



**Collection #:** MSS 295  
**Name:** Theodore McCann Davis Scrapbook, Vols. 1 and 2  
**Dates:** 1927-1966  
**Size:** .25 cubic feet  
**Processed:** December 2006 by Jennifer Welch  
**Restrictions:** None  
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**Biographical Note:** Theodore McCann Davis was born in Greenville, South Carolina in 1889. After graduating from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and completing his residency at the University Hospital, he returned to Greenville. In the early 1920's, Dr. Davis began focusing on urology. He pioneered a technique of transurethral surgery and developed the necessary changes in equipment to perform this new surgery. Dr. Davis retired from his practice after suffering a heart attack in 1937, but continued to receive acknowledgement from his peers for his surgical innovation. The awards and honors he received for his work include a Certificate of Merit from the Southeastern Section of the American Urological Association, the Alumni Honor Award and Gold Key from the Medical Alumni Association of the University of Maryland, and the Valentine Award from the Section on Urology of the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Davis was also nominated for the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1965 by two of his peers, Dr. A. Ranald Mackenzie and Dr. David W. Goddard. Dr. Davis served as president of the Greenville County Medical Society, was a Fellow of the American Medical Association, and belonged to the American Association for Genito Urinary Surgeons and the Societe International d'Urologie. Dr.

Davis died on May 15, 1974.

**Scope and Content Note:** The Theodore McCann Davis Scrapbook, Vol. 1 and 2, 1927-1966, .25 cubic feet, documents Dr. Davis's pioneering work on prostate resection. The scrapbook includes typescripts and reprints of Dr. Davis's articles and presentations, news clippings on Dr. Davis's work, photographs of his office and surgical equipment, and records relating to the various honors and awards he received for his work. The collection has been maintained in the original order Dr. Davis compiled the scrapbooks in.

**Related Collections:** N/A

**Subject Headings:**

Davis, Theodore McCann (1889-1974)  
Greenville County Medical Society (South Carolina)  
New York Academy of Medicine  
Prostatectomy-Methods  
Surgery-History-South Carolina  
Transurethral Resection of Prostate  
Urology-History  
Urology-Instrumentation

**Inventory:**

- Folder 1:** Scrapbook Vol. 1: Honors and Awards, 1964-1966 and no date, 18 items
- Folder 2:** Scrapbook Vol. 1: Valentine Lecture Typescript, 1966, 1 item
- Folder 3:** Scrapbook Vol. 1: "Resection of Prostate Gland Obstructions" Typescript, no date, 1 item
- Folder 4:** Scrapbook Vol. 1: "Davis Method of Prostatic Resection" Typescript, no date, 1 item
- Folder 5:** Scrapbook Vol. 2: Paper Presented in Rock Hill, S.C. Unpublished Typescript, 1934, 1 item
- Folder 6:** Scrapbook Vol. 2: "Resection of Obstructions at the Vesical Orifice With Maximillian Stern Resectoscope", 1928, 1 item
- Folder 7:** Scrapbook Vol. 2: "The Development of the Modern Catheter" By Edson L. Outwin, 1955, 1 item

- Folder 8:** Scrapbook Vol. 2: “Resection of Prostate Gland Obstructions With Stern’s Resectoscope Equipment”, 1928, 1 item
- Folder 9:** Scrapbook Vol. 2: “Transurethral Prostate Resection With Report of 748 Cases”, 1935, 1 item
- Folder 10:** Scrapbook Vol. 2: Photographs, 1927, 1931 and no date, 10 items
- Folder 11:** Scrapbook Vol. 2: “Transurethral Correction of Prostatic Obstruction”, 1932, 1 item
- Folder 12:** Scrapbook Vol. 2: “Transurethral Prostatic Resection With Report of 764 Cases”, no date, 1 item