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**Organizational History:**

The Robert Wilson Medical History Club was organized in 1925 by Dr. Robert Wilson, dean of the Medical College of South Carolina “to stimulate interest, especially among the younger men of the profession, in the cultural side of medicine.” The club usually meets eight times a year for fellowship and to listen to a paper presented by a member or guest of the club on some topic related to medical history. Until 2007, the club had only one officer, the secretary, and no dues were paid. In 2007, the officers were expanded to include the Dean, or presiding officer, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary; dues were established in the amount of \$20 per year.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Robert Wilson Medical History Club Records, 1925-2013, is arranged in three series: administrative files, essays, and minutes. Administrative files document the club’s activities and include correspondence, events, financial records, meeting notices, membership files, and photographs. Essays are individual essays presented at the meetings of the Club arranged alphabetically by name of presenter. Not every paper presented to the Club is accounted for. Occasionally, essay files contain reference materials relevant to the topic presented. Minutes include not only the official minutes of the Club, but also excerpted minutes and drafts, agendas, and meeting notices.

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**Subject Headings:**

Societies, Medical—South Carolina—history.  
Robert Wilson Medical History Club.  
History of Medicine.  
Physicians—biography.

**Merged Collections:**

The following collections were merged with MSS 387 to form the Robert Wilson Medical History Club Records:

- MSS 76-77, Cathcart, Robert S., "History of the Present Roper Hospital" April 7, 1938  
 MSS 379, Wilson, Robert, "Eighteenth Century Medicine" October 1, 1936  
 MSS 390, van de Erve, John M., "William Middleton Michel" March 7, 1929  
 MSS 382, van de Erve, John M., "James Moultrie" March 5, 1931  
 MSS 383, Hoch, J. Hampton, "Physicians of the Southern Department in the Revolution, David Olyphant" October 4, 1962  
 MSS 391, Johnson, Francis B., "Weather observations by the early physicians of South Carolina" February 3, 1938  
 MSS 392, Izard, S. Edward, "William Hume, M.D., Charleston, South Carolina, 1801-1870" May 21, 1964  
 MSS 422, Lynch, Kenneth M., "The history of the necropsy" May 5, 1927  
 MSS 428, Johnson, Francis B., "David Ramsay" March 3, 1949  
 MSS 438, van de Erve, John M., "The history of the physiology of respiration" February 3, 1927  
 MSS 450, Johnson, Francis B., "Carlos Finlay" February 1, 1945  
 MSS 451, Lassek, Arthur M., "Robert Knox" February 6, 1936  
 MSS 452, van de Erve, John M., "Albrecht von Haller" March 4, 1937  
 MSS 453, van de Erve, John M., "Hirsute History" May 4, 1944  
 MSS 454, Adams-Smith, William Nelson, "Public health among the Maoris in the 19th century" January 4, 1968  
 MSS 455, Rhame, J. Sumter, "John Hunter" October 3, 1935  
 MSS 456, Rhame, J. Sumter, "Julian John Chisolm" April 1, 1937  
 MSS 462 and MSS 463, Robert Wilson Medical History Club. Minutes [excerpts] [manuscript] / The Club, J.I. Waring, Secretary, 1933-1951, 2 items.  
 MSS 474, Banov, Leon, "Yellow fever in Charleston" January 7, 1932  
 MSS 475, Wilson, Robert Jr., "Dr. John Lining" December 2, 1926  
 MSS 704, Kredel, Frederick, "The contributions of the Vienna School to modern medicine" January 1, 1939  
 MSS 810, Roberts, Charles S., "Medicine at Andersonville" May 7, 1991  
 MSS 811, Milkereit, John E., "The war on tobacco from King James to the Great American Smokeout" November 1, 1990

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- Folder: Babanoury, Agha B. "History of American Urology" November 3, 2011 [PPT on disc]
- Folder: Baker, T.W "A Treatise on Congestive Fever" 1847 Senior Thesis Transcripts
- Folder 21: Banov, Leon, "Yellow fever in Charleston" January 7, 1932
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- Folder: Davidson, Jonathon R. "Solomon Carter Fuller, (1872-1953)" May 3, 2012
- Folder 25: Duke, Martha, "Henry Laurens: Gout, an American Revolutionary War Statesman, and the Tower of London"
- Folder: Glassman, Armand, "Barber Poles, Barbers & Bandages: Related Species?" November 5, 2009
- Folder 26: Greene, Harlan, "Slave Tags" January 8, 2004
- Folder: Hallett, John (Jeb), "The Mysterious Death of Dr. David Ramsay" October 21, 2010 [NB: no actual paper, just notes provided by JH]
- Folder 27: Hoch, J. Hampton, "Physicians of the Southern Department in the Revolution, David Olyphant" October 4, 1962 (formerly MSS 383)
- Folder : Howard, Ted, "Florence Nightingale and George Lawson FRCS" March 6, 2009
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- Folder 30a: Johnson, Francis B., "Medical Interests of Benjamin Franklin" October 1930
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- Folder 32: Johnson, Sarah Ann, "The View from Anna's Shoulders: the Evolution of African-American Nurses in Charleston, S.C." November 2, 2006
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- Folder 36: Lassek, Arthur M., "Robert Knox" February 6, 1936 (formerly MSS 451)
- Folder 37: Leon, Philip, "Rabbi Ben Ezra"
- Folder: Laurens, John (Chip), "Laurens Family Connection to Roper Family" January 14, 2010
- Folder 38: Lynch, Kenneth M., "The history of the necropsy" May 5, 1927 (formerly MSS 422)
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- Folder 41: Miller, Mary A., "B. A. Rodrigues Ottolengui: a Modern Wizard" May 1, 2003
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- Folder: Mullen, Thomas D., "Jack: the First Recorded Case of Sickle Cell Anemia" May 8, 2008
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- Folder: Salinas, Carlos, "The Tree that Changed Medicine" March 14, 2013 [PPT on disc]
- Folder 47: Sandifer, S. Hope, "The Story of Leon Banov and Public Health"

- Folder: Schabel, Stephen I. "Leo Eloesser and Norman Bethune: Two Roads to China" October 11, 2012 [PPT on disc]
- Folder: Schabel, Stephen I. "Osteopathy/The Osteopaths" October 9, 2008 [PPT on disc]
- Folder: Schabel, Stephen I. Leo "The Two Whipples" October 3, 2013 [PPT on disc]
- Folder: Schabel, Stephen I. "Where's Fifi: A History of Doctors Stealing Cats and Dogs for Medical Research" November 4, 2010 [PPT on disc]
- Folder: Shapiro, Steve. "Franklin Frost Sams: The Port's Physician and Photographer" October 23, 2012
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