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[Babies Hospital \(New York, N.Y.\). Scrapbooks, 1887-1935](#)

BABIES HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.)

Scrapbooks, 1887-1935.

2 volumes.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Newspaper and magazine clippings; correspondence; and printed material relating to Babies Hospital. The earlier volume, dating from 1887 to 1935 but bulking 1887-1892, has much on the founding of the hospital. The later volume, 1927-1930, is entirely comprised of clippings documenting the construction of the new hospital building at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and especially the fundraising efforts for it.

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: Unrestricted.

LANGUAGE: English.

PROVENANCE: Gift of the Columbia University Dept. of Pediatrics, 2002 (acc. #2002.12.04).

Subjects:

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