



Collection #: MSS 430
Name: Charles P. Aimar, Jr., M.D. Papers
Dates: 1894-1931
Size: 3 cubic feet
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Biographical Note/Organizational History: Charles Pons Aimar, Jr. was born in Charleston in 1873. His father and uncle owned the Aimar Drug Company. He graduated from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina in 1894, and became an intern at the St. Francis Xavier Infirmary. At the same time, Dr. Aimar also provided his services to the Plant System of Rail Ways Relief and Hospital Department (which later merged with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company). Dr. Aimar lectured at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina on subjects such as materia medica, surgery, and surgical pathology, and in 1913 became the school's Chair of General Surgery. He became the head surgeon at St. Francis Xavier Infirmary in 1911. Dr. Aimar held these three positions until his death in 1927. He also served on the board of trustees of the Shirras Dispensary. Active in many organizations, Dr. Aimar was a fellow of the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the Medical Society of South Carolina. He was a delegate to the Pharmacopoeial Conventions of both 1900 and 1910, and introduced bone grafting and the use of the metric system in prescriptions to Charleston. Nature and wildlife

were personal interests of Dr. Aimar's. He belonged to the Audubon Society, the Ornithological Association, and was also a hunter. Dr. Aimar was a trustee of the Charleston Museum. He married Leonarda Jaques in 1898. The couple had one daughter, Agatha. Dr. Aimar died of a heart attack on December 1, 1927.

Scope and Content Note: The Charles P. Aimar, Jr. Papers, 1896-1935, 3 cubic feet, document his career and professional activities. The collection is arranged into four series: Correspondence, Personal, Professional, and Oversize. The collection includes correspondence, lecture notes, case files, x-rays prints and case files from bone grafting surgeries, and administrative records. The Atlantic Coast Line Rail Road Company case files are arranged according to Dr. Aimar's numerical file structure.

Correspondence (1896-1928, .5 cubic ft.): This series includes both personal and professional correspondence. The bulk of the series is related to Dr. Aimar's professional activities with the various organizations he belonged to, including the South Carolina Medical Association and the Medical Society of South Carolina. Personal correspondents of Dr. Aimar include Adele Durbin, Arthur T. Wayne, Dr. J.C. Waring, and Dr. Edward F. Parker. The series is arranged alphabetically by correspondent, and each folder is arranged chronologically.

Personal (1893-1935, .5 cubic feet): This series is comprised of biographical materials compiled by Dr. Aimar's wife, Leonarda, after his death. Included in the series are a detailed timeline of Dr. Aimar's life, as well as exam notes made by Dr. Aimar as a student, a dance card of Dr. Aimar's daughter, and a handwritten manual of WWI bandages and surgical dressings created by Mrs. Aimar. The series is arranged alphabetically.

Professional (1896-1927, 1.5 cubic feet): This series includes records pertaining to Dr. Aimar's professional activities. The series is divided into six sub-series: Administrative, the Atlantic Coast Line Rail Road Company, Bone Grafting, Organizations, Reference Information, and Teaching, including case reports, administrative records, reference information, teaching materials and organizational records.

The **Administrative** sub-series consists of administrative notes on bills and letters to be sent, a logbook of patients seen by Dr. Aimar, and receipts and order forms for Dr. Aimar's instruments and equipment. The records are arranged chronologically.

The **Atlantic Coast Line Rail Road Company** sub-series of records was generated through Dr. Aimar's employment with the Plant System of Railways, which merged with the Atlantic Coast Line

Rail Road Company. Dr. Aimar evaluated employee injuries for the company. Included are case files, administrative records, and general information about the company. The case files are arranged according to Dr. Aimar's numerical filing system, and the remaining folders are arranged chronologically.

The **Bone Grafting** sub-series includes materials on the technique, x-ray prints, a presentation, and case files. Dr. Aimar introduced bone-grafting surgery to Charleston, and kept files on all of his bone graft cases.

The **Organizations** sub-series documents Dr. Aimar's professional affiliations with organizations such as the American College of Surgeons, the Edgefield County Medical Association, the Shirras Dispensary, and the Knights of Columbus. Dr. Aimar served these organizations in varying capacities, including employee, treasurer, and trustee. Dr. Aimar was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the Medical Society of South Carolina. The records include correspondence, rules and regulations, membership lists, logs of dues paid, and announcements of events. The sub-series also includes Dr. Aimar's report on the 1900 Pharmacoeplal Convention, presented to the Medical Society of South Carolina.

The **Reference Information** sub-series consists of resources used by Dr. Aimar in his practice. Included are prescriptions, notes and clippings on the metric system, Dr. Aimar's notes on journal articles, and index cards of publications used by Dr. Aimar.

The **Teaching** sub-series was generated through Dr. Aimar's position on the faculty of the Medical College of the State of South Carolina. The sub-series includes class rolls, course descriptions, lecture notes, and final exams. Dr. Aimar taught courses on such topics as pharmacy, materia medica, surgery, and obstetrics. The lecture notes are arranged alphabetically by subject, and the remainder of the sub-series is arranged chronologically.

Oversize (1899-1926): This series includes a certificate, chart of chemical salts, Medical Examiner form, Medical Society of South Carolina report, operation chart, St. Francis Xavier Infirmary newspaper article, St. Francis Xavier Infirmary form, 1899-1926, 7 items

Note: The following collections were merged into MSS 430:

MSS SC 441 Letters, 1902 (Dr. Aimar/Dr. Cathcart)

MSS SC 467 Letters, 1909 (Dr. Aimar/Dr. Parker)

MSS SC 468 Rules for Interns (St. Francis Xavier Infirmary)
MSS 469 Letter, 1912 (Dr. Aimar/Rudolph Matas)
MSS SC 470 Letter, 1919 (Dr. Aimar/J.W. Babcock)
MSS 473 Nursing Rules Letter (Dr. Aimar/nurse)
MSS SC 497 Notebook of Dr. Aimar
MSS SC 575 Obstetrics Charts
MSS SC 643 Letter, 1910 (Dr. Aimar/O.B. Mayer)

Related Collections:

MSS 277-282 (6 vol.) Prescription Record Books (Dr. Aimar)

MSS SC 431 Business Card (Laboratory of Clinical Pathology)

MSS SC 440 Commencement Exercise (Medical College of the State of South Carolina)

MSS SC 630 Program, 12 May 1924 (Roper Hospital)

MSS SC 646 Schedule (Medical College of the State of South Carolina)

MSS SC 647 Invitation (Medical College of the State of South Carolina)

MSS SC 648 Preliminary Program (Tri-State Medical Association of the Carolinas and Virginia)

MSS SC 649 Invitation (Medical Society of the State of South Carolina)

MSS SC 650 Program (South Carolina Medical Association)

MSS 925 Request for Goods (Aimar Drug Company)

Subject Headings:

Aimar, Jr., Charles Pons (1873-1927)

Babcock, J.W. (1856-1922)

Cathcart, Robert S.

Parker, Edward F. (1867-1938)

Waring, J.C.

Wayne, Arthur T. (1863-1930)

American College of Surgeons
 Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company
 Medical College of the State of South Carolina
 Medical Society of South Carolina
 Plant System Medical and Surgical Association
 Roper Hospital (Charleston, S.C.)
 Shirras Dispensary (Charleston, S.C.)
 St. Francis Xavier Infirmary (Charleston, S.C.)

Bone Grafting
 Education, Medical- South Carolina
 Education, Pharmacy
 History of Medicine- South Carolina
 Materia Medica- South Carolina
 Metric System
 Obstetrical Nursing
 Obstetrics- Pictorial Works
 Occupational Medicine- History- United States
 Pharmacopoeias- History- United States
 Pharmacy- History- South Carolina
 Photographs
 Surgery

Inventory:

Box 1

- Folder 1:** Correspondence: James W. Babcock, 1919, 1 item
Folder 2: Correspondence: re: Bezoar, 1924, 5 items
Folder 3: Correspondence: Committee of American Physicians for Medical Preparedness, 1916-1917, 12 items
Folder 4: Correspondence: Thomas de St. Bris, 1896-1927, 43 items
Folder 5: Correspondence: Adele Durban, 1917-1923, 25 items
Folder 6: Correspondence: Knights of Columbus, 1923-1928, 45

items

- Folder 7:** Correspondence: Dr. Rudolph Matas, 1912, 1 item
- Folder 8:** Correspondence: Orlando B. Mayer, 1910, 1 item
- Folder 9:** Correspondence: Medical College of the State of South Carolina Class of 1894 Reunion, 1910, 9 items
- Folder 10:** Correspondence: Medical College of the State of South Carolina, 1908-1927, 162 items
- Folder 11:** Correspondence: Medical Society of South Carolina, 1924-1925, 51 items
- Folder 12:** Correspondence: re: Nursing Rules, no date, 1 item
- Folder 13:** Correspondence: Dr. Edward F. Parker, 1908-1925, 66 items
- Folder 14:** Correspondence: Referrals and Case Reports, 1916-1927, 37 items
- Folder 15:** Correspondence: South Carolina Medical Association, 1903-1912 and no date, 77 items
- Folder 16:** Correspondence: St. Francis Xavier Training School for Nurses, 1902, 1 item
- Folder 17:** Correspondence: State Board of Health, 1914-1918 and no date, 4 items
- Folder 18:** Correspondence: J.T. Taylor, 1923, 1 item
- Folder 19:** Correspondence: Dr. J.C. Waring, 1917-1925, 70 items
- Folder 20:** Correspondence: Arthur T. Wayne, 1917-1927, 91 items

- Folder 21:** Personal: Biography Created by Leonarda Aimar, 1901-1935, 74 items
- Folder 22:** Personal: Examinations, MCSSC, 1893, 1 item
- Folder 23:** Personal: Miscellaneous, 1908-1926 and no date, 16 items
- Folder 24:** Personal: Mrs. Aimar's WWI Bandages and Surgical Dressings Manual, no date, 1 item
- Folder 25:** Personal: Publications, 1904-1927 and no date, 6 items

- Folder 26:** Professional: Administrative Notes, 1903, 1 item
- Folder 27:** Professional: Instruments and Equipment, 1910-1925 and no date, 118 items
- Folder 28:** Professional: Medical and Pharmaceutical

Advertisements, 1926 and no date, 24 items

Folder 29: Professional: Patient Logbook, no date, 1 item

Folder 30: Professional: Case Files #144, 818, 4050-4069, 4280-4286, 1926-1927, 23 items

Folder 31: Professional: Case Files #4287-4319, 1926-1927, 32 items

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Folder 32: Professional: Case Files #4320-4366, 1926-1927, 45 items

Folder 33: Professional: Case Files #4367-4420, 1927, 35 items

Folder 34: Professional: Case Files #4421-4455, 1927, 32 items

Folder 35: Professional: Information (General) File #4327, 1919-1927, 18 items

Folder 36: Professional: Plant System of Railways Case Log, 1896-1899, 1 item

Folder 37: Professional: Plant System of Railways Memoranda, 1896-1898, 1 item

Folder 38: Professional: Bone Graft Surgery Binder, no date, 1 item

Folder 39: Professional: Bone Graft Surgery Case Files, 1920-1926 and no date, 5 items

Folder 40: Professional: Bone Graft Surgery Presentation, 1918, 1 item

Folder 41: Professional: Bone Graft Surgery X-Ray Prints, no date, 28 items

Folder 42: Professional: American College of Surgeons, 1918-1928 and no date, 36 items

Folder 43: Professional: Certificates, 1907-1914, 4 items

Folder 44: Professional: Edgefield County Medical Association, 1906-1910, 7 items

Folder 45: Professional: John L. Dawson Clinical Society, 1915-1916 and no date, 3 items

Folder 46: Professional: Knights of Columbus, 1926-1927, 13 items

Folder 47: Professional: Medical Society of South Carolina, 1903-1926 and no date, 12 items

Folder 48: Professional: Pharmacopeial Conventions, no date, 7 items

Folder 49: Professional: Roper Hospital, 1910-1927 and no date, 72 items

Folder 50: Professional: Shirras Dispensary, 1924-1925, 7 items

Folder 51: Professional: St. Francis Xavier Infirmary, 1898-1937 and no date, 17 items

Folder 52: Professional: Article Reprints: Cancer, 1922-1927, 8 items

Folder 53: Professional: Article Reprints: Miscellaneous Topics, 1900-1927, 33 items

Folder 54: Professional: Article Reprints: Obstetrics, 1922-1926, 5 items

Folder 55: Professional: Article Reprints: Psychology, 1914-1923 and no date, 4 items

Folder 56: Professional: Article Reprints: Surgery, 1909-1925, 26 items

Folder 57: Professional: Article Reprints: Surgery, 1925-1927, 16 items

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Folder 58: Professional: Article Reprints: Syphilis, 1925-1927 and no date, 3 items

Folder 59: Professional: Article Reprints: Tuberculosis, 1926-1927 and no date, 4 items

Folder 60: Professional: Journal Articles, 1909, 1 item

Folder 61: Professional: Metric System, 1897-1901 and no date, 12 items

Folder 62: Professional: Prescriptions, 1891-1925 and no date, 11 items

Folder 63: Professional: Publication Index Cards, no date, 85 items

Folder 64: Professional: Report of Two Cases of Conservative Ovarian Surgery, no date, 1 item

Folder 65 : Professional: Treatment of Surgical Cases, no date, 1 item

Folder 66: Professional: Tuberculosis Article (typescript), no date, 1 item

- Folder 67:** Professional: Administrative Records: MCSSC, 1914-1917 and no date, 20 items
- Folder 68:** Professional: Class Rosters, 1905-1917 and no date, 11 items
- Folder 69:** Professional: Exams: Materia Medica, 1905-1908 and no date, 8 items
- Folder 70:** Professional: Exams: Obstetrics, 1911-1913 and no date, 11 items
- Folder 71:** Professional: Lecture Notes on General Topics, no date, 9 items
- Folder 72:** Professional: Lecture Notes on Materia Medica A-B, no date, 11 items
- Folder 73:** Professional: Lecture Notes on Materia Medica C-I, no date, 21 items

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- Folder 74:** Professional: Lecture Notes on Materia Medica J-Z, no date, 22 items
- Folder 75:** Professional: Lecture Notes on Obstetrics #1-12, no date, 12 items
- Folder 76:** Professional: Lecture Notes on Pharmacy #1-8, no date, 11 items
- Folder 77:** Professional: Lecture Notes on Pharmacy #9-12, no date, 4 items
- Folder 78:** Professional: Notebook of Dr. Aimar, no date, 1 item
- Folder 79:** Professional: Notebook of Dr. Aimar, no date, 1 item
- Folder 80:** Professional: Obstetrics Slides: Index #1-58, no date, 1 item
- Folder 81:** Professional: Obstetrics Slides #3-25, no date, 17 items
- Folder 82:** Professional: Obstetrics Slides #26-57 and 3 without numbers, no date, 29 items

