



COLLECTION NAME	William H. Poston Collection
COLLECTION NUMBER	MSS 987
VOLUME	1 cubic foot
DATES	1908 - 1985
PROCESSED BY	Leigh Ann Davis /SDH 4/16/2010
RESTRICTIONS	None

#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Henry Poston MD, was born March 1, 1881 in Pamplico, SC, and died on November 6, 1950. He was married to Mary Dobson Poston with whom he had two children and three grandchildren. Poston graduated from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina in 1909 and received his license to practice that same year. He first practiced medicine in Savage, Florence County, SC, and later in Pamplico, also in Florence County, for forty-one years. The 1934 American Medical Association Directory listed proctology as Poston's practice area. Poston was a member of the Florence County Medical Association, the South Carolina Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the American Proctologic Society. Poston was also a member of the Socastee Gun Club, the Pamplico Masonic Lodge No. 324, and the Omar Temple of Charleston.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The William H. Poston Collection, 1908-1985, consists of one examination record, fourteen notebooks, one commencement invitation, one diploma, four photographed portraits, three obituaries, one typed letter and one illustration. This collection documents Poston's education at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina and his death in 1951.

The fourteen notebooks in this collection are labeled and filled with handwritten notes taken by Poston while a student at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina. Topics covered include: practice clinic; nervous disease; eye, ear, nose and throat; diseases of children; anatomy; clinical surgery; hygiene; general pathology; dermatology, urinary diagnosis; bacteriology; obstetrics, and principles of medicine jurisprudence.

Of the four photographed portraits in this collection, two are of Poston, one is of his Medical College of the State of South Carolina roommate, William Preston Dowling, and one is of Granville S. Hanes.

CITATION FORM: William H. Poston Collection, MSS 987, Waring Historical Library, MUSC, Charleston, SC.

NOTE:

Included in the gift are Dr. Poston's medical bag and two pamphlets which have been removed and cataloged individually.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Poston, William H., 1881-1950

Dowling, William Preston

Hanes, Granville S., 1864-1943--photographs.

Medical College of the State of South Carolina.

Medical College of the State of South Carolina, Curriculum, 20th century

Education, Medical, South Carolina.

Curriculum, South Carolina.

Physicians, biography, South Carolina.

INVENTORY

Box 1:

Folder 1: Obituaries, examination record, commencement invitation

Folder 2: Poston photographed portraits, illustration

Item 1: Notebook, topic Practice Clinic

Item 2: Notebook, Nervous

Item 3: Notebook, Eye Ear Nose & Throat

Item 4: Notebook, Diseases of Children

Item 5: Notebook, Anatomy

Item 6: Notebook, Clinical Surgery

Item 7: Notebook, Hygiene

Item 8: Notebook, General Pathology

Item 9: Notebook, Urinary Diagnosis & Dermatology

Item 10: Notebook, Pathology and Bacteriology

Item 11: Notebook, Obstetrics

Item 12: Notebook, Bacteria & Pathology

Item 13: Notebook, Practice Clinic

Item 14: Notebook, Principles of Medicine Jurisprudence

Oversized item 1: Framed diploma