



Collection Name: Charleston Dental Association Records
Collection #: MSS 954
Size: 7 volumes and 4 folders
Dates: 1867-1930, 1960, n.d.
Processed: February 2007/SDH
Restrictions: None

Organizational History:

The Charleston Dental Association was organized in December 1867 at the office of Dr. J.B. Patrick on Society Street in Charleston “for the advancement of our Profession and to engender...good fellowship.” The first dental association in the state, the group met monthly to operate clinics, discuss current practices and latest techniques, and socialize. The group was known for a time as the Dental Protective Association of Charleston and the Charleston Dental Society. After the establishment of the South Carolina Dental Association in 1869, the Charleston Dental Association continued to operate independently until 1928 when the district system was implemented and the Charleston group became affiliated with the Coastal District Association of the SCDA.

Scope and Content Note:

The Charleston Dental Association Records, 1867-1930, consist of one folder of loose minutes and seven volumes of bound minutes, 1867 to 1924, and assorted papers reflecting the club’s activities, including programs, meeting notices, correspondence, and photographs of meetings. Included are summaries of papers or discussions presented to the Association at its regular monthly meeting. Membership and financial information is sparsely documented. A history of the association, written by R. (Robert) Atmar Smith chronicles the early years of the Association.

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Subject Headings:

Societies, Dental—South Carolina—history.
Charleston Dental Association.
Charleston Dental Society.
Dental Protective Association of Charleston.
Smith, R. (Robert) Atmar, 1852-1936

Inventory:

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1914-1931, 1960, n.d.
- Folder 2; History by R. Atmar Smith
- Folder 3: Minutes, 1989-1924, n.d.
- Folder 4: Resolutions
- Volume 1: Minutes, 1867-1871
- Volume 2: Minutes, 1882-1888
- Volume 3: Minutes, 1887-1900
- Volume 4: Minutes, 1907-1918
- Volume 5: Minutes, 1919-1923