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THE SARAH FULLER FOUNDATION FOR LITTLE DEAF CHILDREN

Records, 1888-1972

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## **ACQUISITION**

Most of the records were transferred to the Archives prior to January 1992. The volume of secretary reports, 1889-1897, and several photographs were transferred from the Department of Otolaryngology and Communication Disorders in December 1993. An additional accession came in 2001 from Dr. Gerald Healy of the Department of Otolaryngology.

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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Sarah Fuller Home for Little Deaf Children was founded in 1888 by Louisa (Mrs. Francis) Brooks of West Medford, Massachusetts. Named for a principal of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, the home was established to provide two- to five-year-old children with oral instruction, although some were as old as six (see Annual Report, 1889).

In 1925 the residential school closed and a program of home instruction was instituted. In 1957 the foundation became affiliated with The Children's Hospital Medical Center, and its endowment continues to be used to support the Hearing and Speech Clinic.

### Sources:

Snedeker, Lendon. One Hundred Years at Children's. Boston: Privately printed, 1969. Pages 78-79.

James Ronald Morris. A Little Out of Hand: The Prestige of Science and Rise of the Oral Movement in Nineteenth-Century American Deaf Education. Thesis: Harvard University, March 1988. Pages 64-68 (in box 1, folder 9).

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of scattered documentation of the foundation and annual reports span only 1888 through 1903 (box 1, folders 2-3). Of special interest is a letter from Alexander Graham Bell regarding the idea of establishing a summer vacation school (box 2, folder 16). Also of interest is the section of James Ronald Morris's thesis regarding the foundation, which includes a listing of primary and secondary sources consulted (box 1, folder 8).

Photographs have been removed to the Photograph Collection.

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