



Collection Name: Physicians' Poker Club Records
Collection #: MSS 959
Size: 2 volumes and 2 folders; 0.25 cf.
Dates: 1950-2006
Processed: June 2007/SDH
Restrictions: None

Organizational History:

The Physicians' Poker Club was established in 1950 by eight original members: Ted Simons, Booie Baker, Dick Hanckel, Gene Johnson, H. Rawling Pratt-Thomas, Henry C. Robertson, James Snowden, and Lit Wilson (all of Charleston, South Carolina). The club met anywhere from 18 to 27 times per year for poker and fellowship. In addition to their bi-weekly poker games, the members of the club would hold an "annual meeting" to which their wives were invited and refreshments served. Although many of the members were local physicians, membership was open by invitation to those from non-medical professions. The club folded in 2006 from a lack of members and interest.

Scope and Content Note:

The Physicians' Poker Club Records, 1950 to 2006, consist of two volumes and two folders of materials. The 2 volumes record meetings with details about winning hands, biggest winners and losers, and balance in the kitty. Pasted into the volumes are copies of the "annual report" of the secretary for the year which was more of a year in review with anecdotes about the members, rather than a strict accounting of the club. The two folders include correspondence, newspaper clippings about individual members, receipts for provisions for meetings and the annual meeting, and other miscellaneous material.

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Subject Headings:

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