



**Collection Name:** South Carolina Medical Association Records  
**Collection #:** MSS 961  
**Size:** 0.75 cf. (21 folders and 2 volumes)  
**Dates:** 1869-1977  
**Processed:** October 2007/SDH  
**Restrictions:** None

### **Organizational History:**

The South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA) was established when a group of medical leaders of the state, primarily from the Medical Society of South Carolina, called a convention in Columbia on February 14, 1848, resulting in the formation of the South Carolina Medical Association. Based in principle on the newly organized American Medical Association, the SCMA served the entire state as a resource to physicians in the areas of practice management, education, licensing, and legislative influence, among others. The association continued its activities until the outbreak of the Civil War, when it became dormant until May 1869 when a reorganizational meeting was held in Charleston; from that point forward membership gradually increased. In 1878 an act of the general assembly designated the SCMA as the newly established State Board of Health. In 1905 the *Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association*, a monthly medical journal, was established.

Forty constituent county societies and the component unit on Interns and Residents and Student Section provide an individual membership of approximately 7,000 to the organization. In 2007, 35 county and 28 specialty medical societies and the component units for house staff and students provide the membership for the statewide organization.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA) Records, 1869 to 1977, consist of 21 folders and 2 volumes of records documenting the business and interests of the association. Many of the files seem to be those collected by Dr. Joseph I. Waring, editor of the *Journal*, Charleston physician, and medical historian. The records include minutes, membership lists, committee files, photographs, and documentation in support of a history of the SCMA written by Dr. Joseph I. Waring. Also included are materials about the *Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association*, though these are decidedly incomplete. The two bound volumes are on loan from the SCMA. The first volume contains handwritten entries from the reorganization meeting in 1869, including

constitution and bylaws. The rest of the volume contains handwritten minutes and, later, published copies of the proceedings of the association, which were pasted into the ledger. The second volume of records consists almost entirely of pages from the published proceedings, which were pasted into the ledger, however there are marginalia and other handwritten notations.

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**Related Collections:** South Carolina Medical Association Presidential Oral Histories, MSS 929; Women's Auxiliary of the South Carolina Medical Association Records, MSS 667

### **Subject Headings:**

South Carolina Medical Association.  
 South Carolina Medical Association--History.  
 South Carolina Medical Association—Photographs.  
 Societies, Medical--organization & administration—South Carolina.  
 Societies, Medical--History--South Carolina—Photographs.  
 History of Medicine, 19th Cent.--South Carolina.  
 History of Medicine, 20th Cent.—South Carolina.  
 Physicians—South Carolina  
 Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association--History  
 Waring, Joseph I. (Joseph Ioor), 1897-1977.

### **Inventory:**

Folder 1: American Medical Association Chair  
 Folder 2: Committee on Historical Medicine  
 Folder 3: Committee, Maternal Welfare Committee  
 Folder 4: Constitution and By-Laws  
 Folder 5: History, Brief History of the SCMA, J.I. Waring notes and correspondence  
 Folder 6: History, J.I. Waring notes and abstracts of minutes, 1848-1899  
 Folder 7: History, J.I. Waring notes and abstracts of minutes, 1900-1947  
 Folder 8: History, J.I. Waring notes  
 Folder 9: History, J.I. Waring notes  
 Folder 10: Journal, Abstracts of contents, 1905-1960  
 Folder 11: Journal, Covers  
  
 Folder 12: Journal, History of  
 Folder 13: Journal, Index, 1905-1966  
 Folder 14: List of presidents and secretaries  
 Folder 15: Miscellaneous  
 Folder 16: Photographs  
 Folder 17: Photographs, presidents to be identified  
 Folder 18: Seal  
 Folder 19: Transactions of the SCMA

Folder 20: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Folder 21: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary photographs

Volume 1: Records, 1869-1887  
Volume 2: Records, 1888-1945