BABIES HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.)
Historical Collection, 1887-1994.
1.5 cubic feet (5 document boxes, 6 folders, 1 volume and 1 oversize portrait.)

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This is an artificial collection, composed of records of Babies Hospital activities from 1887 to the mid 1990’s. Included in the collection are summary histories of the institution, annual reports, general administrative and departmental files, records of anniversary events and Christmas plays, scrapbooks, photographs and artifacts.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Babies Hospital was founded in 1887 by five women “to provide medical and surgical aid and nursing for sick babies.” At the time, New York City had only 27 hospital beds devoted to the care of children under the age of one year. Babies soon became one of the nation’s pre-eminent children’s hospitals. Within twenty years it had established an outpatient department, a training school for nurses, and a summer hospital at the New Jersey shore. It became a teaching affiliate of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1900. L. Emmett Holt, Herbert Wilcox, Sr. and Rustin McIntosh were among the medical directors of the hospital in the 20th century.

After several brief stays at various locations, Babies Hospital settled in two houses on Lexington Avenue at E. 55th Street. In 1902, these buildings were replaced with a modern structure where the Hospital remained until it moved to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center at W. 168th Street in 1929.

ACCESS: Access allowed under terms of Archives and Special Collections’ Access Policy to Records Containing Protected Health Information.

LANGUAGE The bulk of the collection is in English, though there are some materials in German and Arabic.


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ARRANGEMENT: Arranged in ten series: I. General historical information; II. Annual Reports; III. General administration files; IV. Departmental files; V. Doctors; VI. Special Events; VII. Publications; VIII. Scrapbooks; IX. Photographs and X. Oversize materials.

SUBJECTS:
Andersen, Dorothy Hansine, 1901-
Bartlett, Frederic Huntington, 1872-
Carter, Sidney, 1912-
Curnen, Edward.
Driscoll, John M.
Holt, L. Emmett (Luther Emmett), 1855-1924.
McIntosh, Rustin.
McNutt, Sarah J.
Silverman, William A.
Babies Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
Columbia University. Dept. of Pediatrics.
Children – Hospitals.
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