



COLLECTION NAME	Harold Rawling Pratt-Thomas Autobiography Manuscript Collection
COLLECTION NUMBER	MSS 970
VOLUME	0.75 cf (10 folders)
DATES	2000-2003
PROCESSED BY	Christina Mascarenaz / SDH
RESTRICTIONS	None

Biographical Note:

Harold Rawling Pratt-Thomas, M.D. was born in Barnsley, Yorkshire, England. After the death of his father, Harold Pratt, his mother married an American, Lee Hamilton Thomas, by whom he was adopted. Dr. Pratt-Thomas was reared in Sumter County, South Carolina and attended Davidson College in North Carolina where he earned his A.B. degree in 1934. He was granted his M.D. degree from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina in 1938. After serving his internship and residency in pathology at Cincinnati General Hospital he joined the Pathology Department at MUSC where he remained for 49 years. During his time he served as Chairman and Dean of the School of Medicine as well as the President of the institution. During his service at the School of Medicine he established the School of Cytotechnology, which later became a program of MUSC's College of Health Professions. Also during his tenure, the university purchased the campus of Porter Military Academy, thus paving the way for the physical expansion of the school. He died March 29, 2008 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Scope and Content Note:

The Harold Rawling Pratt-Thomas biographical collection, 2000-2003, consists of 0.75 cubic feet of papers related to the publication of Dr. H. Rawling Pratt-Thomas' autobiography, *From Yorkshire Pudding to Hominy Grits* (Greenville, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 2002). This collection is arranged in two series: Illustrations and Publication. The Illustration Series consists of three folders of photographs of Pratt-Thomas, his family and friends, as well as prominent figures influential in his life. It also includes a general layout of the dust jacket and book. The Publication Series consists of four folders dating from 2001-2003 of correspondence with the publishing company concerning Dr. Pratt-Thomas' autobiography, payment summaries, a list of recipients who received the book as well as various newspaper and magazine articles announcing the publication of *From Yorkshire Pudding to Hominy Grits*. Also included are early drafts, one believed to be a first draft and one believed to be a final draft.

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Subject Heading:

Pratt-Thomas, H. Rawling (Harold Rawling), 1913-2008

Physicians—South Carolina-- biography.

Pathology -- South Carolina -- biography.

Pathology -- South Carolina -- personal narratives.

Physicians -- South Carolina -- personal narratives.

Universities -- organization & administration -- personal narratives--South Carolina.

Education, Medical -- personal narratives--South Carolina.

Hospitals, University -- organization & administration -- personal narratives--South Carolina.

Academic Medical Centers -- organization & administration -- personal narratives--South Carolina.

Medical University of South Carolina -- organization & administration--personal narratives.

Medical University of South Carolina -- history.

Inventory

Series 1: box 1

Illustrations:

Folder 1: Photographs (1 of 3)

Folder 2: Photographs (2 of 3)

Folder 3: Photographs (3 of 3)

Folder 4: Photograph citation information (1 of 2)

Folder 5: Photograph citation information (2 of 2)

Folder 6: Dust jacket layout

Series 2: box 2

Publication:

Folder 7: Book distribution and publicity

Folder 8: Correspondence with publisher (Southern Historical Press)

Folder 9: "From Yorkshire Pudding to Hominy Grits" early draft

Folder 10: "From Yorkshire Pudding to Hominy Grits" final draft