



Collection Name: John Winsmith Papers
Collection #: MSS 55
Size: 0.125 cf (4 folders)
Dates: 1822-1833
Processed: October 2007/SDH
Restrictions: None

Biographical Sketch:

John Winsmith was born John Winn Smith on January 13, 1802 near Glenn Springs, South Carolina. He attended and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine from 1822 to 1825. Upon his return to S.C., he practiced medicine in Spartanburg and Union Districts. An act of the South Carolina Legislature changed his name from John Winn Smith to John Winsmith. He represented Spartanburg District in the South Carolina legislature from 1830 to 1832 and again from 1852 to 1862. He also served as a delegate to the Southern Rights Convention of 1852 and served as captain of Company H, 1st Regiment, S.C. Volunteers. He died in 1889 in Spartanburg where he is buried.

Scope and Content Note:

The John Winsmith Papers, 1822-1833, consist of 36 items in three folders documenting his medical education and military service. Included in the materials is an inaugural essay on metastasis written for the University of Pennsylvania, 1825; a receipt for fee for license to practice medicine in South Carolina from the Columbia Board of Health, Daniel H. Trezevant, Treasurer, 1824; a group of receipts and bills for clothing, room and board, textbooks, and miscellany, 1822-1825; 26 cards of admittance to medical lectures at University of Pennsylvania, 1822-1824; an oration delivered July 3, 1830; and a commission as major in South Carolina Militia, 1833.

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Subject Headings:

Winsmith, John, 1802-1889

Trezevant, Danial H.

University of Pennsylvania. School of Medicine--history--19th century.

South Carolina.-- Militia--Participation.

Schools, Medical -- history-- Pennsylvania.
Education, Medical -- history -- Pennsylvania.
Education, Medical—19th century.
Education, Medical—Pennsylvania.
Neoplasm Metastasis --essays.

Merged Collections:

The following collections were merged with MSS 55 to form the John Winsmith Papers:
MSS 55: Receipt for fee for license to practice medicine in South Carolina from D. Trezevant; MSS 92: Oration delivered 1830; MSS 93: Inaugural essay on metastasis, University of Pennsylvania, 1825; MSS 94: Commission as major in South Carolina Militia, 1833; MSS 95: Receipts and bills, 1822-1825; and MSS 96: Cards of admittance to medical lectures at University of Pennsylvania, 1822-1824.

Inventory:

Folder 1: Lecture tickets and thesis, University of Pennsylvania, 1822-25
Folder 2: Receipts and bills, 1822-25
Folder 3: July 3, 1830 oration
Oversized folder: SC Militia Commission, 1833