This is an indexed account ledger of a physician in Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri. The entries include the names of patients, the nature of services rendered, and payments received in cash and kind. See also WHMC-R collection R113.

According to the Federal censuses of 1850 and 1860 for St. Francois County, Dr. William B. Williams, a physician, was born in Connecticut in either 1812 or 1814. He was married, and lived in Farmington with his wife Mary and their six children. Although his account ledger does not indicate that he left Farmington or quit practicing medicine, no mention of Dr. Williams could be found in the census of 1870, the Transactions (1878-1879) of the Missouri State Medical Association, or in any of the histories of Farmington and St. Francois County. The date of his death is not known. The results of a search for biographical information on Williams by the State Historical Society of Missouri can be found in the Information Folder.

Dr. Williams’s ledger is a typical account record, with entries noting the various medical services rendered. The volume is indexed. Most of the patients were residents of St. Francois County, but a few individuals from Ste. Genevieve and Jefferson counties were also noted. Families are indexed by the name of the head of the household, and each entry indicates which family member was treated. The notations for each visit are followed by charges for services, and any payments in kind, and, in those cases, the goods and services received in lieu of cash are mentioned. Most of the individual entries are not dated, but they are cross-referenced to the pages of daybooks that have been cataloged and microfilmed separately as WHMC-R collection R113.