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**(1806-1877)**  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Paul F. Eve Papers, containing approximately 300 items, are composed of correspondence, clippings, biographical data, photographs, sketches, speeches, lecture notes, and surgical records for the dates 1836-1931. Dr. Paul Fitzsimmons Eve (1806-1877) was one of the most outstanding surgeons in the nineteenth century. After finishing his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1828, he spent two years in Europe studying in London and Paris. In 1831 he served with the Polish Army as surgeon during the revolution in that country. In 1931, one hundred years later, a monument was erected in Augusta, Georgia, by the Polish Government and the people of Augusta honoring Dr. Eve. The papers contain clippings and photographs commemorating this occasion. The medical lecture notes and speeches contain material on such subjects as fractures, hydrophobia (rabies), tumors, brain surgery, descriptions of unusual surgical cases and various other medical subjects. Dr. Eve's speech to the International Medical Congress in 1876 is virtually a history of surgery containing brief sketches of many famous surgeons together with their most outstanding work. The most important correspondents include E.J. Gaillard, S.D. Gross, Willard Parker, and Marion B. Sims. There are sketches of Dr. William K. Bowling, Dr. William Gibson, Dr. Anderson Watkins, and Dr. Wilson Yandell. These papers contain valuable information concerning the history of medicine, particularly of surgery.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

### **Paul Fitzsimmons Eve**

- 1806                    June 27. Born six miles from Augusta, Georgia; son of Captain Oswell and Aphra Ann Eve.
- Taught by his widowed sister, Mrs. Sarah Adams, in the early grades.
- ca. 1816- 1822        Attended Richmond Academy in Augusta, and Mount Zion in Hancock County, Georgia.
- 1822-1826            Attended Franklin College in Athens, Georgia (now the literary department of the University of Georgia.)
- 1826                    Received A.B. degree from the University of Georgia.  
                            Began the study of medicine in September as a private pupil of Dr. Charles D. Meigs and took courses in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.
- 1828                    Received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania and began the practice of medicine in Augusta with his brother-in-law, Dr. Watkins, in June of this year.
- 1829                    In November, after his decision to become a surgeon, he sailed for Europe where he studied with many of the famous surgeons in London and Paris.
- 1830                    He was in Paris and professionally participated in the July Revolution.  
                            Wishing to aid in repaying the debt to Poland for the services of Pulaski who had aided the colonists in the Revolution and had fallen at Savannah, he volunteered his services to Poland.  
                            Assigned first to hospital duty in Warsaw and soon made field surgeon of the Fifteenth Regiment of Infantry and Surgeon of Ambulances attached to General Turno's division; taken prisoner and released in October; Golden Cross of Honor conferred on him.
- 1832                    January. Returned to New York City.
- 1832-1849            June 1832. Elected Professor of Surgery in the Medical College of Georgia, first organized in Augusta.

- 1832 December 21. Married Miss Sarah Louise Twiggs of Richmond County, Georgia; two children, George Twiggs Eve and Anna Lou Eve (who married V.K. Stevenson); Mrs. Eve died in May 1851.
- 1849-1850 Professor of Surgery in the Medical Department of Louisville University succeeding Dr. Samuel D. Gross who went to New York; resigned in March 1850 on learning Dr. Gross was not satisfied with his position in New York.
- 1851-1868 Chair of Surgery at the University of Nashville.
- 1852 Married Sarah Ann Duncan, daughter of Rev. H.D. Duncan of Barnwell District, South Carolina; three children: Duncan, Sarah, Paul F.
- 1862 Left Nashville with his family for Augusta, Georgia, and returned to Chattanooga for service with the Confederacy.
- 1868-1870 Professor of Surgery at Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1870-1876 Returned to University of Nashville and lectured to classes at the University of Nashville and Vanderbilt University after its founding.
- 1877 Left University of Nashville to help with the new Nashville Medical College.
- 1877 November 3, died in Nashville, Tennessee.

Honors:

- 1831 Bearer of the Golden Cross of Honor of Poland
- 1857-1858 President of the American Medical Association
- 1871-1872 President of the Tennessee State Medical Society
- 1876 Centennial Representative of Surgery to the Medical Congress of Nations at Philadelphia
- 1931 Monument erected by the Polish Government and Augusta, Georgia, honoring Dr. Paul F. Eve who aided Poland in 1831.

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