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Summary Information

Repository:	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator:	Friends Hospital (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Title:	Friends Hospital records
ID:	HC.MC.1261
Date [inclusive]:	1812-1975
Physical Description:	17.6 Linear Feet (11 boxes, 76 volumes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Records of Friends Hospital from before its founding through the mid-20th century collectively providing the history of this mental health institution. Records include administrative, financial, medical, and daily life information.

Preferred Citation

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Historical note

Friends Hospital was founded by Philadelphia-area Quakers in 1813 under the name 'The Asylum for Persons Deprived of the Use of Their Reason.' Their mission statement was: "To provide for the suitable accommodation of persons who are or may be deprived of the use of their reason and the maintenance of an asylum for their reception, which is intended to furnish, besides requisite medical aid, such tender, sympathetic attention as may soothe their agitated minds, and under the Divine Blessing, facilitate their recovery." In 1817 the hospital accepted its first patients. Friends Asylum was one of the first mental hospitals in the United States to use moral treatment, which eschewed corporal punishment for the patients and advocated treating them with respect and compassion. Moral treatment at the Asylum included occupational and recreational therapy, and was deeply influenced by the founders' Quaker principles. Moral treatment was thought to be more effective in curing insanity than medical treatment, although the Asylum did also provide medical treatment. Early medical treatments at the Asylum included blisters and cold baths. In 1827 the hospital expanded, adding two new patient wings. In 1834,

the hospital opened its doors to patients who were not Quakers, expanding the hospital's reach. In 1879, Friends Hospital built a greenhouse to facilitate horticultural therapy for the patients. By this point, medical treatment had increased in importance for the hospital. In 1880, the hospital's capacity increased once again to allow 90 more patients. In 1885, the hospital opened a short-lived convalescent home, Gurney Cottage, in Atlantic City, NJ. 1889 marked the arrival of the hospital's first female physician, Anna Broomall, M.D., as a consulting doctor. Friends Hospital was one of the first psychiatric hospitals to employ female doctors. A two year training school for nurses specializing in mental health opened at Friends Hospital in 1894, providing certifications in general and psychiatric nursing. In 1911, Friends Hospital expanded its property, covering approximately 100 acres, and in 1916 a 326 acre farm in Trevose was added to the property holdings. On this farm the Bensalem Mansion was opened to Friends Hospital patients as a convalescent home in 1920. In 1922, the Hospital built the Hygeia Building, which was used for hydrotherapy, a treatment which had been used in various ways since the Hospital's earliest years.

In the 1970s and 1980s the Bonsall and Tuke Buildings were added to the hospital grounds, which increased the patient capacity to 192, which remains the current capacity. Friends Hospital was accredited as a training site by the American Psychological Association in 1979. In 1980, the Greystone Program opened, comprised of the Greystone house and later in 1989 the additional Hillside house, which provide long-term and sometimes permanent community residence to house and treat those living with severe and persistent mental illnesses. The hospital's Eating Disorders program opened in 1996, and was one of the only programs of its kind in the area that treated both children and males. In 1998, Friends Hospital opened the Larkspur Crisis Response Center, which provides treatment for upwards of 6,000 patients per year. Friends Hospital was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1999, and in 2000 U.S. News and World Report ranked Friends Hospital as one of the top psychiatric hospitals in the country. This success continued in 2002 when 6 of the hospital's psychiatrists were ranked among the region's top doctors by Philadelphia Magazine. In 2010, Friends Hospital opened the first inpatient Recovery Oriented Unit in Philadelphia. Friends Hospital still operates under its original mission statement. (Information from Friends Hospital website, Carol Perloff's *The Asylum*, and *Friends' Asylum for the Insane, 1813-1913*)

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Scope and Contents

This collection provides the long history of the Friends Hospital (originally the Asylum for Person Deprived of the Use of their Reason) spanning the years 1812-1967. The collection contains 6 series; Administrative Records, Medical Records, Financial Records, Daily Life Records, Other, and AV Materials.

Administrative Records contains copies of the deeds to Friends' Hospital, as well as a copy of the charter and change of name. This series also holds the Managers' Minutes, Report of the Managers, Minutes of the Visiting Committee, Minutes of the Corporation, Minutes of the Contributors, Minutes of the Building Committee, and Minutes and Register of the Committee of Admission.

The Medical Records series contains casebooks, case histories, admission forms and physicians' notes, medical registers, an index, survey, statistics and survey of the asylum.

The Financial Records series includes receipted bills for the building of the Hospital, cash books, appraisals, account ledgers and a transfer ledger, daybooks, investment books, and a list of contributors.

The Daily Life series contains daily record books, superintendent's daybooks, the Diary of Gurney Cottage, letters relating to patients, and weather reports.

The 'Other' series includes information on the case of Morgan Hinchman, and the Friends Hospital & Jefferson Medical College newsletter.

The Audiovisual Materials series includes 2 tapes of a Friends Hospital groundbreaking from August 23, 1975.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in six series.

Series I: Administrative Records

Subseries I

Deeds

Subseries II

Charter and Change of Name

Subseries III

Minutes of the Managers

Subseries IV

Report of the Managers

Subseries V

Minutes of the Visiting Committee

Subseries VI

Minutes of the Corporation

Subseries VII

Minutes of the Contributors

Subseries VIII

Minutes and Register of the Committee on Admission

Subseries IX

Minutes of the Building Committee

Series II: Medical Records

Subseries I

Admission Record Books

Subseries II

Casebooks

Subseries III

Case Histories

Subseries IV

Admission Forms and Physician Notes

Subseries V

Medical Registers

Subseries VI

Index

Subseries VII

Survey for the Committee on Lunacy

Subseries VIII

Census

Subseries IX

Statistics

Series III: Financial Records

Subseries I

Receipted Bills for the Building

Subseries II

List of Contributors

Subseries III

Asylum Daybooks

Subseries IV

Appraisals

Subseries V

Investment Records

Subseries VI

Transfer Ledger

Subseries VII

Account Ledgers

Subseries VIII

Cash Books

Series IV: Daily Life Records

Subseries I

Superintendent's Daybooks

Subseries II

Diary of Gurney Cottage

Subseries III

Daily Record Books

Subseries IV

Letters Relating to Patients

Subseries V

Weather Reports

Series V: Other Records

Subseries I

Case of Morgan Hinchman

Subseries II

Newsletter

Series VI: AV Materials

No subseries

No subseries

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Administrative Information

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Custodial History

On deposit from Friends Hospital and the Scattergood Foundation, 1968 and 2015, and from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1976.

Use Restrictions

Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).

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Related Materials

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- HC.MC.962 includes extracts from the journal of Dr. Edward Taylor, a physician and superintendent at Friends Hospital, 1823-32
- HC.MC.955 includes a map of property purchased as the site for Friends Hospital, n.d.
- HC.MC.850 includes pictures of the buildings and grounds.
- Published annual reports are available in Quaker and Special Collections at BX7640 .F77 A2. Books from the library of Friends Asylum are catalogued individually and noted as being from the institution.
- qmh.haverford.edu contains background information about the early history of the hospital.
- HC.MC.1184 includes letters of a member of the Board of Managers, Caleb Cresson, to the superintendent of the York Retreat, asking about hospital business
- HC.MC.1192 contains letters and diaries covering William Warder Cadbury's time as a doctor at Friends Hospital during World War II

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Controlled Access Headings

- Friends' Asylum for the Insane
- Friends Hospital (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Psychiatric hospitals -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Hospitals -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Hinchman, Morgan
- Friends Hospital (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Bonsall, Isaac
- Taylor, Edward

Digitized copies note

Digitized copies of the Superintendent's Day Books, volumes 1 and 2, are available online at:

http://triptych.brynmawr.edu/cdm/search/collection/HC_DigReq/searchterm/Superintendent%27s%20Daybook/field/title/mode/exact/conn/and/order/title

Digitized copies of the Friends Hospital Annual Reports, 1818-1835, are available online at:

http://tritych.brynmawr.edu/cdm/search/collection/HC_DigReq/searchterm/Friends%20Hospital%20Annual%20Report/field/title/mode/exact/conn/and/order/title

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Collection Inventory

Administrative Records, 1813-1943

Title/Description	Instances	
Charter and Change of Name, 1888 General note This a a photocopy of the original.	box 1	folder 1
Deeds to Friends Hospital, 1865, 1888, 1889, 1894, 1908-1910 Scope and Contents This folder includes photocopies of various deeds to Friends Hospital.	box 1	folder 2
Plan for the Asylum & Letters to the Contributors, 1813-1828 Scope and Contents note The Plan for the Asylum is an announcement from 1812 about the plan to create the Asylum. The Letters to the Contributors are from the Board of Managers, and they contain information about buying land for the Asylum, constructing it, and, once the Asylum opened, information about how many patients there were in the Asylum, and their condition.	box 1	folder 3

Minutes of the Managers, 1813-1943

Physical Description: 11 Volumes

Scope and Contents

The Board of Managers, made up of twenty contributors chosen at the Yearly Meeting of Contributors, was responsible for the business of the Asylum. The Board of Managers approved the admission and boarding rate of new patients, as well as supervised the Asylum's finances and employees. The Managers Minutes contain information about the admission and boarding rate of patients, as well as information about purchases made for the Asylum.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Volume 1, 1813-1826	item 1
Volume 2, 1826-1834	item 2
Volume 3, 1834-1850	item 3
Volume 4, 1850-1870	item 4
Volume 5, 1870-1891	item 5
Volume 6, 1891-1901	item 6
Volume 7, 1901-1909	item 7
Volume 8, 1909-1915	item 8
Volume 9, 1916-1929	item 9
Volume 10, 1929-1943	item 10
Rough Minutes, 1836-1840	item 11

Minutes of the Visiting Committee, 1817-1925

Physical Description: 11 Volumes

Scope and Contents

A subset of the Board, the Visiting Managers were responsible for visiting and inspecting the Asylum once a week and for inspecting the superintendent's account book once a month. This series includes typed and handwritten reports, with names of the visitors, descriptions of the visit, and updates regarding the asylum grounds, finances, and patients. The back of the Minutes and Register of the Committee of Admission also contains Visiting Committee minutes from 1839-1856, although those years are covered by their own volumes here as well.

(Information from "A Mild and Appropriate System of Treatment": Moral Treatment and the Curability of Mental Illness at Friends Asylum" by Abigail Corcoran)

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1817-1818	item 12
Volume 2, 1818-1820	item 13
Volume 3, 1820-1821	item 14
Volume 4, 1827-1828	item 15
Volume 5, 1828-1830	item 16
Volume 6, 1830-1832	item 17

Separated Materials Note:

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Volume 6 of the Visiting Committee notes contained a loose page with the lyrics to two hymns written on it by either Phillip Garrett (who was superintendent of the Asylum from 1843-1850) or Mary Cresson Hickey. It is

dated September 1, 1843. This page has been removed to box 11, folder 1.

Volume 7, 1832-1834	item 18
Volume 8, 1837-1840	item 19
Volume 9, 1840-1843	item 20
Volume 10, 1844-1864	item 21
Volume 11, 1877-1887	item 22
Volume 12, 1894-1912	item 23
Volume 13, 1912-1925	item 24

Minutes of the Corporation, 1888-1942

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Scope and Contents

The Friends Asylum for the Insane was founded as a corporation May 12th, 1888 under the provisions of the Corporation Act of 1874. The minutes of the corporation contain information such as new memberships, election of new officers or removal of officers, rules regarding managers' duties, treasurers' duties, and generally how the Asylum is to be run. They also include managers' reports, auditors' reports, and communication with the Board, as well as occasional financial records from the treasurer. The Managers' longer Annual Report is also included, with much detail about the state of the Hospital and its patients, as well as potential changes.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1888-1914	item 25
Volume 2, 1915-1942	item 26

Minutes of the Contributors, 1812-1888

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Scope and Contents

The contributors who financed the Asylum (both individual Quakers and Monthly Meetings) met at the Yearly Meeting of Contributors to make large decisions about the welfare of the Asylum. Each Monthly Meeting that contributed \$200 a year and each individual who contributed \$10 a year or \$50 at once was called a member of the institution. The Monthly Meetings were expected to send an agent to the Yearly Meeting of the Contributors, and were allowed to recommend one poor patient at the lowest terms of admittance. The minutes contain information about the decisions that the Contributors made, as well as data about patients admitted, donations and legacies recieved, Asylum finances, and the Contributors' finances. Minutes between 1828 and 1836 were lost in a fire; some were reconstructed and are present in sketchy form in volume 2.

(Information from "A Mild and Appropriate System of Treatment": Moral Treatment and the Curability of Mental Illness at Friends Asylum" by Abigail Corcoran)

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1812-1828	item 27
Volume 2, 1836-1888	item 28

Minutes and Register of the Committee of Admission, 1817-1856

Scope and Contents

One book which contains the register of patient information from 1817-1856 (dates patient entered, who paid their surety, their rate of board, and their date of discharge). Although it lists patients from 1817-1856, the register was compiled starting in 1839. The back of the register also includes the minutes of the visiting committee from 1839-1856.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1817-1856	item 29

Minutes of the Building Committee, 1814-1817

Physical Description: 1 Volumes

Scope and Contents

The Building Committee planned and supervised the construction of the Asylum. This is volume of minutes with information about the decisions the Committee came to concerning issues like paint color, windows, door locks, etc. They put a lot of thought into their architectural decisions because, according to the tenets of moral treatment, architecture influenced patients' recovery. The volume also contains a blueprint of the hospital site and a record of donations of furniture.

(Information from "A Mild and Appropriate System of Treatment": Moral Treatment and the Curability of Mental Illness at Friends Asylum" by Abigail Corcoran)

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1814-1817	item 30

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Medical Records, 1817-1911

Admission Record Books, 1817-1911

Scope and Contents

These admission books list, in table form, all admitted patients, and include some supplementary information such as their diagnoses, professions, and patient numbers. Volume 2 includes patient discharge information for 1883 through 1892.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1817-1885	item 31
Volume 2, 1817-1911	item 32

Index, 1818-1907

Scope and Contents

Inconsistently alphabetized listing of patients, not chronological. Includes admission numbers, and dates of discharge or death.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1817-1907	item 33

Census, 1817-1831

Scope and Contents

This is a table which includes patients' names, residences, ages, discharge information, whether they are Quaker or not. In varying level of detail, more information earlier on.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1817-1831	item 34

Statistics, 1842-1858

Scope and Contents

Register of patient information with age at admission, year, duration of disease, residence, occupation, and more.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1842-1858	item 35

Survey for the Committee on Lunacy, 1902	box 1	folder 4
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Scope and Contents

The Hospital filled out this survey for the State of Pennsylvania Committee on Lunacy. The form includes data about the hospital's finances, the number of patients in the institution, where they are from, their civil condition, occupation, what type of insanity they suffer from, the cause of their insanity, etc. The survey also includes questions about the hospital's use of restraint on patients, patient occupation, the hospital's library, and patients' religious activities.

Medical Registers, 1817-1827

Scope and Contents

Includes the patient's name, location, duration of disease, discharge dates, and occasional personalized patient reports. The 1820-1827 medical register has 'Letterbook' label on spine, which may be misleading.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1817-1820	item 36
Volume 2, 1820-1827	item 37

Casebooks, 1835-1894

Scope and Contents

These books contain comprehensive patient medical records, which vary slightly by book. They provide information about the patients' condition, and what treatment doctors tried on them. Casebook 6 is less detailed, and contains monthly records of admissions and discharges. Casebook 3 contains autopsy reports for patients who died. There are no casebooks numbered 1, 2, 9, 12, or 13.

Title/Description	Instances
Casebook 3, 1835-1839	item 38
Casebook 4, 1839-1843	item 39
Casebook 5, 1843-1847	item 40
Casebook 6, 1846-1851	item 41
Casebook 7, 1851-1854	item 42
Casebook 8, 1855-1864	item 43
Casebook 10, 1876-1880	item 44
Casebook 11, 1881-1884	item 45
Casebook 14, 1890-1894	item 46

Admission Forms and Physician's notes, 1822-1896

Scope and Contents

To be admitted to the Asylum, patients needed to have a letter from a physician certifying that they were insane. These boxes include those physician's letters, as well as standardized admission and discharge forms. The admission forms record what the patient's board was, and contain information about how long the patient had been insane when admitted, any medical treatments that had been tried, if the patient was a harm to themselves or others, etc. Arranged by patient number, low to high, with unfolded contents following each envelope. The last folders containing patient numbers in the 2000s more frequently skip over segments of patient numbers. Earlier in the series, there are occasionally envelopes with patient numbers and admission dates that do not actually hold contents.

Title/Description	Instances
114-123	box 1 folder 5
124-129	box 1 folder 6
130-136	box 1 folder 7
137-143	box 1 folder 8
144-151	box 1 folder 9
152-159	box 1 folder 10
160-167	box 1 folder 11
168-175	box 2 folder 1

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176-186	box 2	folder 2
187-195	box 2	folder 3
196-205	box 2	folder 4
206-219	box 2	folder 5
220-230	box 2	folder 6
231-244	box 2	folder 7
245-257	box 2	folder 8
258-266	box 2	folder 9
267-281	box 3	folder 1
282-292	box 3	folder 2
293-303	box 3	folder 3
304-313	box 3	folder 4
314-324	box 3	folder 5
325-335	box 3	folder 6
336-346	box 3	folder 7
347-357	box 3	folder 8
358-369	box 3	folder 9
370-382	box 4	folder 1
383-396	box 4	folder 2
397-412	box 4	folder 3
413-427	box 4	folder 4
428-442	box 4	folder 5
443-457	box 4	folder 6
458-471	box 4	folder 7
472-480	box 4	folder 8
481-490	box 5	folder 1
491-499	box 5	folder 2
500-514	box 5	folder 3
515-528	box 5	folder 4
529-544	box 5	folder 5
545-559	box 5	folder 6
560-575	box 5	folder 7

576-588	box 5	folder 8
589-599	box 5	folder 9
600-613	box 6	folder 1
614-625	box 6	folder 2
626-633	box 6	folder 3
634-645	box 6	folder 4
646-655	box 6	folder 5
656-668	box 6	folder 6
669-681	box 6	folder 7
682-692	box 7	folder 1
693-699	box 7	folder 2
700-717	box 7	folder 3
718-737	box 7	folder 4
738-751	box 7	folder 5
752-771	box 7	folder 6
772-790	box 7	folder 7
791-812	box 8	folder 1
813-828	box 8	folder 2
829-847	box 8	folder 3
848-866	box 8	folder 4
867-885	box 8	folder 5
886-889, 970	box 8	folder 6
2658-2685	box 8	folder 7
2686-2711	box 9	folder 1
2712-2735	box 9	folder 2
2736-2753	box 9	folder 3
2754-2777	box 9	folder 4
2778-2797	box 9	folder 5

Case Histories, 1895-1898

Scope and Contents

These are standardized forms which record physical examinations of patients: respiratory, digestive, nervous and muscular system all surveyed. They also include a history of patients during infancy, childhood, youth, symptoms,

duration, etc. Includes what seem to be graphs charting patients' urine samples. Also includes letters about patients by doctors or family members, which often contain the patients' medical histories, as well as one letter by a patient herself (box 9, folder 7).

Title/Description	Instances	
Case Histories	box 9	folder 6
Case Histories	box 9	folder 7
Case Histories	box 10	folder 1
Case Histories	box 10	folder 2
Case Histories	box 10	folder 3

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Financial Records, 1814-1961

Received Bills for the Building, 1814-1817

Scope and Contents

These bills are for the initial construction of the Friends Asylum. They cover all aspects of the Asylum's construction, including buying wood, bricks, and plaster, as well as paying workmen to construct the Asylum.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bills, 1814-1815	box 10	folder 4
Bills, 1815-1816	box 10	folder 5
Bills, 1816-1817	box 10	folder 6

Lists of Contributors, 1817-1888

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Scope and Contents

The first volume lists donations given by bequest, names of persons who have contributed \$50 or more, names of people who have contributed \$10 a year, names of monthly meetings who have contributed and are entitled to membership (can recommend one patient at lowest admission), and names of people who have given money, but may not be members. There is an extra piece of paper in the volume about subscriptions & a part of someone's will.

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1, n.d.	item 47	
Volume 2, 1817-1888	item 48	
Certificate of Contributor to Asylum, 1817	box 10	folder 7

Acquisition:

Acquisition

Purchased from Robert Batchelder, acc. no. 5102.

Scope and Contents note

This certificate identifies Oliver Parry as a contributor to Friends Asylum in 1817.

Account of Donations to the Asylum, 1816**Scope and Contents**

This volume contains lists of donors' names and their respective donations of furniture, other household items such as bedding and towels, and lastly, money donations. Much of the volume is blank.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1	item 49

Contributions to Asylum, 1829-1839**Scope and Contents**

Summary account of all contributions received by the asylum- includes all accounts, details of surety, treasuries, allocations to the library, and sundry accounts (the latter only from 1829-1839). This volume has a "Daybook" label on the spine, which may be misleading.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1829-1839	item 50

Appraisals, 1913, 1915**Scope and Contents**

The 1913 and 1915 volumes record the appraisals of the asylum, including value of all buildings, equipment, furnishings, etc. The 1913 appraisal volume included letters between the Asylum and the Manufacturers Appraisal Company, which have now been moved to box 10, folder 8.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1913	item 51
<u>Separated Materials note:</u> Separated Materials note	
Letters between Friends Hospital and the Manufacturers Appraisal Company regarding the 1915 appraisal of the Hospital were found loose at the beginning of the 1913 appraisal book. They have been removed to Box 10, folder 8.	
Volume 2, 1915	item 52
Appraisal letters, 1915	box 10 folder 8

Scope and Contents note

These letters between Friends Hospital and the Manufacturer's Appraisal Company were removed from the 1913 Appraisal book, and are in box 10, folder 8.

Investment Records, 1914-1954

Scope and Contents

Two volumes, one labeled investment journal and the other investment book, which record the reclassification of finances, and changes to the endowment. The journal also contains various income accounts: the free bed account, the permanent maintenance fund, etc. The book was kept by the executive branch, and includes contributions, legacies, and investments.

Title/Description	Instances
Investment Journal, 1920-1954	item 53
Investment Book, 1914-1942	item 54
Transfer Ledger, 1922	item 55

Account Ledgers, 1817-1966

Scope and Contents

These ledgers record the hospital's expenses, accounts, and capital. Volume 1, which is from the early nineteenth century, focuses on payment from patients.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1817-1839	item 56
Volume 2, 1922-1942	item 57
Volume 3, 1955-1966	item 58

Cash Books, 1953-1961

Scope and Contents

These ledgers describe the petty cash disbursements of the hospital, essentially spending money for the staff. For example, some categories are petty cash, administrative miscellaneous, postage, maintenance supplies, household supplies, dietary provisions, etc.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1953-1955	item 59
Volume 2, 1959-1961	item 60

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Daily Life Records, 1817-1928

Superintendent's Daybooks, 1817-1894

Physical Description: 12 Volumes

Scope and Contents

The superintendent of the Asylum, and his wife, the matron, answered to the Visiting Managers, and they were responsible for the day-to-day welfare of the patients, as well as running the farm and the household. The superintendent and matron also oversaw the caretakers, or keepers, who supervised, cleaned, and entertained the patients. The Daybooks consist of daily entries about life at the Asylum, including entries on how patients were acting, what tasks they were involved in, and any visitors to the Asylum. They were meant to provide a record for future superintendents about how to run the Asylum. Originally, superintendents wrote daily entries in the Day Books, providing a rich picture of life at the Asylum in the early nineteenth century. By the 1840s, superintendents had switched to writing weekly entries, which give less detail about day-to-day life.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1817-1820	item 61
Digitized copies note	
Volume 1 of the Superintendent's Day Books is digitized and available at:	
http://triptych.brynmawr.edu/cdm/ref/collection/HC_DigReq/id/15151	
Volume 2, 1820-1824	item 62
Digitized copies note	
Volume 2 of the Superintendent's Day Books is digitized and available at:	
http://triptych.brynmawr.edu/cdm/ref/collection/HC_DigReq/id/14784	
Volume 3, 1824-1829	item 63
Volume 4, 1829-1832	item 64
Volume 5, 1832-1836	item 65
Volume 6, 1836-1842	item 66
Volume 7, 1842-1854	item 67
Volume 8, 1854-1867	item 68
Volume 9, 1867-1875	item 69
Volume 10, 1875-1882	item 70
Volume 11, 1882-1891	item 71
Volume 12, 1891-1894	item 72

Diary of Gurney Cottage, 1885-1889

Scope and Contents

Gurney Cottage was a convalescent home established in Atlantic City for nervous and recovering patients from the Asylum. This diary appears to be written by the matron, who ran the Cottage with help from nurses, a local doctor, and weekly visits from the Asylum superintendent. The diary contains highly domestic and detailed subject matter, regarding weather, errands, visitors, state of the patients, etc. Gurney Cottage closed in 1889.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1885-1889	item 73

Daily Record Books, 1907-1928

Scope and Contents

The Daily Record Books contain a form, which allowed a staff member at the Hospital to record details about how the patients spent their time, and about their treatment, in shorthand. A key explains the shorthand meanings in the upper corner of each page. Most of the Daily Record Books record each patient in a ward's activity, diet, and habits, with each page of the book representing one ward for one month. The Daily Report of the Head Nurse records how many patients on each ward were involved in various activities, and also records what the menu at the Hospital was each day.

Title/Description	Instances
Daily Record Book Volume 1, 1907-1909	item 74
Daily Record Book Volume 2, 1921-1923	item 75
Daily Record Book Volume 3, 1923-1926	item 76
Daily Record Book Volume 4, 1926-1928	item 77
Daily Report of Head Nurse, 1923-1925	item 78
Hymns, 1843	box 11 folder 1

Scope and Contents note

This page, with the lyrics to two hymns written on it by either Phillip Garrett (who was superintendent of the Asylum from 1843-1850) or Mary Cresson Hickey, was removed from Volume 6 of the Visiting Committee Minutes. It is dated September 1, 1843, and it is now in Box 11, folder 1.

Letters Relating to Patients, 1894-1895

Scope and Contents

These letters concern Friends Hospital patients, and span from December 15, 1894, to June 30th, 1895. They are generally inquiries about patients (from friends and family), inquiries about payment, or applications for admission of individuals to Friends Hospital. The letters are alphabetized by the author of the letter.

Title/Description	Instances
A-B	box 11 folder 2
C-D	box 11 folder 3

F-J	box 11	folder 4
K-P	box 11	folder 5
Q-Z	box 11	folder 6

Weather Reports, 1848-1863

Scope and Contents

The weather report includes thermometer, barometer, wind, weather, and inches of rain as columns, as well a section for general remarks. The volume includes one loose page, which records how much wood the Asylum burned in 1826.

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, 1848-1852, 1862-1863	item 79

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Other Records, 1849-1967

Title/Description	Instances
Case of Morgan Hinchman, 1849	item 80

Scope and Contents

Hinchman brought suit in 1849 against relatives and personnel of Friends Asylum for incarcerating him against his will. This volume contains newspaper clippings recounting the trial in great detail.

Newsletter, 1965-1967	box 11	folder 7
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Scope and Contents

This newsletter is from the Friends Hospital in conjunction with the Jefferson Medical College Program for Mental Health Education, Research, and Patient Care. The newsletter contains short articles on the Friends Jefferson program, mental health news, and events at Friends Hospital. The collection has 2 copies of each issue, which were published 3 times a year from April 1965 to April 1967. They were edited by Malcolm Rose.

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AV Materials, 1975

Title/Description	Instances
Friends Hospital Groundbreaking Tapes, August 23, 1975	box 12

Physical Description: 1 boxes

Scope and Contents

Two tapes of the Friends Hospital groundbreaking from August 23, 1975. From the date, we speculate that the groundbreaking is of the Bonsall and Tuke buildings, which were completed between 1970 and 1980.

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