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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