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[Babies Hospital \(New York, N.Y.\) Historical Collection, 1887-1994.](#)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> century.

After several brief stays at various locations, Babies Hospital settled in two houses on Lexington Avenue at E. 55<sup>th</sup> 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. 168<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PROVENANCE:** Gift of the Babies' Hospital Alumni Association, Accession #1997.11.19, 1999.11.09, 2000.01.27, 2002.04.26, 2000.09.13 and 2002.12.04.

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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-

Apgar, Virginia, 1909-1974.

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.)

Babies Hospital (New York, N.Y.). First Practical Training School for Nursery Maids.

Babies Hospital (New York, N.Y.). Pediatric Service.

Columbia University. Dept. of Pediatrics.

Children – Hospitals.

## Box and Folder List

### SERIES I: GENERAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fo.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	General Histories, n.d.
	2-3	Historical Notes
	4-5	Misc. historical information
	6	Parent participation [presentation?], 1976
	7	<i>Guide for Patients and Parents</i> , c. late 1980s early 1990s
	8	<i>A Summer's Work</i> , 1889, photocopy.
	9	<i>Training School for Nursery Maids</i> , 1893, photocopy.
	10	<i>The Babies' Hospital and Its Work</i> , 1900, photocopy.
	11	"In Search of the Spirit of the Babies Hospital", n.d., typescript.
	12	"Requirements for Progress: An Estimate of Needs", 1963
	13	<i>Rusty McIntosh: The Essence of His Presence at Babies Hospital, 1931-1960</i> , 1987

### SERIES II: ANNUAL REPORTS

14	1 <sup>st</sup> (1889) and 25 <sup>th</sup> (1913) Annual Reports
15	Notes from Annual Reports, 1896-1943
16	Annual Reports, 1943-58, photocopies
17	Pediatrics Annual Report, 1959-1979, photocopies
18	Research 1962 (Annual Report excerpt?)
19	Dept. of Pediatrics: 1986 Annual Report
20	Dept. of Pediatrics: 1987 Annual Report
21	Hospital description [mid-late 1980s]
22	1992 Annual Report

### SERIES III: GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FILES

2	1	Babies Hospital by-laws, n.d.
	2	Medical staff by-laws, rules and regulations of the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York, 1956, with 1970s updates
	3	History of the Carpentier Chair endowment, including photocopies of 1904 letters and article from 1977
	4	Letter, L. Emmett Holt to Sarah J. McNutt, 1913, regarding the location of Babies' Hospital in 1887
	5	Papers and picture from Dr. Holt's visit to China, 1923
	6	Letter from Holt to Norton, from China, 1923
	7	Training School for Nursery Maids, graduation certificate, Della Robb, 1924, photocopy
	8	Committee on Educational Nursing, 1929
	9	Letter to professional staff regarding granting of privileges at Babies Hospital, 1929

- 10 Letter from Arvo Ylppö to McIntosh and Silverman, 1957
- 11 John Driscoll, Treasurer's report 1990-91
- 12 Misc. Driscoll materials [**contains patient information**]
- 13 Misc. Driscoll Folder II: Caryn file (?); publicity related (?)
- 14 Misc. Driscoll Folder III
- 15 Edward Curnen, List of Babies Hospital publications, 1946, and pediatric language disorders, n.d.
- 16 Curnen, reprints of others, 1949
- 17 Curnen, introduction of René Dubos, 1976
- 18 Letter sent to doctors by 10 year old child, n.d. [former patient]
- 19 25 Year Club memo, 1954
- 20 Presbyterian Hospital Strategic Plan, 1981
- 21 Memorial Gifts, n.d.
- 22 Rockefeller Family Fundraising, 1992
- 23 1973 Recruitment manual
- 24 House staff, 1960-70
- 25 Pediatric House Staff Out-Patient Department Rotation Schedule, 1986-87
- 26 Group practice and schedules, 1986-1991
- 27 Preventing cross-contamination by nurses, 1929-1966
- 28 Dept. of Health NYC, Quarantine Regulations in General Hospitals, 1943
- 29 Patient records [**HIPAA restricted**], 1953
- 30 Yellow sheet modification
- 31 Letter, McIntosh to Sol Cohen, 1980
- 32 Letters, McIntosh to Poch, 1953 and 1956

**SERIES IV: DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS**

- 33 Principles for family-centered neo-natal care, n.d., no author
  - 34 Pathology, Ferret records, Dr. Rorke, c. 1972
  - 35 Kyoho, Nosocomial Bacteremias, c. 1988
  - 36 Perinatal Division Budget, 1990 (includes report from 1986)
  - 37 Premature Babies Unit Opens, press release, 1949
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- 1 Vital signs wheel, 1958-62
  - 2 Birth-weight Study, 1976-80
  - 3 Cross-tabulations, birth-weight study, 1977-83
  - 4 NYS Infant Health Assessment, 1992-93

**SERIES V: DOCTORS**

- 5 "Dorothy Anderson" (biographical article)
- 6 Virginia Apgar stamp, n.d., c. 1991
- 7 Letter from Director of Development re: Apgar stamp
- 8 Apgar stamp information
- 9 Virginia Apgar Quartet information (draft)
- 10 *P&S Journal*, Virginia Apgar cover story

- 11 *New Yorker* article on Dr. Frederic H. Bartlett, July 15, 1944
- 12 Letter re: Dr. Frederic H. Bartlett Memorial Bed, February 15, 1949
- 13 "Sidney Carter" (biographical article)
- 14 Edward Curnen: Memorabilia, 1935-76
- 15 Curnen: Annual report reprints (?), 1960, 1963
- 16 Article about Richard Day by William Silverman, 1995
- 17 Silverman on Silverman, presentation, n.d.

#### **SERIES VI: SPECIAL EVENTS**

- 18 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, May 24, 1938, photocopy
- 19 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House, 1938, photocopy
- 20 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1962
- 21 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary citations, 1962 (?)
- 22 Rusty McIntosh, Centennial-related
- 23 Centennial information, 1988
- 24 Draft outline for centennial narrative
- 25 Christmas Play (?), 1946, Winnie in Wonderland
- 26 *A Christmas Carol*, play, 1947
- 27 Christmas/play materials, 1950s
- 28 Radio announcement, Health talks programs, 1928
- 29 Address given at the welcoming ceremony, Dr. John Munn Hansford , c. 1950
- 30 A Century of Nursing Conference, May 12-13, 1954
- 31 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Day Lecture, *Experimenting on Children, American Style*, 1975

#### **SERIES VII: PUBLICITY**

- 32 Assorted newspaper clippings
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- 34 Richard Scott (boy w/out an esophagus), photocopy of an article
- 35 *Parents for Parents Newsletter*, Nov. 1985
- 36 Nightingaliana article, photocopy
- 37 *New York Journal-American*, 10/26/1948
- 38 WHO *World Future and Child Health* (in Arabic)
- 39 Joy of Nursing, poster, n.d., c. 1950s-60s
- 40 "The Child and the Adult as Patients", Sr. Grace Anne, OSA, RN, n.d.
- 41 "Martin A. Couny: Der Inkubator doktor," by Silverman, excerpted from the Dec. 1979/Jan. 1980 issue of *Pediatrics*, in German.
- 42 "The Future of Clinical Experimentation in Neonatal Medicine," 1994

#### **SERIES VIII: SCRAPBOOKS**

- 4 1-3 Scrapbook 1973-77
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- 8 Photocopies of historical photographs
- 9 American Pediatric Society Meeting, Lake George, 1937
- 10 Ruth Harris, House Staff photos, 1947
- 11 House staff, 1947-1969
- 12 House staff, 1953/54-1960/61
- 13 Altman, Bowen, Callahan, Miké
- 14 Doctors
- 15 Visit by British Royalty (Alexandra, Duchess of Kent?), 1967
- 16 Yellow Fever Hospital, Nigeria, 1949
- 17 Yellow fever hospital (?), Africa
- 18 Photo reproduction, caricature of Dr. McIntosh by Dr. Riley

**SERIES X: OVERSIZE MATERIALS**

- 5** 1 Conference on Burns and Flame Retardant Fabric, 1966
- 2 Photographs, brain cells (?)
  
- MC2** 5 Awards plaque and supporting materials
- 5 Babies Hospital Library rules (framed)
  
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- 11 Newspaper clippings, 1887-88, and color photocopy of same
- 12 Logo development cards
- 13 Embroidered Giardias
  
- OV20** 20 L. Emmett Holt (portrait)
  
- Babies Hospital Scrapbook, 1927-1930 (1 vol.): Shelved separately