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## Descriptive Summary

**Repository:** Lamar Soutter Library, Office of Medical History and Archives  
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**Identification:** SC 3

**Creator:** Stockwell, John F., 1926-

**Title:** John F. Stockwell Papers, 1966-2006

**Date(s):** 1966-2006

**Quantity:** 1 record carton containing documents, datebooks, and photographs, two oversize folders containing architectural drawings and a graphite portrait of Lamar Soutter, M.D.

### Abstract:



The John F. Stockwell Papers chronicles Stockwell's career as the first director of University Hospital, Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs, and Associate Professor of Hospital Administration at the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS). This collection also documents the early history of UMMS and University Hospital, collectively known as University of Massachusetts Medical Center (UMMC).

### Access

**Restrictions:** Access to personal information relating to John F. Stockwell is restricted for 10 years and thereafter is accessible by permission of the Archivist. Access to other restricted materials may be requested by completing a "Restricted Records Access Request" form.

**Preferred** The proper citation format for any item from this collection is:  
**Citation:** The John F. Stockwell Papers, University of Massachusetts  
Medical School Archives, Lamar Soutter Library, University of  
Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts.

### **Processing Information:**

Processed by Kristine M. Reinhard, February 2010

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### **Biographical Note:**

John F. Stockwell, the first director of University Hospital, Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs, and Associate Professor of Hospital Administration at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, was born in Watertown, New York on February 17, 1926. He served in the Army Air Force and was honorably discharged. Stockwell and his wife Nancy W. had six children; Sandra, Amy, Bruce, Susan, Richard, and Julie.

He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1949 and earned a Master's degree in Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota in 1953. Stockwell was Assistant to the Director and Administrative Resident at Rhode Island Hospital from 1952 to 1959, Executive Director of Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri from 1959 to 1964, and Executive Vice President at Children's Hospital of Minneapolis, Inc. from 1964 to 1967. Stockwell was recruited in 1966 by Lamar Soutter, M.D., founding Dean of UMMS and began work in Worcester in February 1967. Stockwell played a major role in the planning and construction of the medical school and affiliated teaching hospital and was involved in budget issues relating to each entity. He worked closely with Dean Soutter and was the driving force behind organizing the 1996 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Proclamation honoring Dr. Soutter. Stockwell paid close attention to milestones in the history of the institution. He wrote about the hospital's twenty-fifth anniversary in 2001 and undertook research about the history of UMMC. In 1977, one year after the opening of University Hospital, he left UMMC to become Chief Executive Officer of Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis.

### **Scope and Content:**

This collection documents John F. Stockwell's career at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center and consists of materials related to his work as the first director of University Hospital, first Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs, and Associate Professor of Hospital Administration at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Architectural drawings and documents pertaining to the planning and construction of the medical school and hospital, budget

materials, financial reports, meeting minutes, correspondence, and photographs comprise a large portion of the collection. Also included are biographical and personal documents along with materials related to events celebrated at UMMC, institutional publications and printed material, and background information about the history of UMMC.

**Series and Subseries in the Collection:** The collection is arranged in nine series according to topic area or type of contents. The material is housed in one record carton, with the exception of photographs which are housed separately. Within each series the material is arranged chronologically and is loosely based on Stockwell's original arrangement. The series in the collection are as follows:

- Series I. Biographical/Personal, 1966-1981 (Folders 1-2)
- Series II. Planning and Construction, 1966-1976 (Folders 3-15)
- Series III. Financial, 1968-1975 (Folders 16-23)
- Series IV. Publications and Printed Material, 1960-1996 (Folders 24-31)
- Series V. Events, 1977-2001 (Folders 32-35)
- Series VI. History, 1966-2006 (Folders 36-39)
- Series VII. Correspondence, 1969-1997 (Folder 40)
- Series VIII. Newspaper Clippings, 1966-2001 (Folders 41-42)
- Series IX. Photographs (Box 2, Folders 1-9)

**Series I: Biographical / Personal, 1966-1981:** (Folders 1-2)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains personal papers such as correspondence, datebooks, receipts, curriculum vitae, and an identification card.

**Box 1: Folders 1 – 2**

1. Correspondence, Curriculum Vitae, Receipts: 1966-1981, *Access Restricted*
2. Datebooks, Identification Card: 1967, 1969, 1976, 1977, *Access Restricted*

**Series II: Planning and Construction, 1966-1976:** (Folders 3-15)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains documents, meeting minutes, correspondence, architectural drawings, studies, grant application worksheets, and notes pertaining to the planning, construction, staffing, and opening of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and University Hospital.

**Box 1: Folders 3-15**

3. University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees: Meeting Minutes, 1969
4. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Federal Grant Application Worksheets, 1968

5. University of Massachusetts Medical School: News Release, Meeting Minutes, Correspondence, 1968 & 1969
6. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Animal Research Department: Equipment Purchase:1969
7. University Hospital: Lab Planning: 1966-1967
8. University Hospital: Lab Planning: 1966-1967
9. University Hospital: Schematic Plan, Equipment:1968
10. University Hospital: Space Planning:1969
11. University Hospital: Hospital Opening: 1975-1976
12. University Hospital: Staffing and Committees: 1976
13. University Hospital: Hospital Opening: 1976
14. University of Massachusetts Medical Center: Physical Plan and Space Planning: 1966-1976
15. University of Massachusetts Medical Center: Materials Handling Study: 1968  
Architectural Drawings: 1968: housed separately-*Oversize*

**Series III: Financial, 1968-1975:** (Folders 16-23)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains documents, correspondence, reports, budgets, and cost estimates relating to the University of Massachusetts, the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and University Hospital.

**Box 1. Folders 16-23**

16. University of Massachusetts: Financial Report: Fiscal Year 1968-1969
17. University of Massachusetts: Budget: Fiscal Year 1970-1971
18. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Budget Reallocation: 1970
19. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Maintenance Budget:  
Fiscal Year 1970-1971
20. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Maintenance Budget:  
Fiscal Year 1971-1972
21. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Maintenance Budget Request:  
Fiscal Year 1974-1975
22. University Hospital: Preliminary Budget Review: 1969  
Sub-Committee on Hospital Funding: 1970
23. University Hospital: Equipment Cost Estimate: undated

**Series IV: Publications and Printed Material, 1960-1996:** (Folders 24-31)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains reports, catalogs, directories, and manuals

pertaining to the University of Massachusetts, the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, University Hospital, and the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

**Box 1. Folders 24-31**

24. University of Massachusetts: *Bulletin*, 1960-1970; 1970-1971
25. University of Massachusetts: *Report of the President's Committee on the Future University of Massachusetts*, 1971
26. University of Massachusetts: Board of Trustees-Directory, 1973
27. University of Massachusetts: *Report of the President*, 1973
28. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Catalogue Supplement, 1974-1975  
Department List, 1974
29. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Student Directories & Schedules, Classes of 1974-1980; Schedule, Fall 1971 – *Access Restricted*
30. University Hospital: Volunteer Manual
31. University of Massachusetts Medical Center: Programs, Printed Announcements, Catalogs: 1968-1996

The following items have been removed from this collection and are housed in the University of Massachusetts Medical School Publications Collection:

UMMS Catalog	1980-1981
<i>Centerscope</i>	October 1, 1976, Vol. I, No. 16
UMMS Commencement Programs	1974, 1975, 1976

**Series V: Events/Milestones, 1977-2001:** (Folders 32-35)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other material relating to events commemorating milestones in the history of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and University Hospital. This series also includes material pertaining to recognition events for Lamar Soutter, M.D. and John F. Stockwell.

**Box 1. Folders 32-35**

32. University Hospital: John Stockwell Day: January 1977
33. University Hospital: Twentieth Anniversary, 1996; Twenty-fifth Anniversary, 2001
34. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Twenty-fifth Anniversary, 1995
35. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Lamar Soutter Recognition: State Proclamation, 1995-1996

**Series VI: History, 1966-2006:** (Folders 36-39)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains documents, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and printed material pertaining to the history of the University of Massachusetts and the

University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Also included in this series is biographical information on Lamar Soutter, M.D., founding dean of the medical school.

**Box 1. Folders 36-39**

36. University of Massachusetts: Partial Transcript, John W. Lederle Interview
37. University of Massachusetts: Administration, Board of Trustees: Correspondence, Newspaper Clippings, Printed Material, 1968-1977
38. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Lamar Soutter, M.D.- Biographical, 1966-1996; Graphite drawing, 1978- housed separately-*Oversize*
39. University of Massachusetts Medical Center: Writings, Notes, Correspondence, Background Material, 1968-2006

**Series VII: Correspondence, 1969-1997:** (Folder 40)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains correspondence not categorized elsewhere. It is arranged alphabetically by surname of correspondent. Correspondents include personal acquaintances, professional colleagues, government officials, and a former patient.

**Box 1. Folder 40**

40. Cathey, Bob  
    Craffey, Regina  
    Cope, Margaret  
    French, Anna Koebke  
    Reno, Glenn M.  
    Shea, C. Vincent  
    Soutter, Lamar, M.D. and Mary  
    Wheeler, H. Brownell, M.D.

**Series VIII: Newspaper Clippings, 1966-2001:** (Folders 41-42)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains photocopies of newspaper clippings relating to the University of Massachusetts Medical School and University Hospital.

**Box 1. Folders 41-42**

41. 1966-1969; undated
42. 1970-2001

**Series IX: Photographs, 1970-1996:** (Box 2, Folders 1-9)

*Scope and Content:* This series contains black and white as well as color photographs documenting people and events relating to John Stockwell's career at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and University Hospital. The photographs have been arranged by topic then chronologically within a

topic area. The names and dates of people and events in the photographs are provided when known. Negatives to any of the photographs are housed separately.

**Box 2. Folders 1-9**

1. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Students, 1970 (Class of 1974): b & w
2. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Students, Classes of 1975, 1978, 1979: b & w
3. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Students, Class of 1974- Commencement: b & w, color
4. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Commencement 1974: b & w
5. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Commencement 1975: b & w
6. University of Massachusetts Medical School: Lamar Soutter, M.D.: b & w, with signature
7. University Hospital: Contact Sheet: b & w  
Stockwell, Bulger, and Patient, 1976: b & w
8. John Stockwell Day, January 1977: color (*negatives housed separately*)
9. Lamar Soutter Recognition at Statehouse, 1996: color- Lamar Soutter, John Stockwell, John Lederle, William Weld