Michael C. Watson was born in South Carolina in 1926. During World War II he served as a U.S. Marine. He graduated from Clemson College in 1949, and received his medical degree from the Medical College of South Carolina in 1953. Dr. Watson had a private practice in Bamberg, South Carolina, and was also on the staff of Bamberg County Hospital. While working as the Director of the Bamberg County Health Department, Dr. Watson established the first HIV/AIDS clinic in a South Carolina health department. He later served as the physician for this clinic. Dr. Watson also served as the Medical Director of the Bamberg County Hospital Nursing Center.

Dr. Watson’s professional associations include the South Carolina Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the South Carolina State Midwifery Council, and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.

Dr. Watson married Mary Carolyn Tatum and had six children. He
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retired from the Bamberg County Hospital in 2002, after more than thirty years of service.

**Scope and Content Note:** The Michael C. Watson, M.D. Account of the Methodist Church Volunteers in Mission Program, ca. 1995, 1 item, is a typescript account of Dr. Watson’s time spent as a missionary in the Volunteers in Mission Program of the Methodist Church between the years of 1960-1993. Dr. Watson worked behind the scenes in the program, but also traveled to locations such as Haiti and Anguilla to lend his medical expertise.

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