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