Interview No.: OH 5.6

Title: Charles J. King, DMD, Interview by Brooke Fox and Susan Hoffius, 28 November 2011

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Interviewee: King, Charles J.

Date: 2011-11-28

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- Medical College of South Carolina.
- Medical University of South Carolina.
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- Dental students.
- Dental school--United States.
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Subject (Names):

- King, Charles J.
- Buhler, John
- Sharry, John H.
- Haisten, Arthur
McCord, William M.
Butts, Herbert
Hall, Walter A.
Irby, Benjamin
McTeer, George
Lawson, Benjamin F.
Corcoran, John
Fetter, Franklin

Subject (Genre):
Oral histories.
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Summary:
Charles J. King, DMD, joined the College of Dental Medicine (CDM) in 1967 as a professor and chairman of the Department of Crown and Bridge Dentistry. He begins his interview discussing his background, including his education and career prior to joining CDM. He then discusses a variety of topics including the first graduating class, Colcock Hall, construction of the new dental school building, and his teaching experiences. Dr. King also discusses his relationships with other CDM faculty and describes their teaching styles. He recalls working for Dean John Buhler and his successors, including Drs. John Sharry and Arthur Haisten. He goes on to describe the CDM’s relationships with Charleston dentists and their support of the school. In addition, Dr. King describes his decision to leave the CDM to become dean of the University of Detroit School of Dentistry.

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