



Collection Name: Medico-Chirurgical Club Records
Collection #: MSS 786
Size: 3 item, .25 cf
Dates: c. 1913-1971 (with gaps)
Processed: January 2007, SDH
Restrictions: None

Organizational History:

The Medico-Chirurgical Club was organized May 1, 1911 by a group composed of Drs. Albert Nathans, Daniel L. Maguire, M.S. Moore, Richard M. Pollitzer, J. Sumter Rhame, and William Atmar Smith. The first constitution was adopted May 23, 1911. The purpose of the club was to provide younger members of the medical profession with an organization in which members could share the subjects of practical interest, informal consultations, and the presentation and discussion of papers. Dr. Nathans served as the first secretary; there was no formally elected president/chairman until January 19, 1912 when Dr. William Cyril O'Driscoll was elected president. The Club continued to meet until 1971 when it died out.

Scope and Content Note:

The Medico-Chirurgical Club Records, c. 1913-1971 (with gaps), consist of two volumes and one folder of official club records. The first item is a bound volume, 1948 to 1958, which includes minutes from the monthly meetings, membership lists and dues payment register, along with memorials of the death of members. The second item is a spring binder with the history, constitution and by-laws of the club as well as membership list (holograph) from May 1957 to November 1971. The third item is a folder of constitution and by-laws which date from 1913 and 1933. Also included is a memorial resolution in honor of Dr. George W. Johnson with letter to his father from Dr. W. Atmar Smith. Also included is a tribute by Dr. John F. Townsend in Johnson's honor.

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Collection #562 MSS SC, Memorial tributes, 1913, was merged into MSS 786.

Subject Headings:

Medico-Chirurgical Club (Charleston, S.C.)

Societies, Medical—South Carolina.
History of Medicine, 20th century—South Carolina.
Johnson, George W. (1886-1913)
Nathans, Albert
O'Driscoll, William Cyril, 1881-1965.
Smith, William Atmar (1886-1971)
Townsend, John F.

Inventory:

Volume 1: Minute book, 1948-1958
Volume 2: Minute book, 1957-1971
Folder 1: Constitution and by-laws, 1913 and 1933, and memorial tribute, 1913 to honor Dr. George W. Johnson