

**Research notes on the seals of the State of South Carolina and the City of Charleston, ca.
1987-1992
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Description: 1.75 linear ft

Biographical/Historical note: David C. R. Heisser was an author and librarian in Charleston, S.C.

Scope and content: Research notes on the origins, evolution, and uses of the state seal of South Carolina and the seal of the City of Charleston (S.C.). Materials consist of bibliographic notes, correspondence, and photocopies of primary and secondary sources. Heisser's investigation of the history and development of the state seal was published as "The State Seal of South Carolina: A Short History" (1992). His research on the seal of the City of Charleston was published as "'Warrior Queen of the Ocean': The Story of Charleston and its Seal" in the South Carolina Historical Magazine (1992). This collection also includes a small amount of research on scepters of academia, which formed the background to Heisser's pamphlet "South Carolina's Mace and its Heritage" (1991). Arranged alphabetically by topics assigned by Dr. Heisser.

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