



Collection #: MSS 442
Name: Thomas Grange Simons Letters Received
Dates: 1872-1892
Size: .25 cubic feet
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Waring Historical Library, Medical University of
South Carolina, Charleston

Biographical Note/Organizational History: Thomas Grange Simons was born in Charleston in 1843. He joined the Confederate Army during his junior year at the College of Charleston, and was wounded twice while serving. After the war, he attended the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, graduating in 1867. Dr. Simons went on to intern at Roper Hospital and was also a city dispensary physician. He was assistant professor of the practice of medicine and pathology at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, in addition to serving as the chair of materia medica. Dr. Simons traveled to Fernandina, Florida and Memphis, Tennessee to aid in the outbreaks of yellow fever in 1877-1878. Dr. Simons served as president of the Medical Society of South Carolina from 1890-1892. He was also active in the Charleston Widows and Orphans Society and the South Carolina Medical Association, and served as the chairman of the South Carolina State Board of Health. Dr. Simons felt a strong sense of civic duty, and worked most of his life to promote public health. In addition to the service he provided during the yellow fever epidemics, he was chairman of Charleston's Sewerage Commission, and was a member of the City Council of Charleston in 1893. Dr. Simons married Serena Aiken in 1879 and had five children. He died November 30, 1927.

Scope and Content Note: The Thomas Grange Simons Letters Received, 1872-1892, .25 cubic feet, consists of 52 items of correspondence. The correspondence is related to an engraving of Dr. R.A. Kinloch commissioned by the Medical Society of South Carolina, miscellaneous and personal matters, and quarantine and public health issues. There are also ten letters from Leila Jones concerning her becoming superintendent of Roper Hospital and principal of the School for Nurses. All of the correspondence is written to Dr. Simons (rather than by Dr. Simons). The collection is arranged alphabetically, and each folder is arranged chronologically.

The following collection has been merged with MSS 442:
MSS SC 746 Letters From Leila V. Jones to Dr. Simons (1908)

Related Collections:

MSS 83 Resolution to T.G. Simons, Medical Society of South Carolina (1878)

MSS 215 Diploma, Medical College of the State of South Carolina (1867)

MSS 223 Certificate of Merit, Howard Medical Society (1878)

MSS 224 Certificate of Merit, City of Fernandina, FL (1877)

MSS 264 Prescription Record Book (1875-1876)

Subject Headings:

Jones, Leila V.

Kinloch, Robert Alexander (1826-1891)

Simons, Thomas Grange (1843-1927)

Medical Society of South Carolina

Nursing- history- South Carolina

Public Health

Quarantine-History

Yellow Fever-History- Florida

Yellow Fever-History- South Carolina

Yellow Fever-History- Tennessee

Inventory:

Folder 1: Correspondence: re: Engraving of Dr. R.A. Kinloch, 1892, 18 Items

Folder 2: Correspondence: Leila V. Jones, re: Nursing, 1908, 10 items

Folder 2: Correspondence: Miscellaneous, 1881-1892 and no date, 8 items

Folder 3: Correspondence: Personal, 1872-1879, 5 items

Folder 4: Correspondence: re: Quarantine and Public Health, 1881-1882,
17 items