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Biographical/Historical Note:

S. Joseph Lewis, Jr. was born on November 3, 1918 to Samuel Joseph Lewis, M.D. and Mary Scheetz Lewis. He graduated from the Academy of Richmond County in 1935 and from the University of Georgia (UGA) in 1941 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. After service in the military during World War II, Lewis earned a Master of Arts from UGA in August of 1947. Lewis taught history in the 1950s at Staunton Military Academy in Virginia and for two years at UGA.

Lewis' father was a 1911 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) and as a practicing physician in ophthalmology and otolaryngology, Lewis, Sr., MD was a clinical professor at MCG. An interest in the epidemics that once ravaged across the South led Lewis to research southern medical history in general. During this research he recognized names associated with MCG and realized the significance of the history of MCG. He commenced to write a book on MCG's history...
in 1963. “The more I dug, the more I found out and finally it just seemed to me that a complete history of the school should be written,” said Lewis in an article published in *The Augusta Chronicle*, August 10, 1964. More information about Lewis and his research can be found in the December 1963 issue of *The Foundation and Alumni News*.

As a trained researcher in history, Lewis was meticulous in recording his notes and the primary sources he researched. He began his research using the records at MCG before spending several months reviewing microfilmed copies of *The Augusta Chronicle*. He did not limit his research to local institutional sources, but investigated information held elsewhere.

Lewis was given office space in the library at MCG while he worked on his manuscript regarding the history of MCG. He held a two-year appointment as an instructor in Medical History at MCG. During the time he was writing his manuscript, he contributed articles to the MCG publication *Foundation and Alumni News*. He also gave a speech regarding MCG’s history at the institution’s Alumni Day in 1966. Lewis completed his manuscript, but for various reasons the book was not published before his death on October 9, 1969. His research notes and drafts of his manuscript were retained by the MCG Library and managed by Dorothy Mims, a reference librarian who had assisted Lewis in proof-reading his manuscript. At some point in the late 1960s to early 1970s, photocopies of Lewis’ last draft were distributed to various members of the MCG community. One copy of the draft was even bound into two volumes (due to the size of the manuscript) and added to the Library’s catalog of circulating material.

Through the efforts of Augusta University’s Medical Historian in Residence, Lois Ellison, MD, and Sarah Braswell, Historical Research Coordinator, Lewis’ book – *The Medical College of Georgia from 1829-1963: Chronicle of an Institution* – was published in 2011 (ISBN: 978-0-9834202-0-0) by the Georgia Health Sciences University, the name of the institution at that time. As of 2016, the institutional name is Augusta University.

**Scope and Content:**

S. Joseph Lewis, Jr. Papers is comprised of Lewis’ handwritten research notes for the history of the Medical College of Georgia book; his handwritten manuscript for the book; and two typed drafts of the book. Two folders contain items not saved by Lewis himself, but were retained by former MCG Special Collections Librarians, Dot Mims and Susanna Weaver Joyner. These folders are included in the Lewis Papers for the historical account of the Lewis manuscript of MCG’s history. [MSS016.Box05, folders 23 and 24]

**Arrangement:**

Arranged into two series: Series I: Research Notes; and Series II: Manuscript Drafts.
Series I: Research Notes

MSS016.Box01 contains the following:
- Folder 1: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1832-1835
- Folder 2: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1836-1839
- Folder 3: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1840-1846
- Folder 4: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1847-1859
- Folder 5: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1860-1864
- Folder 6: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1865-1869
- Folder 7: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1870-1873
- Folder 8: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1877-1881
- Folder 9: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1882-1886

MSS016.Box02 contains the following:
- Folder 1: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1887-1890
- Folder 2: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1891-1892
- Folder 3: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1893
- Folder 4: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1894-1896
- Folder 5: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1897
- Folder 6: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1898-1900
- Folder 7: Augusta Chronicle and other local newspapers, 1901-1903

MSS016.Box03 contains the following:
- Folder 1: Faculty Minutes, 1833-1836
- Folder 2: Faculty Minutes, 1840-1845
- Folder 3: Faculty Minutes, 1846-1861
- Folder 4: Faculty Minutes, 1865-1882
- Folder 5: Faculty Minutes, 1884-1903
- Folder 6: Minutes of Trustees, 1829-1833 (includes first meeting)
- Folder 7: Minutes of Trustees, 1834-1839
- Folder 8: Minutes of Trustees, 1840-1845
- Folder 9: Minutes of Trustees, 1846-1859
- Folder 10: Minutes of Trustees, 1866-1903
- Folder 11: Minutes of Trustees - Lists of Graduates, 1833-1878
- Folder 12: Minutes of Trustees - Lists of Graduates, 1880-1903

MSS016.Box04 contains the following:
- Folder 1: SMSJ - Southern Medical and Surgical Journal, 1836-1839
- Folder 2: SMSJ - Southern Medical and Surgical Journal, 1845-1846
Folder 3:  SMSJ - Southern Medical and Surgical Journal, 1847-1852
Folder 4:  SMSJ - Southern Medical and Surgical Journal, 1853-1867
Folder 5:  Photocopy of 1882 graduation address given by Horatio Ross Cook, MD
Folder 6:  Photocopy of printed speech or article by Paul F. Eve regarding history of MCG. Source not given; handwritten date 1841
Folder 7:  Reprint of Act of Georgia General Assembly regarding MCG, 1833 December 20
Folder 8:  Reprinted edition (1896) of printed charter, by-laws, officers, etc. of the Medical College of Georgia, 1835
Folder 9:  Photocopies of the list of registered students. 1832-1834
Folder 10:  Photocopy of Bethina Wood vs. Medical College of Georgia, 1897 September
Folder 11:  Photocopies of letters: Paul F. Eve's letter to governor, 1836 and Paul F. Eve's Mexican War letters, 1846
Folder 12:  Minutes of the City Council (Augusta, Georgia), 1818-1894
Folder 13:  Notes and photocopies from various sources
Folder 14:  Notes and reminders Lewis wrote for himself

MSS016.Box05 contains the following:
NOTE: Folders 1-13 were originally in a folder Lewis labeled "Dr. Pund". Most items have "Edgar R. Pund" signature.

Folder 1:  Reprint: Doughty, Roger G., "History of the Medical Department of the University of Georgia: A Short History of Its Early Struggles," Annals of Medical History, 1928 (FRAGILE)
Folder 4:  Reprint: Mettler, Cecilia, "History of the Georgia School of Medicine," Phi Chi Quarterly, 1937 January
Folder 7:  The Journal of the Medical Association of Georgia, April 1940 [Article by Joseph Krafka "Augusta: From Trading Post to Medical Center"]
Folder 8:  The Journal of the Medical Association of Georgia: Official Program - Macon Session, May 13-16, 1941. [Articles regarding Macon's medical history]
Folder 9: Brochure: A Step Forward in Medical Education and Medical Care for the State of Georgia, ca. 1948-1949. (Paid for by the alumni of UGA Medical Department, a.k.a. Medical College of Georgia.)

Folder 10: Three issues of "The Cadaver" vol. 10, nos. 5-7, February-May 1955 which contain three-part article by G. Lombard Kelly on the history of MCG

Folder 11: Reprint: Blutinger, Martin, "Influences of the First Faculty of MCG upon the American Medical Curriculum and the Origin of the American Medical Association," 1959 January. [Presented as the inaugural address of the Milton Antony Medical History Society of the Medical College of Georgia, 1958 October 15. Blutinger was senior medical student at MCG.]

Folder 12: Foundation News, April 1959

Folder 13: Clippings from Augusta Chronicle and other sources collected by Dr. Edgar R. Pund

Folder 14: Photocopy: Medical Research Foundation of Georgia: Articles of Association, 1958 October

Folder 15: Duke University Medical Center

Folder 16: Theta Kappa Psi - Gamma Kappa Chapter

Folder 17: Phi Chi Medical Fraternity

Folder 18: Phi Delta Epsilon Fraternity

Folder 19: Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity

Folder 20: American Medical Association

Folder 21: Augusta Chronicle article regarding Lewis and MCG history, 1964 August 10

Folder 22: Letter from Joseph P. Bailey, regarding Lewis' contribution to Alumni Day, 1966 October 18

Folder 23: Letters and memos retained by Dorothy (Dot) Mims regarding the Lewis manuscript, including a narrative of her association with manuscript, 1968-1969, 1981, and undated. (Mims was librarian at MCG Library and is mentioned in Lewis' preface in book.)


**Series II: Manuscript drafts**

MSS016.Box06

Folder 1: Old footnotes

Folder 2: Lists of Trustees’ presidents

Folder 3: 2nd Draft – Part I – 1818-1865

Folder 4: 2nd Draft – Part II – 1865-1913

MSS016.Box07
Folder 1: 2nd Draft – Part III – 1913-1963

MSS016.Box08
Folder 1: 3rd Draft – Typed – 1818-1865
Folder 2: 3rd Draft – Typed – Footnotes, 1818-1865
Folder 3: 3rd Draft – Typed – 1865-1913

MSS016.Box09
Folder 1: 3rd Draft – Typed – 1913-1964

MSS016.Box10
Folder 1: Preface to book
Folder 2: Chapter 1 – Background and Genesis of an Institution
Folder 3: Chapter 2 – 1832-1836
Folder 4: Chapter 3 – 1837-1846
Folder 5: Chapter 4 – 1846-1856
Folder 6: Chapter 5 – 1857-1865
Folder 7: Chapter 6 – 1865-1877
Folder 8: Chapter 7 – 1878-1886
Folder 9: Chapter 8 – 1886-1896
Folder 10: Chapter 9 – 1894-1902
Folder 11: Chapter 10 – 1903-1908
Folder 12: Chapter 11 – 1909-1912
Folder 13: Chapter 12 – 1913-1916
Folder 14: Chapter 13 – 1917-1922
Folder 15: Chapter 14 – 1923-1928
Folder 16: Chapter 15 – 1929-1932
Folder 17: Chapter 16 – 1933-1938
Folder 18: Chapter 17 – 1935-1939
Folder 19: Chapter 18 – 1940-1945
Folder 20: Chapter 19 – Encounter with Cracker Party, Summer 1945
Folder 21: Chapter 20 – 1945-1949
Folder 22: Chapter 21 – 1950-1953
Folder 23: Chapter 22 – 1954-1957
Folder 24: Chapter 23 – 1958-1960
Folder 25: Chapter 24 – 1961-1963
Folder 26: Bibliography
Folder 27: Footnotes
Folder 28: Bibliographies and Appendices
Series I: Research Notes, continued

(NOTE: The research notes recorded by Lewis beyond 1903 were located after boxes 1-10 were processed and cataloged into Past Perfect. Below are the remaining research notes, boxes 11-16.)

MSS016.Box 11 contains the following:
  Folder 1: Augusta Chronicle, 1903-1905
  Folder 2: Augusta Chronicle, 1906-1907
  Folder 3: Augusta Chronicle, 1907-1908
  Folder 4: Augusta Chronicle, 1908-1910
  Folder 5: Augusta Chronicle, 1911-1912

MSS016.Box 12 contains the following:
  Folder 1: Augusta Chronicle, 1913-1914
  Folder 2: Augusta Chronicle, 1915-1916
  Folder 3: Augusta Chronicle, 1917-1918
  Folder 4: Augusta Chronicle, 1919-1920
  Folder 5: Augusta Chronicle, 1921-1923
  Folder 6: Augusta Chronicle, 1924-1925
  Folder 7: Augusta Chronicle, 1926-1927

MSS016.Box 13 contains the following:
  Folder 1: Augusta Chronicle and Executive Minutes, 1928-1930
  Folder 2: Augusta Chronicle and Executive Minutes, 1931
  Folder 3: Augusta Chronicle and Executive Minutes, 1932-1933
  Folder 4: Augusta Chronicle and Executive Minutes, 1934-1935
  Folder 5: Augusta Chronicle and Executive Minutes, 1935-1938
  Folder 6: Augusta Chronicle and Executive Minutes, 1939-1943

MSS016.Box 14 contains the following:
  Folder 1: Augusta Chronicle and Executive & Faculty Minutes, 1944-1945
  Folder 2: Augusta Chronicle and Executive & Faculty Minutes, 1946-1948
  Folder 3: Augusta Chronicle and Executive & Faculty Minutes, 1948-1950
  Folder 4: Augusta Chronicle and Executive & Faculty Minutes, 1951-1952

MSS016.Box 15 contains the following:
  Folder 1: Augusta Chronicle, 1953-1954
  Folder 2: Augusta Chronicle, April-December1954
  Folder 3: Augusta Chronicle, 1955
  Folder 4: Augusta Chronicle, 1956
Folder 5: Augusta Chronicle, 1957
Folder 6: Augusta Chronicle, 1958-1959
Folder 7: Augusta Chronicle, 1960-1961
Folder 8: Augusta Chronicle, 1962
Folder 9: Augusta Chronicle, 1963

MSS016.Box 16 contains the following:
Folder 1: Drafts of manuscript chapter notes
Folder 2: Acts of General Assembly, 1822, 1825
Folder 3: Recollection of Dr. R.J. Massey, from Augusta Chronicle, 1910 May 2
Folder 4: Augusta Chronicle, 1913-1929
Folder 5: Augusta Chronicle, 1931-1954
Folder 6: Faculty Minutes and Executive Minutes, 1837-1937, scattered
Folder 7: Georgia Alumni Record, April 1923
Folder 8: Publication from MCG regarding the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, not dated (2 copies)
Folder 9: Notes, probably captions for illustrations
Folder 10: Brochures:
   1) History of the Old Medical College by the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., 1961
   2) Program: Dedication of the Dugas Building, 1937 October 14
   3) Initiation of Charter Members of the Alpha Omega Alpha, 1926 June 2
Folder 11: Photocopy of Trustees Minutes of the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1908-1909
Folder 12: Letter from the Georgia Archives, 1965 September 14 (regarding a letter written by Dr. Joseph R. Wilson written in 1863 protesting against MCG being used as a hospital during the war.)
Folder 13: 3 brochures for City Hospital Training for Nurses, 1896, 1897, 1899
Folder 14: Classics in Medical Literature from the University of Pennsylvania, 1765-1965
Folder 15: Copies of Letterhead
Folder 16: Notes and Questions
Folder 17: Dugas Club Meeting invite, 1967 April 11
Folder 18: Introductory Lecture given by Samuel Jackson, MD at University of Pennsylvania Medical Class, 1850 (photocopy)
Folder 19: Publications: Medical Affairs, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, 1964 and 1965
Folder 20: Bicentennial of Medical Education in the US, University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, 1765-1965
Folder 21: Bulletin Medical College of Virginia, Monumental Church Issue, 1965
Folder 22: Reprint from the Medical Record: "Feeding Per Rectum" by D.W. Bliss, MD, 1822 July 15
Folder 23: Carbon copies of letters from S.J. Lewis to:
1) Birdie Bundurant, 1966 February 7
2) LeRoy P. Graf, 1965 November 30