



Children's Hospital Boston

SHARON SANATORIUM

Records, 1891-1988

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**ACQUISITION:** The bulk of the collection was donated in 1992 by John Brooks, of the law firm Peabody & Arnold. The rest of the collection was received in 1993 from the Children's Hospital Finance Department.

**ACCESS:** The collection is unrestricted.

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**PROCESSING:** The collection was processed by a student in the Simmons College Graduate School of Library Science master's degree program as part of an internship for the Introduction to Archival Methods and Services course.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

The Sharon Sanatorium opened its doors in February 1891, the first such facility of its kind in New England. Known as the Sharon Sanitarium for Pulmonary Diseases, the open-air facility was located on Moose Hill in Sharon, Massachusetts. Alfred Bowditch was named the Sanatorium's first president, and Dr. Vincent Y. Bowditch and Dr. Robert W. Lovett were its first medical directors. The Sanatorium's purpose was to provide affordable care for patients suffering from tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases. Treatment at the Sanatorium included sleeping on porches in the fresh air year-round, which was a unique and unusual way to treat patients with pulmonary diseases.

In July 1901, the Sanatorium procured the services of a resident director, Dr. Walter A. Griffin. In 1904, the facility changed its name from Sanitarium to Sanatorium. The Harvard Medical School eventually asked Dr. Griffin to join its faculty, and the Sanatorium was used as a teaching facility for Harvard's medical students. Around 1916, the facility opened its Children's Pavilion, which was reserved for children under fourteen years of age suffering from tuberculosis. By 1938, the threat of tuberculosis was under control, and the Sanatorium began admitting patients suffering from arthritis and rheumatic fever.

In 1947 the Sanatorium closed its doors and became affiliated with Wellesley Convalescent Home and House of the Good Samaritan. In 1949, the Sanatorium integrated with Children's Hospital. In 1950, the Children's Hospital Medical Center opened the Sharon Cardiovascular Unit. The Sharon Sanatorium Board of Directors folded by the 1980's. The Sharon Sanatorium Corporation merged with Children's Hospital Medical Center Corporation in 1988 and ceased to be a separate entity.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

The Sharon Sanatorium records were kept by John G. Brooks, attorney at Peabody and Arnold and long-time secretary/legal advisor of the Sharon Sanatorium. His filing system was well preserved, and folder names reflect the original arrangement. The archivist determined the series. Inclusive dates of the collection spans 1891 to 1988, with the bulk of the collection falling between 1926 and 1976. The collection consists of five series: Business Records, Secretary's Records, Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital Medical Center, and a Subject File. Items are arranged chronologically within each series and folder.

Business Records includes financial statements, annual, and audit reports from 1892 to 1984 arranged chronologically. Also included are files pertaining to Real Estate holdings, 1891-1947. This includes deeds, titles, maps, and plans. Files pertaining to individual trust fund estates that donated funds to the Sanatorium are arranged alphabetically by donor's last name and range from 1924 to 1955. Finally, Business Records Correspondence ranges from 1949 to 1980.

Secretary's Records include a bound volume of minutes, 1923-1946, with some preservation problems. Also included are minutes spanning the years 1926 to 1988, which were originally housed in two leather binders. Loose documents found in the bound volume of minutes were removed and placed individually in folders and arranged chronologically (1940-1949). A note regarding the removal of the documents was placed in the appropriate location of the bound volume.

The Children's Hospital series includes contracts and contract drafts from 1922 to 1949, correspondence (1947-1949), Supreme Court Decrees from 1927 to 1949, and miscellaneous memos from 1946-1949. The information pertains to Sharon's merger with Children's Hospital, and was originally arranged by John Brooks.

The Children's Hospital Medical Center series includes files pertaining to the annual meetings of 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958. Also included are votes and minutes from 1946 to 1951, correspondence from 1947 to 1961, literature (1947-1953), and miscellaneous which includes reports, memos, by-laws, and charters from 1948 to 1959. The information pertains to the integration of Sharon Sanatorium with Children's Hospital Medical Center, and again, the original folder names were kept.

Lastly, the Subject File series contains files on the Bay State Society (1946-1947), Certificates of Organization and Incorporation (1891), Change of Purpose and Name certificates (1938, 1904 respectively), Sharon Sanatorium Correspondence (1942-1987), History of Sharon Sanatorium, Permanent Charity Fund Yearbook (1946), "Report to Dr. Hubbard and Sleracki," 1946, and Rheumatic Fever Literature, 1941-1946.

#### **PRESERVATION NOTE:**

Paper clips and staples were removed during processing. Multiple documents that were originally placed together were enclosed in a folded sheet of acid-free paper. Loose documents were removed from the bound volume of Secretary's Records and placed in individual folders. A separation note was placed in the appropriate page. Two leather binders that housed the bulk of the secretary's records were removed, and documents were placed in folders chronologically (Box 1, Folders 94-96; Box 2, Folders 1-2). Newspaper clippings and legal paper were separated from the other documents with sheets of acid-free paper.

**BOX LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
		<u>Series I. Business Records</u>
1	1	Annual Report, 1892
	2	Annual Report, 1929
	3	Annual Report, 1940
	4	Annual Report, 1941
	5	Annual Report, 1942
	6	Statement of Income and Expenses, 1943-44
	7	Statement of Income and Expenses, 1944-45
	8	Audit Report, 1946
	9	Audit Report, 1947
	10	Audit Report, 1948
	11	Audit Report, 1949
	12	Audit Report, 1950
	13	Annual Report, 1950
	14	Audit Report, 1951
	15	Audit Report, 1952
	16	Audit Report, 1953
	17	Audit Report, 1954
	18	Audit Report, 1955
	19	Audit Report, 1956
	20	Audit Report, 1957
	21	Audit Report, 1958
	22	Audit Report, 1959
	23	Audit Report, 1961
	24	Audit Report, 1962
	25	Audit Report, 1963
	26	Audit Report, 1964
	27	Audit Report, 1965
	28	Audit Report, 1966

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1	29	Audit Report, 1967
	30	Audit Report, 1969
	31	Audit Report, 1970
	32	Audit Report, 1971
	33	Audit Report, 1973
	34	Audit Report, 1974
	35	Audit Report, 1975
	36	Audit Report, 1976
	37	Financial Statements, 1976-77
	38	Financial Statements, 1977-78
	39	Financial Statements, 1978-79
	40	Massachusetts Annual Report of Public Charity, 1979
	41	Financial Statements, 1984
	42	Real Estate Plans, Deeds, and Excerpt from Dr. Bowditch's Diary, 1891-1947
	43	Real Estate Titles, 1891-1947
	44	Topographical Map, 1941
	45	Real Estate Deeds, Votes, 1946-1947
	46	Real Estate Negotiations, 1947
	47	Building Estimates, 1946
	48	Petitions to Supreme Judicial Court, 1947
	49	List of Estate Incomes, 1937-1946
	50	Handwritten notes on various estates, n.d.
	51	Edward W. Atkinson Estate, 1941-1955
	52	George A. Bacon Estate, 1930-1932
	53	Elizabeth A. Botsford Estate, 1933-1947
	54	Olivia Y. Bowditch Estate, 1928
	55	Lucy S. Brewer Estate, 1933-1943
	56	Lidian E. Bridge Estate, 1929
	57	Sarah C. Bridge Estate, 1940-1944

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1	58	Clara H. Briggs Estate, 1941
	59	Annie B. Matthews Bryant Estate, 1932-1949
	60	Caroline D. Clements Estate, 1932-1933
	61	Alice F. Cochran Estate, 1939
	62	George Cook Estate, 193201942
	63	Henry W. and Mary H. Cunningham Estate, 1927-1934
	64	Jere A. Downs Estate, 1938-1948
	65	Mary Frances Drown Estate, 1928-1939
	66	Ida F. Estabrook Estate, 1910
	67	Edward B. Field Estate, 1933-1934
	68	Edith R. Fottler Estate, 1944
	69	Mary P. Fowler Estate, 1932-1938
	70	Caroline A. Fox Estate, 1934-1935
	71	Mary Louisa Goddard Estate, 1928, 1937
	72	Mrs. Holmes Estate, 1929
	73	Frances Emily Hunt Estate, 1946
	74	Margaret A. Hurley Estate, 1940
	75	Clara C. Hyams Estate, 1929
	76	Frances E. Leland Estate, 1941-1942
	77	Ellen F. Mason Estate, 1931
	78	Ida M. Mason Estate, 1928-1929
	79	Walter J. Noonan Estate, 1953-1955
	80	Lucy Parsons Estate, 1935-1936
	81	Edith M. Poole Estate, 1929-1930
	82	Josephine Spencer Prichard Estate, 1940-1944
	83	Morton P. Prince Estate, 1967-1970
	84	Mary Rich Richardson Estate, 1924-1945
	85	Annie M. Ridlon Estate, 1944
	86	Mary K. Sedgwick Estate, 1928-1929
	87	Ellen V. Smith Estate, 1924-1930

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1	88 Issac V. Tolman Estate, 1935-1937
	89 Elizabeth Downs Wadsworth Estate, 1944-1946
	90 Harry K. White Estate, 1931-1933
	91 Horace W. Winkley Estate, 1944
	92 Nettie Rust Winn Estate, 1945
	93 Business Records Correspondence, 1949-1980
	<u>Series II. Secretary's Records</u>
	94 Record Book, 1926-1936
	95 Record Book, 1937-1945
	96 Record Book, 1946-1950
2	1 Minutes, 1947-1950
	2 Record Book, 1950-1988
	3 Loose Document, 1940-1941
	4 Loose Document, n.d.
	5 Loose Document, 1945
	6 Loose Document, January 23, 1946
	7 Loose Document, March 6, 1946
	8 Loose Document, April 24, 1946
	9 Loose Document, June 12, 1946
	10 Loose Document, July 10, 1946
	11 Loose Document, 1946-1949
	12 <i>Secretary's Records</i> Bound Volume, 1923-1946
	<u>Series III. Children's Hospital</u>
	13 Contracts, 1922-1949
	14 Contract Drafts, 1922-1949
	15 Correspondence, 1947-1949
	16 Supreme Court Decrees, 1927-1949
	17 Miscellaneous Memos, 1946-1949

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
		<u>Series IV. Children's Hospital Medical Center</u>
2	18	Annual Meeting 1953, 1955
	19	Annual Meeting, 1956
	20	Annual Meeting, 1957
	21	Annual Meeting, 1958
	22	Votes, Minutes, and Notices of Meetings, 1946-1951
	23	Correspondence, 1947-1961
	24	Correspondence, 1961-1976
	25	Miscellaneous: Reports, Memos, Minutes, Brochures, Charter 1948-1959
	26	Children's Medical Center Literature, 1947-1953
		<u>Series V. Subject File</u>
	27	Bay State Society, 1946-1947
	28	Certificate of Organization and Incorporation, 1891
	29	Change of Purpose and Name, 1938, 1904
	30	Correspondence, 1942-1946
	31	Correspondence, 1947-1987
	32	History, n.d.
	33	Permanent Charity Fund Yearbook, 1946
	34	"Report to Dr. Hubbard and Sieracki", 1946
	35	Rheumatic Fever Literature, 1941-1947