

Guide to the Society for Clinical Surgery Records

MS 1267



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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Society of Clinical Surgery

TITLE: Society of Clinical Surgery records

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The records consist of correspondence, minutes, membership lists, programs, reports, and photographs which document the founding of the Society of Clinical Surgery, as well as its meetings from 1903-1998. The records also include histories of the society by Harvey Cushing, Harris B. Shumacker, Jr., and Wiley Barker.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Historical Medical Library, 1980, and gift of the Society of Clinical Surgery, 1992, 2004, and 2019.

Custodial History

Some records of the Society were transferred to Manuscripts and Archives in 1980 from the Medical Historical Library. These records appear to have been collected to some extent by Harvey Cushing, who served as president of the Society and who wrote a history of the Society's founding. The Society gave additional records to the department in 1992, 2004, and 2019. Some of these records were collected by Harris B. Shumacker, Jr. for his history of the Society.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Society of Clinical Surgery was founded in 1903 as a travel club for young surgeons. Charter members included James G. Mumford, George E. Brewer, Harvey Cushing, Charles H. Frazier, George W. Crile, and John C. Munro.

The activities of the Society are directed toward the general advancement of surgery. The Society seeks to stimulate its members to work along lines of original thought and investigation in the clinic, laboratory, or library and to develop and improve methods of surgical teaching.

The size of the Society's membership is deliberately kept small. Members are elected and must be between the ages of thirty and fifty-five. They must have an official connection with some medical institution, whether school, hospital, or laboratory.

Through its meetings, the Society affords members opportunities to demonstrate advances in operative methods and surgical teaching. Meeting hosts arrange presentations and demonstrations at their institutions to help keep members abreast of current surgical ideas and techniques. The meetings also include dinners and receptions, which provide time for socializing.

Though meetings have been held primarily in the United States, a few meetings were held abroad and offered surgeons the opportunity for foreign travel. Until 1974, the Society usually met twice a year. Then, the Society adopted a policy of single annual meetings.

Scope and Contents

The records of the Society of Clinical Surgery consist of correspondence, minutes, lists of members, programs, reports, and photographs, which document the founding of the Society, as well as its meetings from 1903 until the 2010s. The records also include histories of the Society.

The records are arranged in sections: Correspondence, Histories, Meetings, and Membership. Correspondence includes exchanges between members on organizational and historical matters from the beginning of the Society until 1977. Most of the correspondence is loose and arranged in chronological order. Folder 1, however, contains a bound volume of the earliest correspondence. Manuscript drafts, illustrations, and printed copies of the Cushing and Shumacker histories of the Society are filed under Histories, while bibliographies of members and printed membership rosters and biographies of members, published with the Society's constitution, are found filed under Membership.

The bulk of the records is arranged under Meetings. This material includes meeting registers and at least one folder of material for meetings of the Society, from its 1st in 1903 through its 134th in 1977, with the exception of the 64th, 76th, 92nd, 121st, or 131st meetings. Folders may contain the meeting program, minutes from the meeting, reports, photographs, and memorabilia. For the 40th meeting, held in 1925 in Europe, there are annotated photograph albums and negatives matching the prints in them. No meetings were held between the 74th in 1942 and the 75th in 1946. A war report of the Society is filed between the folders for these two meetings. At the end of this section, in folders 169-175, there are bound volumes containing minutes, reports, and programs. While most of the material in these volumes is printed and duplicates materials in the files for individual meetings, volumes in folders 169-170 contain typed copies of minutes. An addition to the collection is similarly arranged. A second addition to the collection contains administrative files, meeting files, membership files, photographs, and computer files.

Arrangement

The records are arranged under four headings and two additions: Correspondence, Histories, Meetings, and Membership.

Collection Contents

Original accession

b. 1, f. 1 - 18	Correspondence	1903-1942, 1944-1951, 1953, 1959, 1964, 1970-1975, 1977, undated
Histories		
<i>History of the Society</i>		
b. 1, f. 19	Report	Pre-1977
b. 1, f. 20	Illustrations	undated
b. 2, f. 21	Illustrations	undated
b. 2, f. 22	Printed copy	1977
b. 2, f. 23	Additional materials	1976
"The Society of Clinical Surgery in Retrospect"		
b. 2, f. 24 - 25	Manuscript	1921
b. 2, f. 26	Printed copy	1969
Meetings		
b. 2, f. 27 - 28	Meeting register	1903-1969
b. 2, f. 29 - 40	1st-11th	1903-1908
b. 3, f. 41 - 51	12th-20th	1909-1913
b. 14	20th: photograph	
b. 3, f. 52 - 70	21st-38th	1913-1924
b. 4, f. 71	39th	1924
40th		
b. 4, f. 72	Report	1925
b. 4, f. 73 - 74	Photographs	1925
b. 4, f. 75 - 76	Photograph album	1925
b. 5	Photograph album: negatives	1925
b. 6, f. 77	Program and menus	1925
b. 6, f. 78 - 95	41st-58th	1925-1934
b. 7, f. 96 - 110	59th-74th	1934-1942

Meetings (continued)

b. 7, f. 111	War report	1942
b. 7, f. 112 - 114	75th, 77th, 78th	1946-1948
b. 8, f. 115 - 143	79th-91st, 93rd-108th	1948-1963
b. 9, f. 144 - 167	109th-120th, 122nd-130th, 132nd-134th	1963-1977
b. 9, f. 168	Unidentified: photograph	undated
b. 10, f. 169 - 170	Minutes of meetings	1903-1920
b. 10, f. 171	Minutes and pictures	1967-1973
b. 11, f. 172 - 175	Programs and minutes of meetings	1903-1923

Membership

b. 12, f. 176 - 178	Statistics and constitution	1906, 1913, 1920
b. 12, f. 179	Statistics	1923
b. 12, f. 180 - 185	Constitution and statistics	1928, 1933, 1940, 1949, 1959, 1969
b. 12, f. 186	Membership, constitution and statistics	1978
b. 12, f. 187	Bibliography of members	1906-1909

Accession 2005-M-019: Additional Material

This addition to the Society of Clinical Surgery Records mirrors the arrangement of the original material: correspondence, histories, meetings, and membership, arranged chronologically within a category. There is some overlap in the Meetings files from the 1909 meeting (#12) through the 1977 meeting (#134) with the original material. This accession then continues with the 1978 meeting (#135) and continues through the 1990s.

Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1	1972-1984	
b. 1, f. 2	1985-1988	
b. 1, f. 3	1989-1990	
b. 1, f. 4	1991-1992	
Histories		
<i>Barker, Wiley, History of the Society of Clinical Surgery</i>		
b. 1, f. 5	Draft	1996
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence	1997
b. 1, f. 7	Handwritten notes on clinic visits in Europe	1912
Meetings		
b. 1, f. 8 - 27	12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 20th-22nd, 24th-31st, 34th, 35th, 42nd, 43rd, 69th	1909 April-1939 November
b. 1, f. 28	War Report, no. 1	1942 November
b. 1, f. 29 - 33	100th, 108th-111th	1959 May-1964 October
b. 2, f. 34 - 41	112th-119th	1965 April-1969 April
b. 3, f. 42 - 51	120th-129th	1969 October-1974 May
b. 4, f. 52 - 65	130th-143rd	1974 October-1986 November
b. 5, f. 66 - 70	144th-148th	1987 November-1991 November
b. 6, f. 71 - 72	149th, 151st	1992 November, 1994 November
b. 6, f. 73	Executive Council meeting	1997 April
b. 6, f. 74	155th	1998 November

Meetings (continued)

b. 6, f. 75	Log of meeting announcements	1987-1992
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Membership		
b. 6, f. 76	Applications, membership lists	1992-1997
b. 6, f. 77	Membership lists, biographies, and related photographs	1993-1994
b. 6, f. 78	Constitution and statistics	1995-1996
b. 6, f. 79	Financial information	1985-1990
b. 6, f. 80	Mailing list	1991-1992
b. 6, f. 81	Photographs	1953-1967, undated
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Accession 2019-M-0013: Additional Material , 1967–2012

6.26 linear feet (16 boxes)

This accession contains administrative files of the Society of Clinical Surgery, material concerning the Society’s annual meetings, membership and admissions files concerning individual members of the Society, photographs of its members, and unidentified computer files.

Original born digital files, as well as preservation masters, may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist request that they be made. Born digital files cannot be accessed remotely. System requirements include a Manuscripts and Archives computer and file viewing software.

The material is divided into five groupings: Administrative, Meetings, Membership, Photographs, and Computer files.

Administrative

b. 16	Agendas, executive committee notices, minutes, and history 2019-m-0013-0001 <i>13.5_floppy_disk 1492992 bytes (1.49 Megabytes. This reflects the size of the carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files available for research.)</i> Original born digital files, as well as preservation masters, may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist request that they be made. Born digital files cannot be accessed remotely. System requirements include a Manuscripts and Archives computer and file viewing software.	Circa 1990s
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b. 1, f. 1-3	Committee on Admissions	1992–2001
b. 1, f. 4-10	Correspondence	1993–2008

Meetings

Society of Clinical Surgery Annual Meeting

b. 2, f. 1	150th	1993
b. 2, f. 2	151st	1994
b. 2, f. 3	152nd	1995
b. 2, f. 4	153rd	1996
b. 2, f. 5	154th	1997
b. 2, f. 6	155th	1998
b. 2, f. 7	156th	1999
b. 3, f. 1	156th	1999
b. 3, f. 2	157th	2000
b. 3, f. 3	159th	2002
b. 3, f. 4	160th	2003

Meetings > Society of Clinical Surgery Annual Meeting (continued)

b. 3, f. 5	161st	2004
b. 3, f. 6	162nd	2005
b. 4, f. 1	163rd	2006
b. 4, f. 2	165th	2008
b. 4, f. 3	166th	2009
b. 4, f. 4	167th	2010
b. 4, f. 5	169th	2012
b. 16	Annual Meeting Folders 2019-m-0013-0002 <i>13.5_floppy_disk 1492992 bytes (1.49 Megabytes. This reflects the size of the carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files available for research.)</i> Folders on the disk include: 1998 New Orleans, 1999 Oxford, 2000 Madison, 2001 Seattle, 2002 New York Original born digital files, as well as preservation masters, may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist request that they be made. Born digital files cannot be accessed remotely. System requirements include a Manuscripts and Archives computer and file viewing software.	1998–2002
b. 4, f. 6	Correspondence concerning potential meeting locations	1994–2003
b. 4, f. 7-18	Executive Council meeting	1994–2000
Membership		
General		
b. 5, f. 1-2	Biographical sketches	Circa 1980s
b. 16	Biographical sketches 2019-m-0013-0003 <i>13.5_floppy_disk 1492992 bytes (1.49 Megabytes. This reflects the size of the carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files available for research.)</i> Original born digital files, as well as preservation masters, may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist request that they be made. Born digital files cannot be accessed remotely. System requirements include a Manuscripts and Archives computer and file viewing software.	Circa 1990s
b. 5, f. 3	Biographical sketches	2008
Member files		
b. 5, f. 4	Adams, William E.	1974
b. 5, f. 5	Allen, J. Garrott	Circa 1982
b. 5, f. 6	Altemeier, William A.	1969

Membership > General > Member files (continued)

b. 5, f. 7	Anderson, Marion C.	1982
b. 5, f. 8	Beattie, Edward J., Jr.	1982-1986
b. 5, f. 9	Beck, Claude S.	1968
b. 5, f. 10	Burt, Michael E.	1993
b. 5, f. 11	Carter, B. Noland	1982
b. 5, f. 12	Child, Charles G., III	1982-1988
b. 5, f. 13	Clagett, O. Theron	1969-1982
b. 5, f. 14	Cole, Warren H.	1982-1990
b. 5, f. 15	Collins, John A.	1982-1992
b. 5, f. 16	Cope, Oliver	1982-1989
b. 5, f. 17	Crawford, E. Stanley	1982
b. 5, f. 18	Damiano, Ralph	1995-1997
b. 5, f. 19	Davis, Loyal	Circa 1982
b. 5, f. 20	Decosse, Jerome J.	1982-2001
b. 5, f. 21	Dragstedt, Lester R.	1969
b. 5, f. 22	Drapanas, Theodore	Circa 1982
b. 5, f. 23	Edwards, W. Sterling	1982
b. 5, f. 24	Firor, Warfield M.	1982-1988
b. 5, f. 25	Gerbode, Frank L.	1969-1987
b. 5, f. 26	Gilchrist, R. Kennedy	1982-1989
b. 5, f. 27	Glenn, Frank	Circa 1982
b. 5, f. 28	Gross, Robert E.	1969-1983
b. 6, f. 1	Hallenbeck, George A.	1982
b. 6, f. 2	Hardy, James D.	1982-1983
b. 6, f. 3	Holman, Cranston W.	1982-1985
b. 6, f. 4	Holman, Emile	1969
b. 6, f. 5	Johnson, Julian	1982
b. 6, f. 6	Jonasson, Olga	1975-1982
b. 6, f. 7	Jones, R. Scott	1981-1984
b. 6, f. 8	Jones, Robert H.	1984

Membership > General > Member files (continued)

b. 6, f. 9	Karlson, Karl E.	1982-1991
b. 6, f. 10	Kauffman, Gordon L., Jr.	1988-1989
b. 6, f. 11	Kelly, Keith A.	1982-1991
b. 6, f. 12	Kirklin, John W.	1982
b. 6, f. 13	Kittle, C. Frederik	1992-2001
b. 6, f. 14	Lewis, F. John	1982
b. 6, f. 15	Lindskog, Gustaf E.	1969-1990
b. 6, f. 16	Longmire, William P., Jr.	1982
b. 6, f. 17	Lowe, James E.	1991
b. 6, f. 18	Lowry, Stephen F.	1991-1993
b. 6, f. 19	Mahoney, Earle B.	1982-1988
b. 6, f. 20	Maier, Ronald V.	1990
b. 6, f. 21	Maloney, James V., Jr.	1982
b. 6, f. 22	Mason, G. Robert	1982
b. 6, f. 23	McGoon, Dwight C.	1982-1988
b. 6, f. 24	McKittrick, Leland	Circa 1982
b. 6, f. 25	Menguy, Rene	Circa 1982
b. 6, f. 26	Miller, D. Craig	1985-1991
b. 6, f. 27	Moody, Frank G.	1984
b. 6, f. 28	Moore, Francis D.	1982-1983
b. 6, f. 29	Moore, Samuel W.	Circa 1982
b. 6, f. 30	Morrow, A. Glenn	1982
b. 6, f. 31	Moulder, Peter V.	1982
b. 6, f. 32	Mulder, Donald G.	1982
b. 6, f. 33	Muller, William H.	1967-1982
b. 7, f. 1	Nahrwold, David L.	1975-1984
b. 7, f. 2	Najarian, John S.	1982
b. 7, f. 3	Niederhuber, John E.	1983-1991
b. 7, f. 4	Nyhus, Lloyd M.	1982
b. 7, f. 5	Ochsner, Alton	Circa 1982

Membership > General > Member files (continued)

b. 7, f. 6	Oldman, N. Newland, Jr.	1979–1982
b. 7, f. 7	Orloff, Marshall J.	Circa 1982
b. 7, f. 8	Parsons, William B.	1973
b. 7, f. 9	Peacock, Earle E., Jr.	1969–1984
b. 7, f. 10	Pellegrini, Carol A.	1988
b. 7, f. 11	Penfield, Wilder	Circa 1982
b. 7, f. 12	Pierce, William S.	1978–1982
b. 7, f. 13	Pitt, Henry A.	1989
b. 7, f. 14	Polk, Hiram C., Jr.	1982
b. 7, f. 15	Porritt, Arthur	1985–1986
b. 7, f. 16	Randall, Henry T.	1982
b. 7, f. 17	Ravitch, Mark M.	Circa 1982
b. 7, f. 18	Ray, Bronson S.	1983–1984
b. 7, f. 19	Reber, Howard A.	1981–1993
b. 7, f. 20	Reemtsma, Keith	1982
b. 7, f. 21	Reitz, Bruce A.	1987–1989
b. 7, f. 22	Rhoads, Jonathan E.	1969–1982
b. 8, f. 1	Ridders, Layton F.	1986
b. 8, f. 2	Rodgers, Bradley M.	1982–1993
b. 8, f. 3	Roslyn, Joel Jr.	1994
b. 8, f. 4	Russell, Paul S.	1982
b. 8, f. 5	Sabiston, David C., Jr.	1969–1984
b. 8, f. 6	Schenk, Worthington	1982
b. 8, f. 7	Schwartz, Seymour I.	1982
b. 8, f. 8	Scott, H. William, Jr.	1982
b. 8, f. 9	Shires, G. Thomas	1969–1982
b. 8, f. 10	Shumacker, Harris B.	1984
b. 8, f. 11	Silen, William	1982
b. 8, f. 12	Simeone, Diane	2005–2006
b. 8, f. 13	Skinner, David B.	1982

Membership > General > Member files (continued)

b. 8, f. 14	Smithwick, Reginald H.	1982
b. 8, f. 15	Spenger, Frank C.	1982
b. 8, f. 16	Starzl, Thomas E.	1982
b. 8, f. 17	Steele, Glenn D., Jr.	1987-1988
b. 8, f. 18	Stephenson, Larry W.	1988-1989
b. 8, f. 19	Stevenson, Jean M.	1982
b. 8, f. 20	Stewart, John D.	1982
b. 8, f. 21	Sutherland, David E. R.	1982
b. 8, f. 22	Swan, Henry II	Circa 1982
b. 8, f. 23	Tompkins, Ronald K.	1982-1985
b. 8, f. 24	Trunkey, Donald D.	1980-1982
b. 9, f. 1	Waddell, William R.	1982
b. 9, f. 2	Waldhausen, John A.	1982-1984
b. 9, f. 3	Wallace, Robert B.	1982
b. 9, f. 4	Walt, Alex	1995
b. 9, f. 5	Walters, Waltman	1968-1982
b. 9, f. 6	Warren, W. Dean	1982
b. 9, f. 7	Warshaw, Andrew L.	1982-2001
b. 9, f. 8	Way, Lawrence W.	1980-1988
b. 9, f. 9	Wechsler, Andrews	1982-1988
b. 9, f. 10	Weldon, Clarence S.	1982-1991
b. 9, f. 11	Wells, Samuel A.	1976-1982
b. 9, f. 12	Wilmore, Douglas W.	1975-1982
b. 9, f. 13	Wolfe, Walter G.	1981-1982
b. 9, f. 14	Zarins, Christopher K.	1985-1987
b. 9, f. 15	Zinner, Michael J.	1986
b. 9, f. 16	Zuidema, George D.	1982
b. 9, f. 17-18	Membership lists	1996-2001
Admissions		
b. 10, f. 1-5	Applications for membership	2000-2004

Membership > Admissions (continued)

b. 11, f. 1-4	Applications for membership	2004–2005
b. 12, f. 1-4	Applications for membership	2006
b. 13, f. 1-5	Applications for membership	2007–2008
b. 14, f. 1-4	Applications for membership	2008–2011
b. 15, f. 1-2	Applications for membership	2012
b. 15, f. 3	Honorary members	Circa 1990s
Photographs		
b. 15, f. 4	Group member photographs	Circa 2000s
b. 15, f. 5-6	Individual member photographs	Circa 2000s
b. 16	<p>Computer files 2019-m-0013-0004 <i>1 Flash Drive 15525216256 bytes (15.52 Gigabytes. This reflects the size of the carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files available for research.)</i></p> <p>Original label read "Adams files, key drive password Doherty2018"</p> <p>Original born digital files, as well as preservation masters, may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist request that they be made. Born digital files cannot be accessed remotely. System requirements include a Manuscripts and Archives computer and file viewing software.</p>	

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Medicine
Surgery

Names

Barker, Wiley F.
Crile, George Washington, 1864-1943
Cushing, Harvey, 1869-1939
Frazier, Charles H. (Charles Harrison),
1870-1936
Shumacker, Harris B., 1908-

Corporate Body

Society of Clinical Surgery