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Donated by J. B. de C. M. Saunders, 1975.

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Corporate History
The California Medical Association has its roots in the American Medical Association, founded in 1846, and in the California State Medical Society, which was founded in 1856 by members of the Sacramento Medical Society and the San Francisco County Medico-Chirurgical Society. From the beginning, this first state medical society reflected polarities between the northern and southern sections of the state, and feuding among --and sometimes within --various city and county medical societies. Within a few years personal animosities and petty squabbles had reduced the California State Medical Society to an organization that existed on paper only. Although officers were elected as late as 1860, factional differences around the issues of the Civil War ensured that the California State Medical Society simply did not exist between 1860 and 1870.
In anticipation of the American Medical Association's scheduled meeting at San Francisco in 1871, the California State Medical Society was reorganized in October of 1870. The reorganized Society soon established its stability and relevance as
a social, intellectual and political group; papers were presented at every meeting and lobbying efforts resulted in the first State Medical Practice law in 1876. There were continuing membership problems, though, and by the turn of the century institutional and regional rivalries (the Southern California Medical Society had been formed in 1888) had led to consideration of a second reorganization. California sent delegates to the American Medical Association’s 1901 reorganization meeting in Indiana. As a result of this meeting the AMA restructured, and the national organization of state units --including the California Medical Association--came into being.

Scope and Content
These materials consist of the contents of a delegate’s (J. B. de C. M. Saunders) packets for annual sessions of the California Medical Association between 1964 and 1975: documents, credentials, correspondence, memoranda, draft resolutions, agendas, reports, handouts, notes, pamphlets and other items. Carton 1 also contains a folder of materials on CMA annual sessions, 1925-1952, evidently collected by past Secretary of the Surgical Section Dr. Lyman A. Brewer III. Carton 2 also contains four folders of CMA-related materials.

Carton Ctn. 1

Descriptions of meetings (clipped from programs?) at past CMA annual sessions, 1926-1952, plus minutes of meetings of the CMA Surgical Section, 1925-1940, and a list of papers (alphabetical by author) presented by the Surgical Section, 1925-1932.

Papers concerning the 1964 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1965 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1966 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1967 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1968 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1969 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1970 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1971 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1972 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1973 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1974 Annual Session.

Papers concerning the 1975 Annual Session.

Carton Ctn. 2

Miscellaneous CMA-related items, 1968-1972.

CMA Medical Executives Memo ("A weekly news digest from CMA News Bureau"), three issues, 1975.

Tearsheets, 2/3/59 Look magazine (article on Blum Report on hospitals).