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Included in these records are issues of the *Virginia Dental Journal* which have been printed since the last gift in 1989.

Biographical/Historical Information

On November 3, 1870 nine Virginia dentists met in Richmond to establish an organization to "cultivate the science and the art of dentistry, and all its collateral branches, to elevate and sustain the professional character of dentists; and to promote amongst them mutual improvement, social intercourse and good will." This meeting marked the creation of the Virginia Dental Association (VDA) or the Virginia State Dental Association as it was named when first created. The VDA changed to its current name in 1970. The VDA was the successor to the first professional dental organization, the Virginia Society of Surgeon Dentists which was formed in 1842.

An early goal of the VDA was to create standards and regulations for the profession. When the VDA was formed there were no statutes regulating the practice of dentistry in Virginia. The VDA spent several years drafting a bill to present to the state legislature culminating in the passage of the Dental Act of 1886. This act also established the Virginia Board of Dental Examiners. The VDA also successfully campaigned in 1915 to have a representative on the State Board of Health making Virginia the first state to include a dentist on such a board. In 1936 the VDA helped pass a bill that outlawed advertising dental services and prices as a means of protecting the public from unethical dental practices. This remained in effect until the early 1980s when the Federal Trade Commission ruled that truthful advertising could not be restricted.

Dental education was another subject of much interest and debate for the VDA. They supported the creation of the first dental school in Virginia in 1893 at the University College of Medicine (UCM). In 1913, UCM merged with the Medical College of Virginia (MCV), which had created its own dental school in 1897. For a time some members of the VDA thought that dentist should obtain an MD degree to practice medicine. The Dental Act only required a diploma and a certificate from the state board to practice dentistry. A dental degree was not required to sit for the state board exam. A law requiring an MD was passed in 1910, but was repealed in 1914 before any provisions were enacted.

The VDA, which is a component of the American Dental Association, created component societies in 1931. This was to better facilitate communication and professional development for member dentists throughout the state. Dentists who joined a component society also became members of the state and national associations through this tripartite structure. Virginia was divided into eight regions. Each region was arranged to have an existing local society within the area to become the component group where applicable. This arrangement is still in place today. The component societies are:

Component 1, Virginia Tidewater Dental Association, founded 1880

Component 2, Peninsula Dental Society, founded 1934

Component 3, Southside Dental Society, founded 1925

Component 4, Richmond Dental Society, founded 1894

Component 5, Piedmont Dental Society, founded 1916

Component 6, Southwest Virginia Dental Society, founded 1917

Component 7, Shenandoah Valley Dental Association, founded 1914

Component 8, Northern Virginia Dental Society, founded 1931

The VDA began publishing its journal the *Bulletin of the Virginia State Dental Association* in 1923. After sporadic publication for the first ten years the VDA began publishing on a regular schedule. The number of issues published has varied from three to six. The journal is currently published quarterly. The title changed to the *Virginia Dental Journal* in 1964. It is a resource for members to find information about professional and scientific developments, legislative issues, and annual meetings. The journal also includes editorials and news updates from the component societies.

An annual meeting of the VDA was held for members to come together and benefit from the mutual exchange of ideas and practical knowledge. The meetings offered an opportunity to focus on issues such as professional ethics, dental legislation, public health and service, and education. Much of the work of the organization was carried out by committees all of which were overseen by the governing body the Executive Council. The VDA had three elected officers the president, the president-elect, and the secretary-treasurer as well as several appointed officers including the editor of the journal. The VDA did not have a headquarters until the organization hired its first executive secretary in 1964 and she set up the headquarters in her home. Since that time it has been located in several areas around Richmond. Today the VDA is governed by a board of directors and still holds an annual meeting. The VDA continues to help improve the profession and its members, support dental education, promote public dental health, and provide outreach services to underserved populations.

Scope and Content

The records of the Virginia Dental Association (VDA) 1870-2011, provide insight into the changes in the dental profession and also the evolution of professional organizations in general. The materials include the official minutes and proceedings of the organization as well as committee records, component society materials, correspondence, financial records, annual meeting records and programs, membership records, subject files, materials relating to the American Dental Association and other national, state, and local dental organizations, and research files used to write *One Hundred Years of Dentistry in Virginia*.

Series 1: Annual Compilation of Records, 1870-1972. This series, divided into two subseries, consists of the official minutes of the VDA and the records of the Executive Council, the main governing body of the organization.

Subseries 1.1: Minute Books, 1870-1963. The minute books contain annual meeting programs and proceedings, speeches and papers delivered at the meetings, the *Bulletin* the official publication of the VDA, committee reports, financial statements, newspaper clippings, member lists, and meeting attendee lists including guests and exhibitors. Also included in the minute books are reports from the Bureau of Dental Health which often contains statistics regarding race and schools where clinics were held and reports of the State Board of Dental Examiners which include statistics regarding applicants for dental licenses.

Subseries 1.2: Executive Council Records, 1931-1972, bulk 1962-1972. These records include meeting minutes and reports along with some correspondence.

Series 2: Financial Records, 1887-1975. These records include bank statements and deposits, invoices, proposed budgets, receipts, and treasurer's books.

Series 3: Committees, 1924-1979. This series contains materials such as correspondence and reports of various standing and special committees.

Series 4: Annual Meetings, 1924-1980. This series includes materials related to the planning and execution of the meetings and is divided into four subseries.

Subseries 4.1: Annual Meeting Records, 1929-1980. This subseries contains general records such as correspondence, financial information, and publicity related to the planning of each annual meeting. Some files also include the proceedings for the meeting as well. The planning for most meetings began one to two years prior to the event, which is indicated by the inclusive date range listed for each folder.

Subseries 4.2: Local Arrangements and Program Committees, 1929-1939, 1954-1956, 1965. Materials in this subseries include correspondence and planning information related to arrangements for clinics, programs, and entertainment at the annual meetings.

Subseries 4.3: Programs, 1924-1970. This subseries contains copies of the official meeting programs.

Subseries 4.4: Meeting Exhibitors, 1927-1980. This subseries includes correspondence with vendors of dental related products and services requesting that the vendors purchase exhibit space or buy advertisements in the meeting program.

Series 5: Correspondence, 1917-1985. This series is divided into two subseries.

Subseries 5.1: General VDA Correspondence, 1917-1975. This subseries consists mostly of correspondence between the membership and the officers of the VDA. There is also some correspondence with the ADA, other state dental societies, the Virginia State Health Department, Virginia Board of Dental Examiners, and other state offices. The subjects most often covered include dues (overdue notices and disputes), issues related to the governance and structure of the VDA, meeting planning (locations, exhibitors, entertainment, and programs), legislative issues related to dentistry, and professional ethics issues (advertising, obligations to public health, etc).

Subseries 5.2: Officers' Correspondence and Related Materials, 1927-1985. These files consist primarily of specific VDA officers' correspondence. Additionally, some files also include speeches, photographs, and clippings.

Series 6: Component Societies, 1931-1978. This series contains materials such as correspondence, membership lists, and meeting programs from the eight component societies in Virginia.

Series 7: Administrative Files, 1919-1984. This series consists of subject and court files and is divided into two subseries.

Subseries 7.1: Subject Files, 1919-1984. Contains various subject files relating to legislative and professional issues, membership benefits such as insurance and retirement plans, and other materials such as newspaper clippings and photographs. Also includes membership card files kept by the VDA.

Subseries 7.2: Federal Trade Commission Case, 1960-1978. This subseries pertains to the Federal Trade Commission complaint against the American Dental Association and several of its constituent groups including the Virginia Dental Association and the Northern Virginia Dental Society (American Dental Association, et. al., Docket No. 9093). The FTC complaint stated that the ADA ethical codes violated antitrust laws by barring advertising and preventing price competition. Part of the defense strategy was to prove that the VDA and the NVDS were non-profit groups and as such were outside the FTC's jurisdiction. Documents in this subseries include Children's Dental Health Week materials, public service brochures promoting dental care, newspaper clipping discussing community outreach programs by the VDA, and materials on the governance and benefits of the two groups.

Series 8: National and State Dental Organizations, 1923-1976. This series contains materials such as correspondence, brochures, and newsletters from various other dental organizations including the American Dental Association, several local Virginia dental clubs, and some out-of-state dental groups.

Series 9: *One Hundred Years of Dentistry in Virginia*, 1873-1969. This series contains essays, speeches, research notes, photographs and related materials that were compiled to write this history. Research materials were collected primarily by Hermie Wait Powell, the author, and Dr. William Newton Hodgkins

Series 10: VDA Journals, 1928-2011. This series contains an incomplete set of the *Bulletin* and the *Virginia Dental Journal*. There are eight bound volumes of the *Bulletin*, loose issues of the *Virginia Dental Journal* from 1976-1983, 2008-2009, and 2011, and a DVD with the electronic version from 2004-2008. To view the current issue of the journal visit their [website](#). Membership is required to view the journals on the website.

Arrangement

The records of the Virginia Dental Association have been divided into ten series with subseries as needed. Efforts have been made to preserve the original arrangement of these files where applicable.

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Subseries 4.1: Annual Meeting Records, 1929-1980

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Subseries 4.3: Programs, 1924-1970

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Series 7: Administrative Files, 1919-1984

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Minute Books 1870-1915

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Scope and Content

Contains six minute books: 1870-1877, 1878-1892, 1893-1903, 1904-1905, 1906-1911, and 1912-1915

Minute Books, 1916-1917, 1918-1919, 1920, and 1921

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Minute Books, 1922, 1923, and 1924

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Scope and Content

The 1922 minutes mention that three women dentists were admitted into the VDA for the first time.

Minute Books, 1925 and 1926

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Minute Books, 1927, 1928, and 1929

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Minute Books, 1930, 1931, and 1932

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Scope and Content

At the 1932 annual meeting Martin Dewey, president of the ADA, discussed the lack of black dentists and also issues regarding dentists working with the Native American population.

Minute Books, 1933, 1934, and 1935

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Minute Books, 1936, 1937, and 1938

Box-folder 8:1-3

Scope and Content

The 1936 minutes contain letters from other Virginia dental groups, including the Old Dominion Dental Society (the separate organization for black dentists), regarding support for legislation to outlaw advertising dentists.

Minute Books, 1939, 1940, and 1941

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Minute Books, 1942 and 1943

Box-folder 10:1-2

Scope and Content

The 1942 annual meeting marked the centennial celebration of organized dentistry in Virginia. The minutes include a resolution by the Committee on Tire Priorities for the Richmond Dental Society authorizing the VDA to work to have dentists given priority rating for automobile tires; a presentation by M.S. McClung of the Office of Price Control discussing the need for price control during war time; and Dr. Harry Bear's discussion of the accelerated program at the Medical College of Virginia, School of Dentistry for those persons who join the Army or Navy reserves during World War II.

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Minute Books, 1949-1950 and 1951-1952

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Scope and Content

During the 1952 meeting the president, J.H. Cocks, discussed civil defense training for dentists in the case of atomic attack. He also recommended the next president appoint a committee to study racial segregation as it concerned membership in the VDA.

Minute Books, 1953-1954 and 1955

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Scope and Content

This committee was formerly known as Mouth Hygiene.

Council on Dental Health: Clippings and Reprints, 1951-1952

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Box-folder 20:20

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Box-folder 20:21

Emergency Dental Relief Work, 1933-1934

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Scope and Content

This committee was formed as a result of the Depression-era Federal Emergency Relief Administration. The committee worked with the state Emergency Relief Administration to set a fee scale for dental work performed for the unemployed.

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Scope and Content

This committee arranged a testimonial dinner at the annual meeting to honor Dr. Harry Lyons and his leadership as president of the American Dental Association.

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Box-folder 21:10

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Box-folder 21:11

Membership: Questionnaires, 1950s

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Scope and Content

The questionnaire includes full name, date of birth, name of colleges attended and degrees earned, date of admission to the association, veteran status and rank held, and any offices held in the association at the component and state levels.

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Scope and Content

The Mouth Hygiene committee became the Council on Dental Health in 1948. Folder 17 includes educational posters that were created to promote dental health.

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Scope and Content

This file contains reports from several special committees including Constitution and Bylaws, Collection of Amalgam Scraps, and a committee to study the feasibility of hiring an executive secretary for the Association.

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Scope and Content

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1964 Annual Meeting 1961-1964

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1966 Annual Meeting 1964-1966

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Scope and Content

Two meetings were held in 1966. The first was a convention cruise to San Juan and St. Thomas. The second meeting was held in Norfolk. Materials include registration cards and passenger lists for the cruise in addition to the general correspondence and other materials related to the planning of the meetings.

1967 Annual Meeting, Publicity 1967

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1968 Annual Meeting, Publicity, 1967-1968

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1971 Annual Meeting, 1970-1971

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Scope and Content

Folder 13 contains several photographs of the banquet.

1972 Annual Meeting, 1971-1972

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1974 Annual Meeting, 1973-1974

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1929 Local Arrangements, 1929

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1930 Local Arrangements, 1930

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1935 Local Arrangements, 1934-1935

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1929 Program Committee, 1929

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Scope and Content

Includes samples of meeting badges from several vendors

1930 Program Committee, 1930

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1931 Program Committee, 1930-1931

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1936 Program Committee, 1936

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1954 Program Committee, 1953-1954

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1955 Program Committee, 1954-1955

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1956 Program Committee, 1955-1956

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Programs, 1930s

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Programs, 1908-1912 and 1950-1964

Container Not boxed, on shelf.

Extent

Two bound volumes.

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1978 Meeting Exhibitors, 1977-1978

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Scope and Content

Several letters (June 16 and 19, December 2 and 13) between the VDA and the Old Dominion Dental Society discuss allowing blacks membership in the VDA.

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Scope and Content

A letter dated April 11 states that the VDA has three female members.

Correspondence, 1928

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Correspondence, 1929

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Correspondence, 1930

Box-folder 26:11

Scope and Content

Several letters concerning a bill that would more fully define the practice of dentistry and make it illegal for a person to conduct a dental practice under a trade name or corporation and a letter (December 29) from the ADA discussing the difficulties dentists encounter using alcohol in their practices due to Prohibition laws.

Correspondence, 1931

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Correspondence, 1932

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Scope and Content

Several letters discussing dental care for school children in the Roanoke area and concerns about advertising dentists.

Correspondence, 1933

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Correspondence, 1934

Box-folder 26:15

Scope and Content

Correspondence about lifting the licensing tax on dentists.

Correspondence, 1935

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Correspondence, 1936

Box-folder 27:2-3

Scope and Content

A letter (April 17) from J.E. John of the VDA to C.J. Caraballo of Florida asking for guidance in accepting blacks into the state dental society. Caraballos' response (April 23) stated that both Florida and Alabama allowed blacks to attend state meetings as guests and to pay a fee into the treasury to obtain a membership card which entitled them to membership in the ADA as well.

Correspondence, 1937

Box-folder 27:4-6

Scope and Content

Correspondence includes a letter (April 29) from the Southern California State Dental Association regarding the formation of a National Woman's Auxiliary Board and another letter (November 10) from the ADA regarding the Army Dental Corps bill to increase the number of dentists to improve the level of care and service for military personnel.

Correspondence, 1938

Box-folder 27:7-8

Scope and Content

Correspondence includes letters regarding the possible formation of a Southern Dental Association, a letter from the American Dental Hygienists' Association asking for names of licensed hygienists (licenses not required in Virginia at that time), and Stephen J. Lewis of the Old Dominion Dental Society asking for a copy of the VDA constitution and the bylaws to use as a guide for reorganizing their group.

Correspondence, 1939

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Correspondence, 1940

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Correspondence, 1951

Box-folder 27:11

Scope and Content

Includes a letter (May 23) from F. L. Adams of Florida regarding membership of black dentists in the Virginia Association. The letter mentions a proposal to the ADA to provide black dentists with the opportunity to join the ADA via their membership in the National Dental Association.

Correspondence, 1953

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Correspondence, 1954

Box-folder 27:13

Scope and Content

Correspondence includes a letter (May 18) from the VDA to Congressman Richard A. Poff expressing their hope that he will vote against the Anti-Fluoridation Bill.

Correspondence, 1955

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Correspondence, 1956

Box-folder 27:15

Scope and Content

Includes letters discussing the portion of the VDA bylaws which stated the Executive Council must approve members elected by the component societies. This was in conflict with the ADA bylaws, so an amendment was made stating that the component societies had the final say on members.

Correspondence, 1957

Box-folder 27:16

Scope and Content

Correspondence includes an invitation from the ADA for a US Army sponsored program on nuclear disaster preparedness and the potential of using dentists in a para-medical capacity during an emergency.

Correspondence, 1958

Box-folder 27:17

Correspondence, 1959-1961, 1963

Box-folder 27:18

Correspondence, 1972-1973, 1975

Box-folder 27:19

Subseries 5.2: Officers' Correspondence and related materials, 1924-1985

Boxes 27-28 (box)

Clark, Lonnie O. Jr., 1980-1981

Box-folder 27:19

Scope and Content

President, 1980; also includes a copy of his President's Address.

Delp, W. C., 1927-1928

Box-folder 27:20

Scope and Content

President, 1928.

Fisher, Elmer O., Jr. 1976-1977

Box-folder 27:21

Scope and Content

President, 1977.

Fitzhugh, William B. 1977-1979

Box-folder 28:1-3

Scope and Content

President, 1978; also includes a copy of his President's Address as well as a few other speeches and clippings.

Fletcher, Charles F., 1977-1979

Box-folder 28:4

Scope and Content

President, 1979; also includes a photograph, a copy of his President's Address, and clippings.

Gregory, Carlton E., 1970-1971

Box-folder 28:5

Scope and Content

President, 1971; also includes a copy of his President's Address.

Harloe, C. Bruce, 1925, 1933-1934

Box-folder 28:6

Scope and Content

Executive Council, 1934; his correspondence mostly pertains to his work to abolish the state dental license tax.

Henderson, Myron E., 1970

Box-folder 28:7

Scope and Content

President, 1970.

Hodges, Harry L., 1983-1985

Box-folder 28:8

Scope and Content

President, 1985, also includes a copy of his President's Address and a photograph.

Irby, John P., 1939-1940

Box-folder 28:9

Scope and Content

President, 1940.

John, James E., 1924-1940

Box-folder 28:10-11

Scope and Content

President, 1930; Secretary-Treasurer, 1935-1939.

Lewis, Jason R., 1972-1974

Box-folder 28:12

Scope and Content

President, 1974; also includes a copy of his President's Address and several other speeches.

Martone, Alexander L., 1967-1969, 1975

Box-folder 28:13

Scope and Content

President, 1969; also includes campaign materials for his 1975 bid for president of the ADA.

Michaels, Emanuel W., 1982-1984

Box-folder 28:14

Scope and Content

President, 1984; also includes a photograph and a 1984 speech to the MCV dental graduates.

Muir, Norbone F., 1934-1936

Box-folder 28:15

Scope and Content

President, 1936.

Powell, Hume Scott, 1967-1969

Box-folder 28:16

Scope and Content

President, 1968.

Strickland, Earle W., 1981-1983

Box-folder 28:17

Scope and Content

President, 1983; also includes a copy of his President's Address.

Traynham, William H., Jr. 1971-1972

Box-folder 28:18

Scope and Content

President, 1972; also includes a photograph.

Tyree, John C. 1956-1958

Box-folder 28:19

Scope and Content

President, 1958.

Wash, Atwood Melville, 1928-1935

Box-folder 28:20

Scope and Content

Secretary-Treasurer, 1929-1935.

Woodford, Curtis R., 1979-1980

Box-folder 28:21

Scope and Content

President, 1980; also includes a copy of his President's Address.

Upshur, Thomas T., 1971-1973

Box-folder 28:22

Scope and Content

President, 1973; also includes a photograph.

Series 6: Component Societies, 1931-1978

Box 29

Component Officers Handbook, 1976-1977

Box-folder 29:1

Component Societies, Organization 1931-1932

Box-folder 29:2

Scope and Content

Correspondence regarding the organization of local dental groups into component societies of the VDA and membership lists.

Component Society 1, Virginia Tidewater Dental Association, 1932-1959

Box-folder 29:3-4

Component Society 2, Peninsula Dental Society, 1932-1959, 1970, and 1977

Box-folder 29:5

Component Society 3, Southside Virginia Dental Society, 1932-1959, 1973, 1977-1978

Box-folder 29:6

Component Society 4, Richmond Dental Society, 1933-1959, 1976-1977

Box-folder 29:7

Component Society 5, Piedmont Dental Society, 1932-1959

Box-folder 29:8

Component Society 6, Southwest Virginia Dental Society, 1933-1959, 1975-1977

Box-folder 29:9

Component Society 7, Shenandoah Valley Dental Association, 1931-1959

Box-folder 29:10

Component Society 8, Northern Virginia Dental Association, 1933-1959, 1969-1978

Box-folder 29:11-14

Scope and Content

Materials for component society 8 include correspondence, annual reports, a history of the group, and programs from component meetings.

Series 7: Administrative Files, 1919-1984

Box 29-31, 35-36

Subseries 7.1: Subject Files, 1919-1984

Boxes 29-30, 35-36 (box)

Bulletin, 1923-1934

Box-folder 29:15

Clinics, 1930-1939

Box-folder 29:16

Code of Fair Competition for the Dental Laboratory Industry, National Recovery Administration, 1934

Box-folder 29:17

Constitution and Bylaws, 1931

Box-folder 29:18

Conference on Dental Health Education, 1951-1952

Box-folder 29:19

Scope and Content

Contains correspondence, meeting minutes, and programs for the planning of the 1952 conference.

Court Case: Golec v. Northern Virginia Dental Society, et al., 1976

Box-folder 29:20

Scope and Content

This lawsuit was filed in reaction to the charges by the NVDS that Golec had violated the ethics code of the Society by sending announcement cards to area dentist announcing service and staff additions at his practice. The suit was settled, the actions against Golec were expunged from his record, and the appropriate portion of the NVDS Code of Ethics was changed.

Deceased Member Records, 1927-1984

Boxes 35-36 (box)

Scope and Content

These records contain index cards listing member information including name, address, birth date, college attended, specialty, military service, details of participation in the VDA, and death date. Some records have obituaries attached. To view an Excel spreadsheet of all the dentists listed along with their college, date of graduation, city of practice, date of initial VDA membership, and death date please [click here](#).

Dental Hygienists

Box-folder 29:21

Dental Laws of Virginia, 1930, 1950, and 1968

Box-folder 29:22

Dental Visual Education, 1937

Box-folder 29:23

Dependents Medical Care Act Public Law 569, 1957-1960

Box-folder 29:24

Scope and Content

Correspondence regarding this act and the designation of certain military bases as "rural areas" so that dependents on base could receive treatment from a military dentist.

Five Point Program, 1928

Box-folder 29:25

Scope and Content

A dental care program for school aged children

Healthguard Program, U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1961-1962

Box-folder 30:1

Insurance Plans, 1926-1930, 1975-1976

Box-folder 30:2-4

Invitations, 1937-1938

Box-folder 30:5

Jamestown Festival, 350th Anniversary Contributions, 1937

Box-folder 30:6

Miscellaneous

Box-folder 30:7

National Health Conference, 1938

Box-folder 30:8

Newspaper Clippings

Box-folder 30:9

Obituaries and Resolutions on Death, 1927-1931

Box-folder 30:10

Officer Lists, 1937-1939

Box-folder 30:11

Photographs

Box-folder 30:12

Program, International Dental Congress, Vienna, 1936

Box-folder 30:13

Reprints

Box-folder 30:14

Retirement Plan, 1964-1977

Box-folder 30:15-16

Speeches

Box-folder 30:17

State Health Department Lists

Box-folder 30:18

Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners, 1919, 1927-1931, 1938, 1953-1963

Box-folder 30:19

Virginia State Department of Health, Division of Dental Health Report, 1954

Box-folder 30:20

Subseries 7.2: Federal Trade Commission Case, 1960-1978

Boxes 30-31 (box)

1978 Document Request

Box-folder 30:21

Scope and Content

A request for documents from the law firm representing the VDA in the FTC case. Folders 22-28 contain the requested documents.

1978 Document Request: Brochures and Pamphlets on Dental Care, Adults and Children, 1960s and 1970s

Box-folder 30:22

1978 Document Request: Constitution and Bylaws, 1977

Box-folder 30:23

1978 Document Request: National Children's Dental Health Week, 1973

Box-folder 30:24

1978 Document Request: National Children's Dental Health Week, 1977

Box-folder 30:25

1978 Document Request: National Children's Dental Health Week, 1978

Box-folder 30:26

1978 Document Request: Newspaper Clippings 1977-1978

Box-folder 30:27

Scope and Content

The newspaper clippings discuss the public dental health initiatives and other non-profit activities in which the VDA had engaged.

1978 Document Request: Peer Review Procedure Manual, 1976

Box-folder 30:28

Scope and Content

The manual was developed by the VDA and the Old Dominion Dental Society.

Documents Produced by Respondent, 1965-1977

Box-folder 30:29-32

Scope and Content

Documents relating to the governance and benefits of the VDA.

Virginia Respondents Exhibits, 1970-1977

Box-folder 31:1-4

Scope and Content

Documents relating to the VDA and the Northern Virginia Dental Society, both named in the FTC case.

Series 8: National, State, and Local Dental Organizations, 1923-1976

Box 31

American Association of Dental Editors, 1936-1939

Box-folder 31:5

American Dental Association: Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, 1938-1940

Box-folder 31:6

American Dental Association: Bulletin of the Council on Legislation, 1959-1964

Box-folder 31:7

American Dental Association: Committee, Legislation, 1933-1934, 1938

Box-folder 31:8

American Dental Association: Committee, Publication, 1937

Box-folder 31:9

American Dental Association: Constitution, Bylaws, and Code of Ethics, 1933, 1957

Box-folder 31:10

American Dental Association: Correspondence, 1928-1935, 1953-1954

Box-folder 31:11-13 (box-folder)

American Dental Association: Dental Education Plan, 1932

Box-folder 31:14

American Dental Association: Dental Student Recruitment Program for Local Dental Societies, 1958

Box-folder 31:15

American Dental Association: House of Delegates, Session Minutes, 1937-1939

Box-folder 31:16

American Dental Association: Insurance 1933-1935

Box-folder 31:17

American Dental Association: Membership 1929-1936, 1953-1961

Box-folder 31:18-21

Scope and Content

These files include dues information, junior and student member information, and membership statements.

American Dental Association: Miscellaneous,

Box-folder 31:22

American Dental Association: Newsletters, 1954

Box-folder 31:23

American Dental Association: Organization Chart, undated

Box-folder 31:24

American Dental Association: Publications, 1936, 1953-1966

Box-folder 31:25

American Dental Association: Relief Commission, 1938-1939, 1951

Box-folder 31:26

American Dental Association: Research Commission, 1934

Box-folder 31:27

American Dental Association: Survey to Determine Dental Needs, 1934

Box-folder 31:28

Conference of State Society Officers, 1933, 1935-1937, 1939

Box-folder 31:29

Danville Dental Society, 1974

Box-folder 31:30

Delta Sigma Delta, 1971

Box-folder 31:31

Dental Institute of America, 1938

Box-folder 31:32

Detroit Dental Clinic Club, 1938

Box-folder 31:33

District of Columbia Dental Society, 1938

Box-folder 31:34

Lynchburg Dental Society, 1972

Box-folder 31:35

Metropolitan Area Dental Health Council, 1973-1976

Box-folder 31:36

Miscellaneous Publications

Box-folder 31:37

National Board of Dental Examiners, 1929

Box-folder 31:38

Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Kappa Chapter

Box-folder 31:39

Project Dentist Newsletter, 1935

Box-folder 31:40

Roanoke Valley Dental Society, 1923, 1971-1972

Box-folder 31:41

Southern California State Dental Association, Constitution, 1926

Box-folder 31:42

West Virginia State Dental Society, 1927, 1931, and 1933

Box-folder 31:43

Series 9: One Hundred Years of Dentistry in Virginia, 1869-1969, 1873-1969

Box 32-34

Address, Dentistry Fifty-Seven Years Ago, 1909

Box-folder 32:1

Scope and Content

Address delivered by Dr. Carter Perkins before the Virginia Dental Society.

Centennial Meeting, 1967-1969

Box-folder 32:2

Certificates

Box-folder 32:3

Scope and Content

See also box 34 which contains oversized items from this file

Chewning, George H., 1873, 1878-1879, 1882-1889

Box-folder 32:4

Scope and Content

Former president (1887), items include letters, programs, and announcements.

Component Society Histories

Box-folder 32:5

Dental Centenary Celebration Programs, 1940

Box-folder 32:6

Directory of Dentists, 1933, 1938, 1947, 1950

Box-folder 32:7

Early Virginia Dentists and Dentistry

Box-folder 32:8

Essay, Dental History Past and Present, 1938

Box-folder 32:9

Historical Information

Box-folder 32:10

Hodgkin, William Newton, 1948-1950

Box-folder 32:11

Scope and Content

Former president of the VDA, he had collected information on the history of dentistry in Virginia and this book was dedicated to him.

Hughes, John M., 1907, 1915-1919, 1927-1930, 1950-1968

Box-folder 32:12

Scope and Content

Former president of the VDA. Items include memos from the dental surgeon of the 29th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, some correspondences, and some essays on dental practice and history.

Manuscript

Box-folder 32:13

Newspaper Clippings

Box-folder 32:14

One Hundred Years of Dentistry in Virginia, Galley Sheets

Box-folder 32:15

Past Presidents,

Box-folder 32:16

Photographs and Images

Box-folder 32:17

Scope and Content

See also box 34 which contains oversized items from this file.

Powell, Hermie Wait

Box-folder 32:18

Program, 1906 Annual Meeting

Box-folder 32:19

Publications, Pamphlets, and Brochures

Box-folder 32:20

Research Notes

Box 33 (box-folder)

Scope and Content

This box contains typed note cards with information regarding the history of dentistry in Virginia, the VDA, dental legislation and procedures, and other related topics.

Saint Apollonia Images

Box-folder 32:21

Southern Dental Journal, October 1882

Box-folder 32:22

Women's Auxiliary to the VDA, 1966-1968

Box-folder 32:23

Oversized Items

Box 34 (box-folder)

Scope and Content

This box contains oversized items from the collection.

Series 10: VDA Journals, 1928-2011

Scope and Content

Please note that this is not a complete run of the journal.

Bulletin, 1928-1948, 1951-1956, and 1958-1964

Container Not boxed, on shelf

Extent

Eight bound volumes.

Virginia Dental Journal, 1948, 1976-1983, 2004-2009, and 2011

Box 37

Extent

42 loose issues and 1 DVD-R containing volumes 81-85.