



**Collection Name:** Charleston County Health Department Photographs  
**Collection #:** MSS 958  
**Size:** 10 folders: 224 prints, 230 negatives (.5 cf)  
**Dates:** circa 1930-1950  
**Processed:** April 2007/SDH  
**Restrictions:** None

**Organizational history:**

The Charleston County Health Department was established in May 1920 and in 1936 merged with the Charleston City Health Department under the directorship of Dr. Leon Banov. The department ran programs for the betterment of public health in Charleston, including maternal and child health programs, health education, treatment clinics, environmental sanitation and food inspection, communicable and venereal disease control, and statistical record-keeping.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Charleston County Health Department Photographs, circa 1930 to 1950, document the activities of the department and staff. Images include a combination of candid and staged photographs about activities such as maternal and child health programs, health education, treatment clinics, midwifery instruction, environmental sanitation and inspection of privies, farms, grocery stores and restaurants, public health initiatives targeting tuberculosis, typhus, and sexually transmitted diseases, and administrative activities for offices such as the Office of Vital Statistics. Images document the department's activities in Charleston County's rural and urban communities. Several of the images were used in *A quarter of a century of public health*, written by Leon Banov for the Charleston County Department of Health (Charleston, S.C.: Walker, Evans, and Cogswell, 1945).

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**Subject Headings:**

Public Health—South Carolina—photographs.  
Dairy inspection—South Carolina—photographs.  
Food adulteration and inspection—South Carolina—photographs.  
Health boards—South Carolina—photographs.

Midwifery—South Carolina—photographs.

Rural health—South Carolina—photographs.

Sanitation—South Carolina—photographs.

School hygiene—South Carolina—photographs.

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**Inventory:**

Folder 1: Blue ribbon children

Folder 2: Midwives

Folder 3: Mobile chest x-ray unit (for tuberculosis)

Folder 4; Office of vital statistics

Folder 5: Quarantine station

Folder 6: Sanitation and inspection, Agricultural and milk inspection

Folder 7: Sanitation and inspection, Drainage and privy inspection

Folder 8: Sanitation and inspection, Misc.

Folder 9: Sanitation and inspection, Typhus/rat control

Folder 10: Staff

Folder 11: Treatment clinics, Misc.

Folder 12: Treatment clinics, Vaccination and exams

Folder 13: Treatment clinics, Well baby