BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
Harold Rawlings Pratt-Thomas was born June 9, 1913 in Barnesley, Yorkshire, England. Raised in Wedgefield, South Carolina, he earned an AB from Davidson College in 1934. He graduated from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina (hereafter MCSSC) in 1938, after which he interned and did his residency at Cincinnati General Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Pratt-Thomas became an associate in the department of Pathology at MCSSC in 1940. He became an assistant professor in 1945, an associate professor in 1950, and full professor in 1955. In 1959 he became the dean of the School of Medicine, and in 1962 became president of the Medical College. Among his achievements as president were the inauguration of the School (later College) of Dental Medicine, and the cytotechnology program, which later evolved into the College of Health Professions.

Pratt-Thomas was a member and officer of several organizations, including the Fellows of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Waring Library Society, the Medical Society of South Carolina, Alpha Omega Alpha (a honorary medical fraternity), the Robert Wilson Medical History Club, the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, the Section of Pathology of the Southern Medical Association, the Southern Pediatric Seminar, the MUSC College of Medicine Faculty Alumni Liaison Committee, the Charleston County Medical Society, and the South Carolina Society of Pathologists. Pratt-Thomas received numerous awards for research and teaching from various organizations including the South Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society, two Golden Apple awards from the students of the Medical College for his excellence in teaching, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the College of Medicine, First Exceptional Merit Award from the South Carolina Society of Pathologists, and the South Carolina Presidential Medallion. He also received an honorary Doctor of Letters from the College of Charleston in 1964 and an honorary Doctor of Science from Davidson in 1971. He published his memoirs, From Yorkshire Pudding to Hominy Grits, in 2003. Harold Rawlings Pratt-Thomas died March 29, 2008.
SCOPE AND CONTENT
The Harold Rawlings Pratt-Thomas Presidential Records, 1948-1964, contain 135 folders (2.5 cubic feet) of material arranged in four series: administrative correspondence, administrative files, meeting minutes of the President’s executive staff, and resource files.

Series 1:
Administrative Correspondence, 1948-1964, consists of incoming and outgoing letters about the development of the College of Dental Medicine; administrative communications with faculty and the general public; legal cases; and issues pertaining to professional development and regional collaboration.

Series 2:
The Administrative Files, 1954-1964, are divided into six sub-series: the General Budget, Recruitment and Retention, Revenue and Contributions, the College of Dental Medicine, Facilities, and General/Miscellaneous.

The General Budget, 1961-1965, contains various fiscal reports and assessments of the Medical College, Medical College Hospital, and professional fees.

Recruitment and Retention, 1962-1964, addresses efforts by individual departments to recruit and retain high quality faculty and staff. These files are primarily solicitations to the Office of the President to secure funding.

Revenue and Contributions, 1961-1963, documents income earned by faculty in their private practices as it relates to the University budget.

The College of Dental Medicine, 1964, addresses the accreditation, budget, and faculty appointment of the new dental school, including the recruitment of John Buhler as the first dean.

Facilities, 1954-1964, contains information regarding the acquisition of property at Fort Johnson on James Island, and the development and expansion of the psychiatric clinic, animal laboratory, the Monkey Colony/Primate Laboratory, and Fresh Donor Bleeding Center.

The General/Miscellaneous, 1961-1963, contains general information regarding committees, awards, and facts and figures regarding the Medical College, AAMC Accreditation, and South Carolina Medical College Research Development and Education Foundation.

Series 3:
The Meeting Minutes of the President’s Executive Staff include summaries and minutes from 1962-1964.

Series 4:
The Resource Files, 1962-1964, contain printed materials about issues affecting the MCSSC, including government legislation regarding the federal Medical Education Bill.
HR-4999, the State of South Carolina Higher Education in South Carolina – Volume II Instructional Programs, report from the Government Advisory Committee, and publications from the American Dental Association and the Ford Foundation.

CITATION FORM: Harold Rawlings Pratt-Thomas Presidential Records, ARC 103, Waring Historical Library, MUSC, Charleston, SC.

SUBJECT HEADINGS
Pratt-Thomas, H. Rawling$q$(Harold Rawling),$d1913-2008.
Buhler, John E.,$d1908-1976.
Smythe, Cheves McC.
Lynch, Kenneth Merrill,$d1887-1974.
Medical College of South Carolina.
Medical College of the State of South Carolina.
Medical University of South Carolina.
Medical College of the State of South Carolina. $bSchool of Dental Medicine.
Medical University of South Carolina. $bCollege of Dental Medicine.
Fort Johnson (S.C.)
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                      Instructional Programs January 1962