



**Collection Name:** Stanley H. Karesh Papers  
**Collection #:** MSS 940  
**Size:** 14 folders, 1 cf.  
**Dates:** 1944-2001; bulk 1970-1980  
**Processed:** November 2006, SDH  
**Restrictions:** None

### **Biographical Note:**

Stanley Herbert Karesh was born October 30, 1921 in Fall River, MA to Alex and Leslie Elinor Feinberg Karesh. A life-long resident of Charleston, SC, Dr. Karesh graduated from Charleston High School in 1938. He attended a two-year pre-dental program at Baltimore College of Dental Surgery before enrolling in the graduate degree program at BCDS from which he graduated in 1943 with a degree in dental surgery. In December 1941, Dr. Karesh joined the U.S. Naval Reserves; in November 1943, he was commissioned as a Lt. Junior Grade in the Dental Corps. His first active duty post was Sampson US Naval Training Base in Sampson, NY. He went to sea in December 1945, serving on a military transport ship to Guam and Saipan. In March 1946, he went on terminal leave and was discharged from service in June 1946.

Following his service in the military, Dr. Karesh returned with his family to Charleston where he entered into private practice. In 1970 he joined the faculty of the College of Dental Medicine at MUSC, where he was a part-time clinical associate in the crown and bridge department. In 1971, he was appointed to the search committee for the recruitment of the second dean of the Dental School, Dr. John J. Sharry.

In 1972, Dr. Karesh returned to private practice full time. He was active in the American Academy of Dental Practice Administration, having served as editor of its newsletter, *Communicator*, and later as president in 1979. He was elected to the International College of Dentists in 1971. In 1991 he sold his practice and retired. Dr. Karesh was active in the American Cancer Society of Charleston, serving one term as president. He is also a life member of the Board of Advisors for the Jewish Studies Program at the College of Charleston. On June 3, 1945 he married Charlot Elaine Marks of Greensboro, NC. They have three daughters and four grandchildren.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The Stanley H. Karesh Papers, 1944 to 2001, consist of 1 cubic feet of personal and professional correspondence, citations, publications, lecture notes, military orders and

documents, and photographs related to Dr. Karesh's dental career. The bulk of the material dates from 1970 to 1980. Among the topics covered by Dr. Karesh in his publications are the use of porcelain facings; lighting in the dental office; and his philosophy on professional service and treatment. Included are papers relating to the Hayden-Harris Memorial Lecture at Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. Much of the material contained within this collection consists of correspondence from other dentists regarding procedures or professional development organizations. There are a number of personal letters to Dr. Karesh from grateful patients. This collection was originally housed in magnetic photo albums. Some items could not be removed and so were photocopied and filed with the appropriate topic. The albums contain the original and constitute the contents of box 2.

Gift of Stanley H. Karesh, 2006.

**Citation:** Stanley H. Karesh Papers, MSS 940, Waring Historical Library, MUSC.

**Subject Headings:**

Stanley H. (Herbert) Karesh, 1921—  
Education, Dental—South Carolina.  
Dental Care—South Carolina.  
Dental offices—organization and management.  
Dentistry, Naval.  
Practice Management.  
American Academy of Dental Practice Administration.  
Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.

**Inventory:**

Box 1:

Folder 1: American Academy of Dental Practice Administration, 1973-1979  
Folder 2: Announcements and Newspaper clippings, 1970-1980, n.d.  
Folder 3: Articles and drafts  
Folder 4: Awards, certificates, and plaques, 1971-2001, n.d.  
Folder 5: Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, 1944, 1980  
Folder 6: Conference badges  
Folder 7: Correspondence, Personal, 1971-1993, n.d.  
Folder 8: Correspondence, Professional, 1965-1972  
Folder 9: Correspondence, Professional, 1973-1984, 1993-1994  
Folder 10: Lectures, Lighting in the office  
Folder 11: Lectures, Misc.  
Folder 12: Military documentation  
Folder 13: Miscellaneous  
Folder 14: Photographs, 1993 and n.d.

Box 2:

Five photo albums with original documents.