

THE DETROIT SURGICAL ASSOCIATION COLLECTION

Papers, 1947-1975
2.5 Linear Feet

Accession Number 312

The papers of The Detroit Surgical Association were placed in the Wayne State University Archives in March of 1974 and June of 1975 by Gaylord S. Bates, M.D., and were opened for research in August of 1975.

The Detroit Surgical Association was organized in 1947 by a group of local surgeons. The object of the society was to further resident surgical training in the city's hospitals. This was accomplished through a combination of a social and scientific meeting which took place monthly throughout the academic year.

Resident as well as practicing surgeons were encouraged to present papers on a variety of medical topics relating to surgery. Following the presentation, discussion would follow in which all would participate. Numerous new surgical techniques were thus disseminated among the general membership.

Beginning in 1949, the association began presenting an honorary medal to guest speakers who were invited to present talks at the annual banquet. The guest received the title, Theodore McGraw Lecturer, and a bronze medal commemorating the occasion. Theodore McGraw was a founder of the Detroit College of Medicine; later Wayne State University School of Medicine, and his memory was a significant moving force behind the Detroit Surgical Association.

The papers of the Detroit Surgical Association reflect both the administrative and pedagogical activities in which it participated.

Important Subjects covered in the collection are:

Theodore McGraw
Theodore McGraw Medal
Charles G. Johnston

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Non-manuscript material

Approximately 50 photographs relating to the Theodore McGraw Medal and the founders of the association have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collections.

Series I

Boxes 1, 2, (Folders 1, 2)

Complete proceedings for 1947-1948, executive council minutes for 1947-1973, general meeting minutes for 1947-1973, treasurer reports for 1948-1972, and all constitutions and by-laws with amendments are in this series. All of the materials are concerned with administrative functions. The files are arranged chronologically by subject and cover the period of 1947-1973.

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1. Complete Proceedings, 1947-1948.
2. Executive Council Minutes, October 1947-April, 1948.
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20. , September, 1965-April, 1966.
21. , September, 1966-April, 1967.
22. , September, 1967-April, 1968.
23. , September, 1968-April, 1969.
24. , September, 1969-April, 1970.
25. , September, 1970-April, 1971.
26. , September, 1971-April, 1972.
27. , September, 1972-April, 1975.
28. General Meeting Minutes, September, 1947-May, 1948.
29. , October, 1948-April, 1949.
30. , September, 1949-April, 1950.
31. , October, 1950-April, 1951.
32. , October, 1951-April, 1952.
33. , October, 1952-May, 1953.
34. , October, 1953-May, 1954.
35. , October, 1954-May, 1955.
36. , November, 1955-April, 1956.
37. , September, 1956-April, 1957.
38. , September, 1957-April, 1958.
39. , September, 1958-April, 1959.
40. , September, 1959-April, 1960.
41. , September, 1960-November, 1961.
42. , September, 1962-April, 1963.
43. , September, 1963-April, 1964.
44. , September, 1964-April, 1965.
45. , September, 1965-April, 1966.
46. , September, 1966-April, 1967.
47. , October, 1967-April, 1968.
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49. , September, 1969-April, 1970.
50. , September, 1970-April, 1971.
51. , March, 1972-April, 1972 and April, 1973-April, 1975.

Box 2

1. Treasurer Reports, 1948-1972.
2. Constitutions and By-laws.

Series II

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All membership applications for 1947-1973, all senior member applications, and applicant vitae for 1948-1973 form this series. Individual application folders contain correspondence relating to that particular person. The membership application files are arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically by name within each yearly file. The senior files are arranged alphabetically and the vitae are arranged chronological.

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1. Membership Applications, 1963.
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10. , 1972.
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12. , 1974.
13. , 1975.

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1. Senior Member Applications, A-K.
2. Senior Member Applications, L-Z.
3. Applicant Vitae, 1948-1975.

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This series consists of all program announcements for 1950-1973 arranged chronologically, and annual banquet programs for 1949-1973 arranged chronologically, as well as a 25th Anniversary booklet for 1973. Abstracts of papers presented are arranged chronologically for 1947-1950, and all remaining abstracts are undated and filed in the order preserved. The Theodore McGraw background file precedes the Theodore McGraw Medal correspondence files for 1948-1973 which are arranged chronologically. Miscellaneous correspondence is arranged chronologically also, and is followed by the Charles Johnston file. This series reflects the activities of the association.

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28. Annual Banquet Program, 1949-1953.
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1. Theodore McGraw--Background file.
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25. Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1947-1952.
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