



Gather History Clues With Museum Artifacts

Want to explore the past? Examining an **artifact** can help provide you with clues about what living in the past was like.

An **artifact*** is an object that shows human work or represents a culture. It can be a tool from Ancient Egypt, a soldier's uniform from the American Revolution, or even a doctor's record from the 1890s.

The *Medicine in Manatee* exhibit has a lot of artifacts on display! The artifacts in this exhibit can provide clues about pioneer medical practices: how they saw the doctor, what medicines they took, what illnesses they experienced, and much more!

An artifact from *Medicine in Manatee* is pictured below. The artifact is a Physician's Visiting List. This small booklet can tell us a lot about what it was like to see a doctor in Manatee County over 100 years ago!

On the next page we will examine Dr. Harrison's Visiting List to learn more about pioneer doctor visits in Manatee County.



Image: Visiting List of Dr. John W. Harrison, 1899-1900

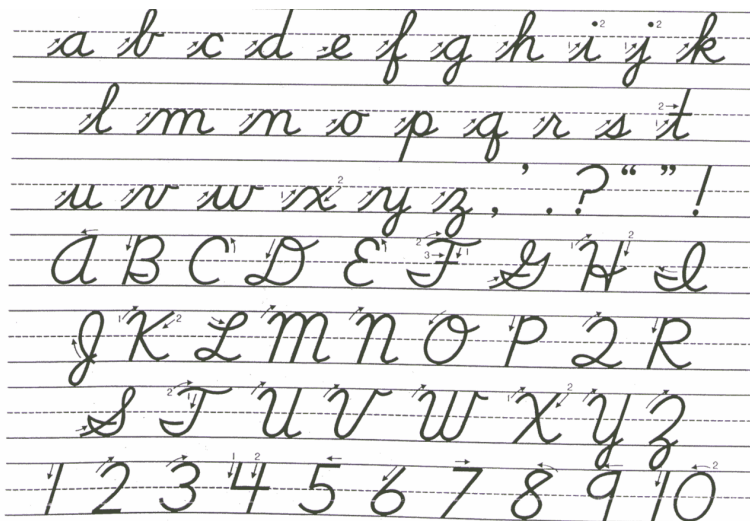
Image Courtesy of the Manatee Village Historical Park Collection

*definition courtesy of Britannica Kids

Answers are on the back cover.



Chart Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Hint! Not sure how to read cursive? Use this cursive ABC letter chart to help you identify the cursive letters in the Visiting List.

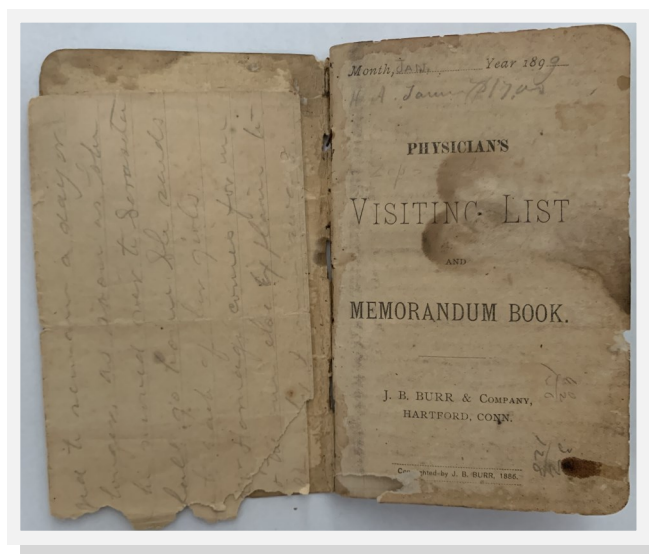
1. What year do these records come from?

2. Where does Mrs. Dole live?

3. What date did Mrs. Dole give birth to a baby girl?

4. How many baby boys were born?

5. How many baby girls were born?



Artifact Image Courtesy of Manatee
Village Historical Park Collection

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Answers

1. 1899
2. Terra Ceia
3. July 24th
4. seven boys
5. three girls