20/25. (The next four books may be from a bookkeeping course. They are not records of either the Atlas Printing or Atlas Compound Companies.)

B-3 "Journal" record of expenses, 1905-6. A.C. MacDonald.

B-4 "Trial Balance Book" Record of accounts, 1905. A. C. MacDonald.

B-5 "Ledger" company resources, 1905. A.C. MacDonald.

B-6 "Invoice Book" records of accounts, 1906. A.C. MacDonald.

B-7 Employee Time Books. Record of days worked and amount paid to each employee. Seven (7) books covering March 1907 to Sept. 1928, inclusive.

(Note: Employees listed by name.)

a) March 1907 to
Dec. 1910
b) Jan. 1911 to Nov. 1913
c) Dec. 1913 to Oct. 1916
d) Nov. 1916 to Sept. 1919
e) Oct. 1919 to Aug. 1922
f) Sept. 1922 to Aug. 1925
g) Aug. 1925 to Sept. 1928

B-8 Record of Accounts Receivable and Payable, as well as cash on hand, etc. c.1913.

Box (Box #6)
Title: MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

Description
Publications of various companies that were probably sold by the Atlas Printing Company. Also included are four U.S. Department of Agriculture bulletins which were used in various issues of the MacDonald's Farmers Almanac. All books and booklets are arranged in chronological sequence by date of publication.

Inventory:

C-1 Poor Richard Jr.'s Almanac - (reprint from the Saturday Evening Post) 1906.
C-2 Farmer's Almanac - (not MacDonald's) 1906.
C-3 Poor Richard's Lacopetine Almanack for ye Doctor - 1911.
C-5 Raphael's Almanack - 1921.
C-6 Hick's Almanac and National Weather Book - 1924.
C-7 The Astrological Bulletina - 1924.
C-8 Practical Astrology for Everybody - 1925, by Llewellyn George.
C-9 The Astrological Bulletina - 1925.
C-10 Some Common Birds Useful to the Farmer - U.S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin #630 - 1926 revised edition.
   (NOTE: was used in the 1936 edition of MacDonald's Almanac).
C-11 Raphael's Almanack - 1928.
C-12 Foulsham's Old Moore's Almanack - 1928.
   (NOTE: Was used in 1932 edition of MacDonald's Almanac).
C-14 McKesson's First Aide in Emergencies - 1930.
Box (Box #8)

Title: GRAPHICS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS, MISC. ILLUSTRATIONS, AND SIGNS.

Description
Drawings of charts, advertisements, etc. from various MacDonald publications. Also included are the original drawings of labels for various MacDonald medicines. In some cases, the original drawing and a printed "proof" are included.

Inventory:

D-1 Printed palm card advertisement for Atlas Compound.
D-2 Graphic for Atlas Ointment. In pen and ink.
D-3 Printed proof of graphic D-2.
D-4 11 copies of a printed sign "MacDonald's Farmers Almanac Sold Here" with drawing of a bust of Dr. J. MacDonald.
D-5 Printed price list for almanacs in quantities between 8 and 1000[UNK]
D-6 Graphic of "Famous People" probably for almanac.
D-7 pen and ink illustration "How to Win At Any Kind of Speculation Using the Science of Numerology."
D-8 ink and pencil "Perpetual Calendar” on yellow cardboard.
D-9 large pen and ink perpetual calendar on white cardboard.
D-10 Pen and ink drawing of a box of Apple Blossom Skin Soap.
D-11 Pen and ink drawing of a farm scene, with "Dr. MacDonald's Atlas Compound 1897" on side of barn.
D-12 Pen and ink drawing of Atlas Printing/Compound factory building.
D-13 Pen and ink chart of "Positions of the Moon for 1935" (3 crossed [UNK] & replaced [UNK]
D-14 Pen and ink drawing of Atlas Compound Advertisement
D-16 Pen and ink drawing of box of Atlas Compound.
Box (Box #8)

**Title:** DIPLOMAS, DEGREES, AND CERTIFICATES (of Jeremiah MacDonald)

**Description**
Diplomas, degrees, and certificates of graduation from various educational institutions. Also included are three certificates from various county clerks certifying Jeremiah MacDonald as a doctor of medicine (M.D.).

**Inventory:**
- E-1 letter from Tarrant County (Fort Worth, Texas)
Clerk certifying Jeremiah MacDonald as being a doctor of medicine of record. Dated June 1899.

E-2 Diploma awarding a “Doctor of Psychology” degree to Jeremiah MacDonald from the Chicago School of Psychology. Dated Dec. 1, 1899.

E-3 letter from Shawnee County (Topeka, Kansas) Clerk certifying that Jeremiah MacDonald as an M.D. of record. March 26, 1901.

E-4 Certificate from Saint Lukes Hospital of Niles, Michigan, stating that Dr. Jeremiah MacDonald was a staff doctor and “entitled to the rights and privileges” of the position. Dated April, 1901.

E-5 Certificate of graduation from the American College of Sciences in Philadelphia. Dated October 11, 1901.

E-6 Membership certificate from the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons. Dated March 27, 1903.

E-7 Certificate of graduation from the Pittsburgh (Pa.) School of Hypnotism. Dated November 2, 1903.


E-9a Notarized letter (from a Manhattan notary public) stating that Jeremiah MacDonald was a member of the New York Society of Osteotherapeutic Physicians. Dated Nov. 3, 1906.

Box (Box #6)

**Titles:** MACDONALD'S MEDICINES

**Description**

Bottles and boxes from MacDonald's medicines, some still containing the original “medicine.”

**Inventory:**

M-1 one bottle of “Dr. MacDonald's Atlas Compound/ Laxative Compound/Mild Cathartic.” Bottle contains 75 tablets.

M-2 two empty boxes from “MacDonald's Vegetable Compound Soap”

M-3 three empty boxes of “Dr. MacDonald's Kola Compound (uncoated)” This “remedy” is for “headaches and neuralgia.”

M-4 one box of “Dr. MacDonald's Electro-Magnetic Compound” with brown tablets still intact.

M-5 ten boxes of “Dr. MacDonald's Alkalaska Blood and Stomach Bitters” containing a dry mixture of shredded plant material (the bitters). Instructions most interesting, (see side of box).

M-6 six bottle caps, with cork liners, from bottles of
Atlas Compound.

M-7 three cylindrical wooden boxes. One is labelled "SAW PALMETTO COMPOUND."

Box (Box #6)
Title: PHOTOGRAPHS AND POST CARDS

Description/Inventory:

P-1 [UNK] photo of man (seated), woman (standing), and a dog (on chair) on what appears to be the front porch of a house. Possibly Arthur C. MacDonald, his wife Fannie, and dog "Snoozer."

P-2 Photo of man with a full beard and mustache, with skull design tie-tac. Probably Jeremiah MacDonald.

P-3 Photo of man with mustache and small "goatee" beard. Probably Jeremiah MacDonald. ("Keil/ 120 Court Street/ Binghamton, N.Y." imprint on lower right corner.)

P-4 Old sepia-toned photo of man with beard. Labelled "J. MacDonald/1879."

P-5 Sepia-toned photo of group of 5 men. Front 3 seated, rear 2 standing. All in jackets and hats.

P-6 Sepia-toned photo of 3 men standing. Apparently same as 3 seated men in photo #P-5.

P-7 Photo of 9 men - 3 in front seated, rear 6 standing, in what appears to be a factory. Glare obscures the faces of 3 of the men in rear. Photo dated 1901.

P-8 Photo of 7 men - 3 in front seated, 4 in rear standing. All but one man wearing overall/smocks. Photo set in what appears to be a storage area (boxes piled in rear). Photo dated 1901.

P-9 Another photo dated 1901, of 7 men - 3 in front seated, rear 4 standing. All but one wearing overall/smocks. Apparently another factory scene.

P-10 Yet another factory scene. "Kent's Cigar Factory - 1901" written on back. Photo depicts 7 men - 3 in front seated, 4 in rear standing. All wearing overall/smocks.

P-11 Photo of 7 men in suits and hats, seated on grass near edge of a forest.

P-12 Photo of 3 of the men in #P-11, standing on grass near a tree. Whiteish mark mar photo, as if film crinkled during processing.

P-13 Photo of man in jacket and hat standing in front of wooden shack.

P-14 Photo of a storefront. Signs on building say: "DEMOCRAT/The Church-side Peess/ 98 Job Printing 98."

P-15 Photo of 13 men and boys in front of storefront. Sign says: "T. F. Heavey, Flour, Feed, &
Seeds."

P-16 & 17 2 prints of same photo of small white motorboat on water. 3 women and 1 man in boat. (NOTE: Jeremiah MacDonald had a boat “up in Ithaca,” according to MacDonald’s granddaughter intaped interview.)

P-18 2 boats on water. Larger boat [UNK] to be same one in P-16 & 17.

P-19 Photo of man in suit standing in garden of some sort. Corner of wooden structure of some sort is at extreme right.

P-20 Postcard of the “Hotel Clune, Opera House and Garage, Hallstead, Pa.”

P-21 Postcard of “The Kirk Dining Room/ O’Conner & Wittner/ Syracuse, N.Y.”

(PRE-Note: Arthur C. MacDonald worked as a waiter at “The Kirk” before taking over his father’s business.)

P-22 Photo of a diploma from the “Independent Medical College” of Chicago certifying Jeremiah MacDonald as a “Doctor of Medicine.” Dated June 17, 1899.

P-23 Framed diploma from the “American School of Astrology.” Diploma dated 15 June, 1899 at Binghamton, N.Y., ” and is signed by “J. MacDonald, M.D.”.

Box (Box #6)

Title: MISCELLANEOUS

Description/Inventory:

1) Three tape recordings, one 60 minute cassette tape and two reel-to-reel tapes. Cassette is a recording of an interview with Marion Rury of Binghamton, granddaughter of Dr. Jeremiah MacDonald. Interviewer - Mrs. Susan Cardoza of Vestal, N.Y. Interview conducted on Nov. 8, 1966. Reel-to-reel tapes are apparently recordings of the same interview as on cassette, but this has not been verified.

2) Two folders “Materials for Display” Folder 1 - 51 documents
Folder 2 - 75 documents
Folders contain testimonial letters, samples of MacDonald’s business stationary, samples of mailing circulars, and interesting letters. This material is suitable for dispyal.

REFERENCES - Part I

GENERAL INFORMATION ON PATENT MEDICINES
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REFERENCES - Part II

Binghamton and Broome County Histories with NOTHING on MacDonald.


REFERENCES - Part III


Appendix One- Folder Labelling System

APPENDIX TWO

The Atlas Printing Company is still selling MacDonald's Farmers Almanac. The Almanac is now priced at 75¢ if picked up in person, or 90¢ if ordered by mail. The mailing address is:

- Atlas Printing Company
- Post Office Box 790
- Binghamton, N. Y. (13902).

The telephone number is (607) 724-0321.

APPENDIX THREE- Geneological Outline