



Collection Name: Laurie L. Brown Papers
Collection #: MSS 844
Size: 3.5 cf (105 folders)
Dates: 1923-1996
Processed: June 2007/SDH
Restrictions: None

Biographical Note:

Laurie Lanham Brown was born on December 9, 1923 in Paxville, South Carolina to James Nelson and Mary Martha Bell Brown. A graduate of the College of Charleston, he later worked for Standard Oil Company in Columbia, SC while attending business school at night. In 1943, he enlisted with the Navy and served in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea during World War II. He was discharged from active duty in 1946 and remained in the Naval Reserve until April 1953. Upon his discharge from the military, Brown enrolled in the Medical College of the State of South Carolina (now Medical University of South Carolina) from which he graduated in 1953. Following his internship at Roper Hospital, he entered a residency program in anesthesiology at Medical Center Hospitals, which he completed in 1956. He had a private practice and served as part-time instructor in anesthesiology at the Medical College. In 1966 he became a full-time faculty member at the Medical College and Chief of Anesthesiology at the Veterans Administration hospital. He achieved the rank of professor in 1975 and was made emeritus upon his retirement in 1992. He was a pioneer in the development of anesthesia during heart surgery. He chaired the Charleston County Medical Society education program on drug abuse. In addition to active service in numerous professional organizations, Brown was an avid medical historian with a particular interest in military medicine and medical biographies. He conducted dozens of oral history interviews with local physicians who reminisced about their medical careers and military service in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was also acutely interested in social and political activities in the state and nation, with particular interest in national defense and civil rights. Dr. Brown retired from active practice in 1987. He died on February 28, 1997 and was survived by his wife, Susan Searcy Brown.

Scope and Content Note:

The Laurie L. Brown Papers, 1923-1996, consist of 3.5 cubic feet of material documenting Dr. Brown's interest in medicine, history and community life. The collection is arranged in four series: correspondence, personal, professional, and topical. Correspondence files include materials to and from Dr. Brown with other MUSC faculty and physicians, as well as letters to editors of various newspapers and journal, and politicians. There is a significant amount of correspondence about recommendations for jobs at MUSC and elsewhere. The personal series documents his childhood, education, pre-medical employment, medical school education, and naval service during World War II. The professional series consists of Brown's files about research on the drug Brevatol, and his involvement with the American Board of Anesthesiology, American

Society of Anesthesiology, South Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists, Waring Library Society and the Robert Wilson Medical History Club. The topical series is the largest series and consists of research notes and files about anesthesiology, medical history, military history and medicine, civil rights and segregation, socialized medicine and Medicare, nuclear war, polio, and Rh factor in pregnancy, among many others. Also included in the collection are Dr. Brown's graduation ceremony cap and gown.

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Related Collections:

Oral History interviews conducted by Laurie L. Brown. MSS 875-898, 915, and 658

Merged Collections:

The following collections were merged with MSS 844 to form the Laurie L. Brown Papers:

MSS 815, Notes on early residency training in anesthesiology [at Medical College of South Carolina, ca. 1950s] and Recollections: anesthesiology resident years, 1955-1957; MSS 371, Notes on lectures in physiology at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina; MSS 681, Thomas Wilkin Gunter, Jr., M.D.: Paxville's first and only [manuscript]

Subject Headings:

Britt, Beverley A.
 Brown, Laurie L. (1923-1998)
 Gunter, Thomas Wilkin, 1882-1945.
 South Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists.
 Anesthesiology—history--South Carolina.
 History of Medicine, 20th Century—South Carolina
 Civil Rights—South Carolina.
 Civil rights demonstrations—Southern States—History--20th century.
 Communism—United States.
 Education, Medical—South Carolina.
 Medical University of South Carolina—history.
 Military Medicine -- history -- Personal narratives.
 Military service, Voluntary-- United States—Personal narratives.
 Segregation—South Carolina.
 Fallout shelters.
 Nuclear bomb shelters.

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Folder 6:	Congressional (national), 1968-1978

- Folder 7: Crippled Children, 1963-64
- Folder 8: Department of anesthesiology chairman search, 1991
- Folder 9: Ferrara, B. E.
- Folder 10: Letters to editors
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- Folder 29: Education, MCSSC
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- Folder 57: SC Society of Anesthesiologists, 1951-64
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- Folder 59: SC Society of Anesthesiologists, 1977-78
- Folder 60: SC Society of Anesthesiologists, general
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- Folder 66: Brown, John M., MD. Interview and biography
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- Folder 73: Conroy, John F. (Charleston Chief of Police)
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- Folder 75: Fire ants
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- Folder 84: Hospital and Training School of Nurses (McClennan-Banks)
- Folder 85: Influence of disease on military medicine
- Folder 86: Long, Crawford, MD
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- Folder 88: Medical history, misc.
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- Folder 95: Physician biographies
- Folder 96: Polio, General
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- Folder 98: Reprints about medicine by LLB
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- Folder 100: Rh negative birth complication (aka Taps article)
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- Folder 104: Photographs (see also folder 39, Photographs)

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