



Boston Children's Hospital

THE HOUSE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Records, 1860 - 1966

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**ACQUISITION**

The majority of records were delivered to the Hospital Archives from the Medical Staff Library, Hunnewell 3, on April 23, 1992. The archivist moved several volumes of medical records from the Board Room, Wolbach 1 to the Archives on November 10, 1992.

**ACCESS**

The collection is unrestricted with the exception of the patient records. Please consult the archivist for further information.

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**PROCESSING**

This collection was processed as an internship project by a student from the Introduction to Archival Methods and Services class of Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The House of the Good Samaritan was founded as a charitable hospital in 1860 by Anne Smith Robbins (1827 -1899). It was established to care for chronically ill women and children who could not be helped in existing hospitals. It was the first hospital in Boston to admit patients with chronic illness.

Under the leadership of Dr. Buckminster Brown, the House of the Good Samaritan opened the first orthopedic ward for children in the United States, in 1864.

In 1906 the Good Samaritan operated the first summer and winter tuberculosis camp in Massachusetts. By 1911 the city and state had taken over the responsibility for care of tuberculosis patients, so the Board of Managers voted to admit cancer patients, becoming the first hospital in Boston to admit women with incurable cancer.

By 1929, the city and state provided facilities for the care of cancer, so the Good Samaritan again changed its focus to provide services to a group of patients for whom there was no existing care, children with rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease. In 1932 the Research Program for Rheumatic heart disease was started and the House of the Good Samaritan became known worldwide for its research into the cause and cure of the disease.

In 1946 the Good Samaritan became affiliated with Children's Hospital, and on March 15, 1967 it became legally incorporated into the Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Additional historical information can be found in the subject file entitled "Histories" (Box 7, Folder 105) and in the annual reports (Boxes 1-3).

### Sources:

Smith, Clement A., M.D. The Children's Hospital of Boston. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1983.

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

"To Wider Spheres of Usefulness": The Hundredth Anniversary of the House of the Good Samaritan, 1861-1961. (Box 7, Folder 106)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the House of the Good Samaritan span 1860 to 1967. They have been divided into four series: Annual Reports, Subject Files, Patient Records, and Objects.

The Annual Reports are dated 1864-1961. The annual reports for 1936 to 1939 and 1945 are missing. In 1962 the Good Samaritan annual report became a part of the Children's Hospital Medical Center annual report.

The Subject Files include, fund-raising information, correspondence, pamphlets, reprints, and histories. Notes of the establishment of the hospital are in the handwritten volume "Bylaws: Association of the House of the Good Samaritan, 1860-1922," (Box 5, Folder 82). Board of Managers meeting minutes are in a handwritten volume (Box 4, Folder 54) entitled "Annual Meetings of the Association and Board of Managers: Minutes, 1903-06." The bulk of the Board of Managers meeting minutes, 1945 to 1967, are located in folders entitled "Board of Managers meeting minutes, followed by the date (Boxes 4-5, Folders 61-80). There are no minutes from 1906 to 1944. Financial information, other than that found in the annual reports, is limited but does span the years 1861-1966. There is also a Medical and Surgical Physicians Register (Box 7, Folder 114) that lists doctors who worked at the hospital from 1905-1958.

Of special interest is the December 30, 1955 document by George E. Gardner, Ph.D., M.D., entitled "Preliminary Proposals For a Child Care Center Affiliated with Harvard University" (Box 6, Folder 86). Historical information can be found on Anne Smith Robbins (Box 8, Folder 132). There is a listing of references made of Buckminster Brown, M.D., taken from annual report dated 1862-1900 (Box 5, Folder 81). Another interesting folder is that of T. Duckett Jones, M.D. It is filled with correspondence, lists of his books and publications, and notes on his memorial service and his life (Box 7, Folder 111). There are also four publicity scrapbooks of various clippings about the House of the Good Samaritan.

The bulk of the Patient Records include admission logs from 1861-1905 (Box 10), Surgical Records from the cancer ward, 1905-32 (Boxes 17-25, Folders 142-197), and Medical and Surgical records from 1869-1932 (Boxes 11-16 and 26-27). There are some incomplete orthopedic records dated 1905-21, Taf-Z (Box 25, Folders 198-200).

The Objects series consists of various artifacts, most of which came from the House of the Good Samaritan's chapel.

Photographs from the House of the Good Samaritan are located in Children's Photograph Collection and Glass Plate Collection.

## **PRESERVATION NOTE**

Scrapbooks (boxes 28-29) contain brittle newspaper clippings that should be photocopied.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### I. Annual Reports, 1862 - 1961

Boxes 1-3, Folders 1-36

Arranged chronologically. Some reports are bound in volumes and others are not.

### II. Subject Files, 1860 - 1967

Boxes 3-8, Folders 37-138

Arranged alphabetically.

Files contain correspondence, reprints, reports, pamphlets, meeting minutes, inventories, fund raising logs, and scrapbooks.

### III. Patient Records, 1861 - 1970.

Boxes 8- , Volumes 1-31

Volumes arranged alphabetically within a defined span of years.

### V. Objects

Box 9 and 1 archival box.

Consists of various artifacts.

**BOX LIST**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
		<u>Series I: Annual Reports</u>
1	1	1862-71
	2	1864-98
	3	1866
	4	1867
	5	1868
	6	1869
	7	1870
	8	1871-91
	9	1884
2	10	1885-89, 1891-1900
	11	1899-1935
	12	1901-1904, 1905-1914
3	13	1904
	14	1915-1925, 1926-1935
	15	1933
	16	1940
	17	1941
	18	1942

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
3	19	1943
	20	1944
	21	1946
	22	1947
	23	1948
	24	1949
	25	1950
	26	1951
	27	1952
	28	Oct. 1952 - Sept. 1953
	29	Oct. 1953 - Sept. 1954
	30	Oct. 1954 - Sept. 1955
	31	Oct. 1955 - Sept. 1956
	32	Oct. 1956 - Sept. 1957
	33	Oct. 1957 - Sept. 1958
	34	Oct. 1958 - Sept. 1959
	35	Oct. 1959 - Sept. 1960
	36	Oct. 1960 - Sept. 1961
		<u>Series II: Subject Files</u>
	37	Advisory Committee: Reports, 1901



<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
3	38	Agreement between The Children's Hospital, HGS, and the Children's Medical Center, Inc., 1949
	39	Alcohol Permits, 1941-58
	40	Alcohol Reports: Monthly, 1954-58
28	201	American College of Surgeons Certificate, n.d. (oversize)
4	41	American Heart Association, 1926-27
28	202	American Hospital Association - Institutional Membership Certificate, 1923 (oversize)
4	42	American Hospital Association - Institutional Member Certificate, May 8, 1923
	43	American Hospital Association Reports, 1939-53
	44	American Medical Association, 1939-48
	45-53	Annual Meeting of the Association, 1950-66
	54	Annual Meetings of the Association and Board of Managers: Minutes, 1903-06
	55	Annual Report of the Chapel, Nov. 1964 - Oct. 1966
	56	Annual Report of the Medical Staff, 1959-66
	57	Annual Report of the Research Department, 1965-66
	58	Annual Report of Social Worker, 1965
	59	The Arrow, 1941-44 (patient newsletter)
	60	Articles of the Association and Minutes, 1860-87
	61-64	Board of Managers: Minutes, 1945-48

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
5	65-80	Board of Managers: Minutes, 1945-67
	81	Brown, Buckminster, M.D., ca. 1900
	82	Bylaws: Association of the HGS, 1860-1922
	83	Cardiac Catheterization, 1954
6	84	Census, 1942-58
	85	Chapel-Chaplain, 1888-1957
	86	Child Care Center Proposal, 1955-56
	87	Children's Medical Center, 1947-67
	88	Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Department of Public Health - License to Maintain a Hospital, 1942-58
	89	Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Department of Public Health - Rheumatic Fever Program with the House of the Good Samaritan, n.d.
	90	Correspondence, 1901-52
	91	Defense Preparations, 1942
	92	Electrocardiograms, 1949-57
	93	Elevator: Contract, permits, etc., 1951-57
	94	Finances, 1903-04
	95	Finances, 1951-59
	96	Finances: Capital Account, 1861-1950
	97	Finances: Gift Legacies, 1861-1947
	98	Finances: Greater Boston Community Fund, 1941-48

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
6	99	Finances: Income Expense, 1939-48
	100	Finances: Investments, 1935-49
28	203	Finances: Report on Audit of Accounts, 1929-30
	204	Finances: Report on Examination of Accounts, 1931-32
6	101	Finances: Salaries, 1931-42
	102	Finances: Statement of Income, 1963-66
7	103	Fund Raising, 1911-30
	104	Helen Hay Whitney Foundation, 1956
	105	Histories, 1860-1952
	106	History: "To Wider Spheres of Usefulness." The Hundredth Anniversary of HGS: 1861-1961
	107	Inauguration of President Eisenhower, 1953
	108	Insurance Reports of Injury, etc., 1943-57
	109	Inventory, 1947
	110	Jackson Memorial Research Wing, 1932
	111	Jones, T. Duckett, M.D., 1899-1954
	112	Maintenance, 1947-55
	113	Massachusetts Heart Association, ca. 1952-57
	114	Medical and Surgical Physicians Register, 1905-58
	115	Medical Staff Organization, 1951
	116	"Memorials Which Help Others Live," ca. 1930

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
7	117	Narcotic Reports, 1942-58
8	118	National Society for Crippled Children: Schedule, 1944
	119	New England Heart Association, 1933-1938
	120	Orthopedic Wards, 1924
	121	Poem: "The Saga of the Dauntless Four and The House of the Good Samaritan," n.d.
	28-29	Publicity: Scrapbooks, 1930-58
		Reprints:
8	122	"Acute Hemolytic Anemia in Childhood," 1930
	123	"Clinical Charts Recommended by the Heart Committee of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association: The Plans for Their Use," 1927
	124	"The Daily Care of Consumptives at a General Hospital as an Aid to Solving Local Tuberculosis Problems," 1907
	125	"Round Table Discussion on Rheumatic Fever," 1939
	126	"Three Additional Cases of Acute Hemolytic (Infectious?) Anemia," 1930
	127	"The Treatment of Congestive Failure in Children with Active Rheumatic Fever," 1941
	128	Research Department: Personnel Policies, 1948
	129	Special Funds, 1955-57
	130	Studies in Rheumatic Fever, 1931-36
	131	Rheumatic Fever Community Program, 1946-48

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
8	132	Robbins, Anne Smith, 1827-99
	133	Rock Crest News, 1960
	134	Schedules of Information, 1945
	135	Social Services, 1945-55
	136	Staff Meetings, 1956
	137	Superintendent's Reports, n.d., 1948
	138	Trustees of HGS and the Children's Medical Center, Report on the problems of utilization of the facilities of HGS - n.d.

**Volume**

Series III: Patient Records

10	1	Admissions Logs, 1861-1900
	2	1901-05

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
9	139	Anesthetics Permissions, 1955-58
	140	Autopsy Permissions, 1930-57
	141	Body and Effects Receipts, 1939-57

<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>	
10	3	Electrocardiographic Records, 1928-40
	4	1940-50
11	5	1951-59
	6	1959-70

<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>	
11	7	Medical Records, 1869-1873
	8	Jan 1874 - Apr 1880
12	9	May 1880 - Aug 1882
	10	May 1882 - Oct 1883
	11	Oct 1883 - May 1885
	12	Feb 1885 - Jun 1886
13	13	Jun 1886 - May 1888
	14	May 1888 - Oct 1890
	15	Jun 1890 - Aug 1892
14	16	Aug 1892 - Jun 1895
	17	May 1895 - Jun 1898
	18	May 1898 - Feb 1900
15	19	Feb 1900 - Jun 1902
	20	Oct 1900 - Jun 1903
	21	Jun 1902 - Jan 1905
16	22	Jun 1903 - May 1905
	23	Feb 1905 - May 1905
	24	Surgical Records, Nov 1879 - Aug 1889
26	25	Jan 1883 - Apr 1883
	26	Apr 1883 - Oct 1883

<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>	
26	27	Jan 1888 - Sep 1903
27	28	1893-1902
	29	Jul 1902 - Jul 1905

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17	142-148	Cancer Patients, A-Cap
18	149-155	Car-Dit
19	156-162	Doa-Gre
20	163-168	Gri-Kei
21	169-174	Kel-McC
22	175-180	McD-Oma
23	181-186	One-Saw
24	187-193	Sca-Tuc
25	194-197	Tur-Zor
	198-200	Orthopedic Patients, Taf-Z

Series IV: Objects

30 Candle Snuffer

Collection Box - "Offerings for the Support of the Hospital"

9 Copper Plates  
1 - Hospital Ward, McLean St., 1935  
2 - Dr. Hubbard in laboratory, n.d.  
3 - Patient: Esterley, Sally, 1950  
4 - Patient: Silvia, Robert, 1950  
5 - Patients with dolls, 1947

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
9	6 - Physician, nurse (Miss Stevens) and patient, n.d. 7 - Robbins, Anne Smith 8 - Sunbathing on the sun porch, n.d.
30	Copper on tin canister  Framed Mother-of-Pearl Nativity, <i>gift of Mrs. William F. Almy, Jr. in memory of her mother, Margaret Lee Moore.</i>  Holy Water Bottle  Holy Water Bowl  Oil Painting of Anne Smith Robbins  Wooden Crucifix with candles