

# MARION COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL COLLECTION, 1861-1979

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	6 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box, 37 bound volumes and visual materials
COLLECTION DATES:	1861-1979
PROVENANCE:	Gift of the Indiana Medical History Museum, 3000 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 28 June 1985
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the Indiana Historical Society.
ALTERNATE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
RELATED HOLDINGS:	M 0071, Indianapolis Flower Mission Records
ACCESSION NUMBER:	1985.0624
NOTES:	Bound periodicals acquired with this collection were transferred to Printed Collections.

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Indianapolis City Hospital was founded in 1855, at the instance of Dr. Livingston Dunlap. The first building was completed in 1859 in a boggy area at the junction of Indiana Avenue and Fall Creek. By the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, this building was not yet furnished or operating as a hospital. During the war it was taken over and expanded by the federal government, and was operated as a hospital by members of the Sisters of Providence from Saint Mary's in the Woods. In 1866 the city again took over the hospital. Under the superintendence of Dr. William N. Wishard (1879-1887) a new building was constructed. At the same time (1883) a nurses' training school evolved from the efforts of the Indianapolis Flower Mission, which had begun as a group of young ladies distributing flowers and jellies to patients. A medical school developed from Indiana Medical College, which at different times from 1871 had connections with Indiana and Purdue Universities. In 1911 the Robert W. Long Hospital was built as a teaching hospital affiliated with Indiana University. In the early 1920s, the Riley Hospital was opened for children, also a teaching hospital. These two hospitals were both in the same area as City Hospital. In 1947 the name of City Hospital was changed to Indianapolis General Hospital; in 1959 the name changed again, to Marion County General Hospital. The present name is Wishard Memorial Hospital.

Sunnyside Sanatorium was an outgrowth of the pulmonary department of City Hospital. It began in 1917 with a building on a campus east of Indianapolis near Oaklandon. Additional buildings opened during the 1920s. The sanatorium continued to operate until 1969, when new methods of treating tuberculosis made it unnecessary.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of minutes, reports, articles, ledgers, and scrapbooks from Indianapolis City Hospital (Marion County General Hospital) and the tuberculosis sanatorium, medical school, and nursing school affiliated with it. The collection also includes some awards presented to Dr. Charles W. Meyer. It is arranged in categories corresponding to those administrative divisions, and topically within each category.

The collection begins with the material on the hospital itself. There is a box of historical material, amplified by clippings and by fourteen scrapbooks. There are minutes of the hospital board for one year, 1944-1945, and a collection of annual reports for the years 1919-1976 (incomplete). Records of administration and operation include early patient ledgers and other records, and some policy manuals and handbooks. There is a complete file of the hospital's recent newsletters: *Life...in General* (1957-1972-cataloged with Printed Collections RA 982 .I55 W5), and *Health Capsule* (1972-1979- OMB 0025). This category concludes with considerable material from the occupational therapy department in the 1940s and 1950s, and scattered records of other departments.

The material on Sunnyside Sanatorium begins with some historical material. Handbooks for both employees and patients give an idea of the general routine, as do records of meetings of department heads (1947-1961). There are also annual reports of the sanatorium (1919-1959 incomplete) and from the rehabilitation department (1943-1953).

Records from the medical school include an early list of students and a few early admission certificates. The body of the material in this category concerns a postgraduate course in ear-nose-throat in the 1940s.

The most important material on the school of nursing is early records of the Indianapolis Flower Mission which helped start the school. (Additional material on the Flower Mission is available in M 0071.) Other items are catalogs (a selection from 1921 to 1976), handbooks (1959-1974), and two yearbooks.

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## **BOX AND FOLDER INVENTORY**

### **I. MARION COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL**

**BOX 1****A. History**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Sisters of Providence (use 1861-1865)
2	Thurman B. Rice history, 1947
3	William N. Wishard, Jr., history, 1965
4	History, 1973
5	General historical
6	Copy for historical booklet
7	Historical committee correspondence 1962-1966
8	Dr. Livingston Dunlap (founder)
9	Dr. Charles W. Myers (director)
10	Report by citizens' committee, 1957
11	Clippings 1920-1960
12	Clippings 1975-1977
13	Clippings, general
14	Scrapbooks 1942-69 Marion County General Hospital (BV 2124-2137, 2587-2590)
15	Red Cross participation, WWII
16	Scrapbook: National Hospital Day, 1933 (BV 2138)

**B. Board**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
17	Minutes and reports, 1944-1945
18	1953 State Supreme Court judgment re: Health and Hospital Corporation
19	Annual reports, 1934-1940
20	Annual reports, 1943-1944

**BOX 2**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
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1	Annual reports, 1945-46
2	Annual reports, 1947-48
3	Annual reports, 1949-50
4	Annual reports, 1951-52
5	Annual reports, 1953, 1955
6	Annual reports, 1973, 1974, 1976

### **C. Administration**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
7	Handbooks
8	Manuals of policy
9	Patient ledgers 1863, 1888, 1898, 1909-1931 (BV 2110-2121); Autopsy reports (BV 2122) Patient valuables 1906-1908 (BV 2139) Prescriptions 1873-1876 (BV 2123)
10	OB patient records 1931

### **BOX 3**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	List of charges 1941
2	Financial records 1953-1955
3	Maps, plans
4	Staff
5-7	Biographical sketches of staff
8	Awards
9	Chapel
10	St. Margaret's Guild
11	Appropriations for 1908

### **D. Publications**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
12	"Health Capsule" 1972-1979 (OMB 0025)

### **E. Departments**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
13	Annual reports 1940-1947
14	Annual reports 1948-1956
15	Manuals and general policies
16	Emergency medical services
17	Lilly clinic
18	Regenstreif Health Center
19	Shock unit
20	Article favoring retention of neuro-psychiatric dept.

### **II. SUNNYSIDE SANATORIUM**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
21	History of TB clinics
22	History of Sunnyside
23	Scrapbooks BV 2140-2142
24	Administration and operation-- Hospital routine
25	Administration and operation-- Routine rehabilitation
26	Administration and operation-- Employees handbook
27	Administration and operation-- Outline of exercise
28	Administration and operation-- Training workbooks

### **BOX 4**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Administration and operation-- "A day at Sunnyside"
2	Administration and operation -- Annual reports 1919-1927

3	Administration and operation -- Annual reports 1940-1944
4	Administration and operation -- Annual reports 1947-1949
5	Administration and operation -- Annual reports 1951-1955
6	Administration and operation -- Annual reports 1956-1959
7	Legislation and legal opinions
8	Department heads meetings-- 1947-1948
9	Department heads meetings -- 1949
10	Department heads meetings -- 1950
11	Department heads meetings -- 1951
12	Department heads meetings -- 1952
13	Department heads meetings -- 1953
14	Department heads meetings -- 1954
15	Department heads meetings -- 1955
16	Department heads meetings -- 1956
17	Department heads meetings -- 1957
18	Department heads meetings -- 1958-1961
19	Rehabilitation department-- annual reports 1943-1953
20	Rehabilitation department -- annual reports 1954-1961

## **BOX 5**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	School: Legislation and legal opinions
2	School record 1940-1944
3	School: Commencement programs 1949-1959
4	Sunnyside Guild
5	Pamphlets

## **III. MEDICAL SCHOOL**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
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6	Students 1891-1892
7	Certificates for admission 1904
8	Postgraduate course in ear-nose-throat 1940s
9	Pamphlets on otolaryngology

#### **IV. SCHOOL OF NURSING**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
10	Historical
11	History of Indianapolis Flower Mission by Harriet B. Smith
12	Flower Mission yearbooks-- 1884-1885
13	Flower Mission yearbooks -- 1886-1887
14	Flower Mission yearbooks -- 1890
15	Flower Mission yearbooks -- 1894
16	Catalogs 1921-1978 (incomplete)

#### **BOX 6**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Handbooks 1959-1974
2	Graduate program for psychiatric nurses
3	Miscellaneous printed
4	Individual nurses
5	Clippings
6	Yearbook 1926, Scrapbook Class of 1926 (BV 2587-89), Scrapbook 1959-1962 (BV 2590)
7	Yearbook 1952
8	Oversize

#### **OMB 25**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
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- 1 Charles W. Meyer, Croix de Guerre, 1915 and miscellaneous forms
  - 2 Charles W. Meyer, Citation, 1918
  - 3 Charles W. Meyer, Distinguished Service Cross, 1918
  - 4 Health Capsule, 1972-1973
  - 5 Health Capsule, 1974-1975
  - 6 Health Capsule, 1976-1977
  - 7 Health Capsule, 1978-1979
  - 8 Merit Award, 1937
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## CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's [online catalog](#)
2. Click on the "Local Catalog" icon.
3. Search for the collection by its call number, using the letter or letters designation and **four** digits (e.g., M 0715, SC 2234).
4. When you find the collection, go to the "Holdings" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.

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