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Century Printed Books in the National Library of Medicine (1967); Peter A. Krivatsy, A Catalogue of Sixteenth Century Printed Books in the National Library of Medicine First Supplement (1971) and A Catalogue of Seventeenth Century Printed Books in the National Library of Medicine (1989); John B. Blake, A Short Title Catalogue of Eighteenth Century Printed Books in the National Library of Medicine (1979); Dorothy M. Schullian, A Catalogue of Incunabula and Manuscripts in the Army Medical Library (1950); Early Western Manuscripts in The National Library of Medicine, A Short-Title List (1989).

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