



Collection Name: J. Marion Sims Medical Society Records
Collection #: MSS 756
Size: 0.5 cf (2 volumes and 5 folders)
Dates: 1923-1945, n.d.
Processed: May 2007/SDH
Restrictions: None

Organizational History:

The J. Marion Sims Medical Society was established in February 1923 by a group of students from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina. For the first few months, the Society was called the William Osler Medical Society, until Dr. W. Phillips, professor of anatomy at the College, suggested that, “as a body of South Carolinians, we should adopt the name of a Carolina man for the society.” Thus in April 1923, the name of the Society was officially changed to the J. Marion Sims Medical Society. Members in the society were elected from among the students of the School of Medicine. Members presented case histories or papers on medicine, with seniors obliged to produce a senior thesis for the Society in addition to the thesis submitted for graduation.

Scope and Content Note:

The J. Marion Sims Medical Society Records, 1923-1945, n.d., consist of two volumes of minutes, 1923-1945, and five folders of records pertaining to the Society’s activities. Included in the materials are correspondence and miscellaneous papers, membership records, including applications and receipts for payment of dues, and senior theses submitted to the Society.

Citation form: J. Marion Sims Medical Society Records, MSS 756, Waring Historical Library, MUSC (Charleston).

Related Collections:

MSS 766, Sedgwich Simons’ Certificate.

Merged Collections:

The following collections were merged with MSS 756 to form the J. Marion Sims Medical Society Records: MSS 437, “Marion Sims, man and physician” paper by J. Heyward Gibbes, and MSS 427 “J. Marion Sims: the man” paper by Robert Maxwell Anderson.

Subject Headings:

Societies, Medical—South Carolina—history.

J. Marion Sims Medical Society.

Inventory:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Correspondence and miscellaneous
- Folder 2: Membership
- Folder 3: Papers about Sims by members, 1940s
- Folder 4: Theses, identified, 1924-25
- Folder 5: Theses, identified, n.d.
- Folder 6: Theses, unidentified, n.d.
- Volume 1: Minute book, 1923-1932
- Volume 2: Minute book, 1933-1945