

# ACS Archives digital collections available online

The American College of Surgeons Archives announced the launch of its first samples of digital collections at last year's Clinical Congress in San Francisco, CA. Since then, the link to the collections has been available on the Archives section of the ACS Web site at [www.facs.org/archives](http://www.facs.org/archives), as well as on the History and Philosophy community page of the Web portal at <http://efacs.org/history>.

Four categories of records from the ACS Archives appear in the digital collections, including one volume out of the 48 of the memoirs of Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, and one volume of the 26 ACS History Notebooks, along with its index, compiled by Eleanor K. Grimm, Dr. Martin's secretary. Besides samples from these two collections, which serve both as artifacts and original source documents recording the history, two other categories of records are found in the digital collections: photos of all the ACS Boards of Regents, from the earliest extant until 2006, and all issues of the *Clinical Congress Daily News* (now the *Clinical Congress News*) that have been located from 1911 to 1979.

On the Digital Collections link on the Archives site, researchers can perform an online search of names of Fellows who have been represented on the Board. With the full-text issues of the *Clinical Congress Daily News*, users



The College's 1977 Board of Regents, in a photo accessible in the College Archives digital collection.

can search names, surgical techniques, diseases, issues affecting surgeons, international guest surgeons, examples of postgraduate courses in surgery throughout the years, and much more.

It's also possible to browse through all these materials page by page.

The plan is to gradually add more resources each year to the Digital Collections. Feedback about use of the site is appreciated, and recommendations of items to add in the future can be submitted by filling out the brief survey form provided on

the site just below the link for the Digital Collections.

Free access to the archives and its collections remains primarily a member benefit. Because of the Archives' small staff and limited resources, nonmembers must pay a small service fee for reference assistance. Nevertheless, researchers are welcome to visit and peruse the collections in person at ACS Headquarters in Chicago, IL.

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