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Biographical Note: Martha Dukes Yow was born in Talbotton, Georgia on January 15, 1922. She graduated from the Medical College of South Carolina in 1943. Dr. Yow completed her medical training at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Duke University Medical Center, and the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She served on the faculty of Baylor College from 1955 until her retirement in 1989.

Dr. Yow's professional accomplishments include: receiving a National Research Service Fellowship from the National Institute of Child Health and Development, serving as Chairman of the Board of Scientific Counselors at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, serving as Chairman of the Infectious Diseases Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics, serving as editor of the Journal of Infectious Diseases, and establishing the Pediatric Infectious Disease Section at Baylor College of Medicine. She also received the Medical University of South Carolina's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1992.

Dr. Yow married Ellard Yow, M.D., and the couple had three

children. Ellard Yow died in 1965, and she later married Robert Roessler, M.D. Dr. Yow died in 2005.

Scope and Content Note: The Martha Dukes Yow, M.D. Memoirs, 1996, 1 volume, contains the typescript of Dr. Yow's memoirs, published as *Balancing Act: Memoirs of a Southern Woman Doctor* in 1997. The collection also includes a typescript of W. Curtis Worthington, Jr., M.D.'s comments for the dust jacket of the book and a letter from Dr. Yow to Dr. Worthington thanking him for his comments. The memoirs cover the period from Dr. Yow's childhood in Hampton, South Carolina through her retirement.

Subject Headings:

Worthington, Jr., W. C. (Ward Curtis) (1925-)

Yow, Martha Dukes (1922-2005)

Communicable Diseases -- in infancy & childhood -- United States

History of Medicine, 20th cent. -- South Carolina

Pediatricians -- South Carolina -- biography

Pediatricians -- Southeastern United States -- biography

Physicians, Women -- Southeastern United States -- biography