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Object: .1a-b: scarificator with leather case; #508-10-6663 etched on side

.2: photograph; color image of a quilt panel titled "Quaker Women Pioneers in Medicine" that illustrates some of the history of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, particularly the work of Ann Preston and Hannah Longshore; made to be added to the Quaker Tapestry in London that was begun in 1981.

Date: unknown

Artist or Maker: unknown

Material: .1a-b: metal and leather

.2: paper

Dimensions: .1a: 3" x 1 ½" x 2" (scarificator)

.1b: 2 1/8" x 2 1/8" x 2 1/8" (leather case)

.2: 8" x 10"

Condition: .1a: very slightly corroded; .1b: very worn, slightly cracked; 2: excellent

Additional Comments: The scarificator was given to Mrs. Leymaster's husband, Glen Leymaster, who was dean and president of WMC/MCP from 1964-1970, by an alum sometime in the 1960s. The instrument has ten small blades that eject from the bottom of the tool for blood-letting purposes. This instrument was widely used in the 19th century and was advertised in catalogs as late as 1915. It is unclear if the case is original since it does not fit the device properly.

The photograph of the quilt panel reads, "Quaker Women Pioneers/In Medicine/Female Medical College of Pennsylvania/founded with the aid and support of prominent male citizens/first graduating class - Dec. 1851/Ann Preston/Involved in Woman's Rights Movements/first woman professor-dean/Woman's Medical College/founder of Woman's Hospital/Philadelphia - Originated/nurses' training courses/author of children's rhymed stories/Hannah Longshore/First woman doctor/ to open private practice/ in Penna./demonstrator in anatomy classes/Equality/New West/ Grove Meeting/All Welcome/Ann Preston/1813-1872"