



Collection Name: Thomas S. Hargest Scrapbook
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Size: .3 cf. (1 item)
Dates: 1963-1984
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Restrictions: None

Biographical Note:

Thomas S. Hargest was born January 3, 1925 in Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania. He earned his B.A. at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1950. Following graduation, he spent a year in field geology graduate work at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Mr. Hargest then spent several years working for national oil and gas companies until 1964 when he joined the Shriner's Burn Institute as the Director of the Engineering Development Section. In 1965 he was recruited to the Medical College of South Carolina where he served as the director of the Division of Clinical Engineering and as a professor in the Department of Surgery until he retired in 1985. Mr. Hargest made his career as an inventor of biomedical devices in support of the clinical efforts of the Department of Surgery. He holds numerous patents for devices he developed during his tenure at MUSC.

Scope and Content Note:

The Thomas S. Hargest Scrapbook, 1963-1984, consists of one, 216 page scrapbook documenting the career of Thomas S. Hargest. The scrapbook is filled with newspaper clippings, meeting programs, journal articles, photographs, and other printed materials which document Mr. Hargest's career as a biomedical engineer and inventor. Among the products recorded in the scrapbook are the fluidized airbed for the treatment of burn victims, a method and apparatus for lymphocyte depletion, portable kidney pump, and others. In addition to documenting Mr. Hargest's inventions, the scrapbook also documents his professional activities and contributions in the fields of clinical and biomedical engineering.

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Gift of Mr. Thomas S. Hargest, 1999.

Subject Headings:

Hargest, Thomas S., 1925-

Artz, Curtis P. (Curtis Price), 1915-

Beds.

Equipment and Supplies.

Equipment and Supplies, Hospital.

Biomedical Engineering—instrumentation.

Biomedical Technology—instrumentation.

Burns—therapy.

Technology, Medical—instrumentation.

Lymphocyte Depletion -- methods.

Renal Dialysis—methods.

Peritoneal Dialysis—methods.