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**Inventory of the  
Dewey M. Duckett, Sr. Papers, 1946 - 1989**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Dewey M. Duckett, Sr. Papers,
<b>Dates:</b>	1946 - 1989
<b>Creator:</b>	Duckett, Dewey M., Sr.
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Dewey M. Duckett, Sr., DMD (1920-1972) of Rock Hill, South Carolina was a civil rights activist and dentist. He worked with the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the National Commission on Civil Rights investigating complaints by citizens regarding discrimination. Similarly, he was actively involved in the South Carolina Council on Human Relations (later Council on Human Rights). He was also an advocate for Licensed Practical Nursing in South Carolina and served as the president of the African American organization Palmetto Dental, Medical, and Pharmaceutical Association until 1946.</p> <p>The collection contains three series. The first series consists of correspondence mainly regarding civil rights. The second series contains writings, speeches, and lectures related to Duckett's position as a doctor, civil rights activist, and member of the Council on Human Relations, with mentions of and tributes to James McBride Dabbs, Thurgood Marshall, and others. The third series addresses Duckett's affiliations such as the Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, the South Carolina Commission on Human Relations, and the Practical Nursing Program. It also includes miscellaneous materials on civil rights and a 1989 Duckett family reunion.</p>
<b>Extent:</b>	.5 linear feet(1 archival box)
<b>Repository:</b>	Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston
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<b>Language of Material:</b>	Material in English

## Biographical Note

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## Collection Arrangement

1. Correspondence
2. Works: Writings, Lectures, and Speeches
3. Affiliations and Miscellaneous Materials

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

No restrictions.

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## Subject Headings

African Americans -- Civil rights -- South Carolina -- Rock Hill -- History.

African American dentists.

African Americans in medicine -- South Carolina.

Dabbs, James McBride, 1896-1970.

Duckett, Dewey M., 1920-1972.

Marshall, Thurgood, 1908-1993.

Palmetto Dental, Medical, and Pharmaceutical Association.

Political action committees -- South Carolina.

Practical nursing.

Race discrimination -- South Carolina -- History.

South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

United States Commission on Civil Rights. South Carolina Advisory Committee.

## Administrative Information

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### 1. Correspondence, 1953-1964

Box 1 Folder 1 Correspondence, 1953-1964 and undated

To and from Duckett mostly regarding civil rights abuses in Rock Hill, South Carolina and the response of the Council on Human Relations; mostly from white sympathizer D.B. Whitener. Other correspondents include Elizabeth Ledeen, Alice Spearman (president of the Council), Rosa Lee Dawkins, L.N. Crawford, Mr. McIver, Peter Sussman, Rock Hill School District, William White, and Raymond White.

### 2. Works: Writings, Lectures, and Speeches, 1949-1963

Box 1 Folder 2 Speeches, 1952 and undated

Regarding Civil Rights. Topics include medicine (especially discrimination in hospital facilities) in Rock Hill and York County, citizenship, discrimination, and the administration of justice.

Box 1 Folder 3 Speeches and other Printed Materials, 1954-1956 and undated

Regarding ending discrimination and integrating schools and colleges in South Carolina including materials regarding a protest of Rock Hill citizens against inadequate school facilities for black children in the area as result of *Brown versus Board of Education* court ruling.

Box 1 Folder 4 Introductory Speeches and Biographical Sketches 1949, 1963 and undated

On notable figures in the civil rights movement, including Dr. Reginald Hawkins, Jackie Robinson, Carl Moultrie, Thurgood Marshall, Medgar Evers, Gloria Rackley, James McBride Dabbs, and Dr. L.W. Long (a relative of Duckett's).

Box 1 Folder 5 Miscellaneous Speeches, 1951-1952 and undated

Includes progress in race relations, the role of individuals, the Council on Human Relations, poor health care in Rock Hill, speech to Emmett Scott High School detailing hardships and successes of blacks in medicine, and a Morehouse College graduation speech.

### 3. Affiliations and Miscellaneous Materials, 1946-1989

Box 1 Folder 6 Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association: Minutes and Other Materials, 1946 and 1952-1954

Includes minutes and details regarding Association meeting with Thurgood Marshall as Guest Speaker. Also includes speech Duckett gave as retiring President of the Association.

Box 1 Folder 7 United States Commission on Civil Rights. South Carolina Advisory Committee: Minutes, Clippings, Correspondence, and Other Printed Materials, 1960-1963 and undated

Includes detailed reports and correspondence of incidents involving civil rights abuses submitted to the South Carolina Advisory Committee on Human Rights.

Box 1 Folder 8 Practical Nursing Program: Speeches, Clippings and Related Materials

- Box 1 Folder 9      **Miscellaneous Writings Regarding Civil Rights, undated**  
Includes history of the program by Lillian Crawford acknowledging Duckett for assistance with creating it and several speeches Duckett gave to Practical Nurses Association.
- Box 1 Folder 10      **Area Centennial Homecoming Celebration and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People State Conference Printed Programs, 1962 and 1964**
- Box 1 Folder 11      **Duckett Family Reunion, 1989**  
Includes schedule, agenda, and family tree.
- Box 1 Folder 12      **Miscellaneous Materials**  
Includes newspaper clippings and writing excerpts.
- Box 1 Folder 13      **Dewey Duckett Family Reunion and Recollection, 1988**  
Two video cassettes.