



**Collection Name:** Warren A. Sawyer Papers  
**Collection #:** MSS 814  
**Size:** 2 cf  
**Dates:** 1967–1990  
**Processed:** October 2007/KJG  
**Restrictions:** None

**Biographical Note:**

Warren Allen Sawyer, known by many as “Buz”, was born in Bay Shore, New York on 22 June 1937 to Dr. George J. Sawyer and Thelma Caldwell Sawyer. He was educated at McDonough School in Baltimore and later received a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemistry from Hampden-Sydney College and a Master’s Degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 1966, he became the director of the library at the College of Charleston. In 1968, he resigned his post with the College to accept the position of director of Libraries and Learning Resources at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC); an office he would hold until his death. During his tenure at MUSC, Sawyer planned the institution’s new library in 1972 and its resource center in 1977. He also served as the Secretary of Faculty from 1976–1989 and was granted the rank of professor in 1984. Throughout his career, Sawyer was active in organizations and committees on both the local and national level. His professional involvements include: Biomedical Library Review Committee of the National Library of Medicine (1976–1980); Long Range Planning Task Force of the National Library of Medicine (1985–1986); Educational Board of the Association of Health Science Library Directors; Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries (founder and president); Executive Committee of the Southeastern Regional Medical Library Program (1968–1982); Executive Committee of the South Carolina Health Information Network (SCHIN); and Visiting Research Associate at the Institute of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University (1986). He was also a member of the Robert Wilson Medical History Club, the Waring Library Society, and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church. Sawyer died on 23 November 1989 and was survived by his wife, Judith Littlepage Sawyer, and two children.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Warren A. Sawyer Papers, 1967–1990, consist of 2 cubic feet of material documenting Mr. Sawyer’s career and his research interests in the history of medicine. The collection is divided into two series: Professional and Topical. The Professional files contain materials associated with Mr. Sawyer’s career, including professional correspondence, official obituaries, professional condolences and tributes, and materials

demonstrating his well-known humor. The topical series is the most voluminous and consists of correspondence, research notes, drafts, final copies, and research materials pertaining to medical history topics. Topics include: Daniel Brickell and Samuel Cartwright; J. V. C. Smith; Abraham Colles; William Osler; the history of the Medical University; and E. L. Scott and the discovery of insulin.

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**Subject Headings:**

Brickell, D. Warren (Daniel Warren), 1824-1881  
 Cartwright, Samuel Adolphus, 1793-1863  
 Colles, Abraham, 1773-1843  
 History of Medicine, 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
 History of Medicine, 19<sup>th</sup> Century – Southern States.  
 History of Medicine, 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
 Insulin--History  
 Medical University of South Carolina – History  
 Medical University of South Carolina. Library – History  
 Osler, William, Sir, 1849-1919  
 Sawyer, Warren A. (Warren Allen), 1937–1989  
 Scott, Ernest Lyman, 1877-1966  
 Smith, Jerome Van Crowninshield, 1800-1879

**Inventory:**

Box 1  
 Professional  
 Folder 1: Correspondence, Accomplishments, Curriculum Vitae  
 Folder 2: Obituaries, Condolences, Tributes  
 Folder 3: Humorous materials  
 Topical  
 Topic: Daniel Brickell and Samuel Cartwright  
 Folder 4: Correspondence  
 Folder 5: Research notes, Drafts, Final Copies  
 Folder 6: Research materials, Brickell and Cartwright (1 of 2)  
 Folder 7: Research materials, Brickell and Cartwright (2 of 2)  
 Folder 8: Research materials, Cartwright and Willard (1 of 2)  
 Folder 9: Research materials, Cartwright and Willard (2 of 2)  
 Folder 10: Research materials, Cartwright and States Rights Medicine (1 of 2)  
 Folder 11: Research materials, Cartwright and States Rights Medicine (2 of 2)  
 Topic: J. V. C. Smith  
 Folder 12: Correspondence, Research notes, Draft  
 Folder 13: Research materials  
 Topic: Abraham Colles  
 Folder 14: Research notes, Drafts  
 Folder 15: Slides  
 Folder 16: Research materials (1 of 3)

Folder 17: Research materials (2 of 3)  
Folder 18: Research materials (3 of 3)  
Topic: William Osler  
Folder 19: Correspondence  
Folder 20: Research notes, Drafts, Final Copies  
Folder 21: Research materials  
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Box 2

Topic: Medical Center History  
Folder 22: Drafts  
Folder 23: Research materials  
Topic: E. L. Scott  
Folder 24: Correspondence  
Folder 25: Research notes, Drafts  
Folder 26: First Draft  
Folder 27: Second Draft  
Folder 28: Reviewed Drafts  
Folder 29: Research materials (1 of 5)  
Folder 30: Research materials (2 of 5)  
Folder 31: Research materials (3 of 5)  
Folder 32: Research materials (4 of 5)  
Folder 33: Research materials (5 of 5)  
Topic: Miscellaneous  
Folder 34: Research materials (1 of 2)  
Folder 35: Research materials (2 of 2)

Oversized folder 36: Scott research materials and oversized portrait of W.A.S.