This photograph shows William Perry Woods, flanked by two other medical students, dissecting a cadaver in the anatomical laboratory. Woods was a medical student at the University of Missouri from 1901 to 1904.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, medical students completed coursework in practical and descriptive anatomy during their first year and a course in advanced anatomy in their second year. A complete, unmounted skeleton was issued for every two students for their first-year course on Osteology.