

Guide to the New Haven Hospital and Grace- New Haven Community Hospital Collection

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection includes the Dean of the Yale School of Medicine's correspondence and copies of minutes and reports concerning New Haven Hospital, the New Haven Dispensary, and Grace-New Haven Community Hospital; broadsides and brochures concerning these institutions and Yale-New Haven Hospital; miscellaneous materials including historical accounts of the hospital; and newspaper clippings.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Deans' correspondence files in this collection were maintained and donated by Lottie G. Bishop, Executive Secretary in the Dean's Office. Some early broadsides, in particular, the Knight Hospital memoranda, were donated by the Beinecke Library in 1989. Some of the clippings and brochures appear to have been collected by Madeline Stanton, Librarian of the Historical Library. Some pamphlets were

found in uncataloged pamphlet boxes that were transferred to the Yale Medical Library from Sterling Memorial Library. Most of these materials had previously been brought together by Madeline Stanton, former Librarian of the Historical Library.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

New Haven Hospital and Grace-New Haven Community Hospital Collection, Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale University

Biographical / Historical

New Haven Hospital, originally known as the State Hospital, was organized in 1826 by professors at the Medical Institution of Yale College and other interested citizens. It was the first general hospital in the state and among the earliest general hospitals in the nation. After funds were raised, a building was erected on Cedar Street and opened in 1833. Donors became members of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut. The hospital did not have a direct relationship to the Yale School of Medicine until 1914 when an agreement allowed the hospital to be used for medical instruction and provided for the professors of the medical school to become chairs of the departments of the hospital. As the institution was still largely a charity in the first decades of the twentieth century, only Yale staff had access to patients. So that other physicians could gain clinical experience and follow their patients into the hospital, two other hospitals were founded in New Haven, Grace Hospital in 1889 and the Hospital of Saint Raphael in 1907 (opened 1910). Grace Hospital was founded by homeopaths and eclectics, but had become a community hospital by the 1920s. A plan to merge Grace Hospital with New Haven Hospital was avoided by Grace Hospital's raising enough money to remain independent. In 1944, discussions resumed resulting in a merger under the name Grace-New Haven Community Hospital in mid-1945. This hospital was partly under the control of the Yale School of Medicine but also open to community physicians. Grace-New Haven Community Hospital became Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1965. The New Haven Dispensary, founded independently in 1872, became, by contract in 1879, the clinic for the Yale University School of Medicine. It eventually became the outpatient department of the hospital.

Scope and Contents

Series 1 consists of files of the Dean of the Yale School of Medicine (George Blumer, Milton C. Winternitz, Stanhope Bayne Jones, and Francis G. Blake) concerning the New Haven Hospital and its successor, the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital, as well as on the New Haven Dispensary. These files include Executive Committee meetings, medical staff meetings; correspondence; reports on activities, finances, and personnel; and discussions on the merger of New Haven Hospital and Grace Hospital. Series 2 consists of broadsides, pamphlets, and mailings related to the hospital. These go back to a small sheet in 1826 announcing a meeting to found a hospital. Of special note is a set of forms used by the Hospital from 1926 to 1938. Series 3 includes miscellaneous reports, reminiscences about working in the hospital, and other historical items. Series 4 contains a collection of newspaper clippings related to the hospital.

Arrangement

Organized in 4 series: 1. Deans' files: correspondence, minutes, and reports. 2. Printed broadsides and brochures. 3. Miscellany. 4. Newspaper clippings. Arrangement within series is roughly chronological.

Collection Contents

Series I: Deans' files: correspondence, minutes, and reports, 1911-1947

This material is from the "chron file" maintained by Lottie Genevieve Bishop, who donated it to the Historical Library. Bishop, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College in 1906, began to work as a secretary at Yale in 1911. She served as Executive Secretary in the Yale School of Medicine from 1928 until her retirement in 1953.

| Subseries 1: New Haven Hospital and New Haven Dispensary | | 1911-1945 |
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| b. 1, f. 1 | Correspondence of George Blumer on the New Haven Dispensary George Blumer was Dean of the Yale School of Medicine from 1910 to 1920. The folder contains correspondence with Yale Secretary George Parmly Day, Yale Treasurer Anson Phelps Stokes, and others, on the staffing and expenditures of the New Haven Dispensary. | 1911-1913 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Correspondence of George Blumer on the New Haven Dispensary | 1914-1915 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Correspondence of Milton Winternitz on the centennial of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut Milton C. Winternitz was Dean of the Medical School from 1920 to 1935. | 1926 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Correspondence of Milton Winternitz on a proposed merger of New Haven Hospital and Grace Hospital Major correspondents include James T. Moran, President of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, and representatives of the Grace Hospital Society, C.-E. A. Winslow, Professor of Public Health, and John L. Rice, Health Officer of New Haven. See Box 5, folders 1 and 2. | 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Correspondence of Milton Winternitz on a proposed merger of New Haven Hospital and Grace Hospital Included are typescripts, "Report re New Haven Hospital and Dispensary," March 12, 1938; and Michael M. Davis with the assistance of Leonard Greenburg and Louise W. Farnam, "Report on Medical Institutions in New Haven," March 1928. | 1928 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Correspondence of Milton Winternitz on a proposed merger of New Haven Hospital and Grace Hospital Discussion of a merger ended when Grace Hospital managed to raise enough funds to avoid merger. The issue reappeared in 1944-1945. See related newspaper clippings in Box 5, folder 1. | 1929 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | "The Relation of New Haven Hospital to the General Hospital Situation in New Haven" Copy of a typescript written from the perspective of New Haven Hospital. No author is attributed. | 1929 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Reports and statistics of the New Haven Dispensary | 1929-1934 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Proposals by Yale to the Josiah Macy Foundation to study the economics of hospital care | 1931 and n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 10 | H. Gilbert Francke, "Survey of the Personnel Problems of the New Haven Hospital" | 1932 March 19 |

Subseries 1: New Haven Hospital and New Haven Dispensary (continued)

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| b. 1, f. 11 | Reports of Camp Happyland/William Wirt Winchester Hospital The William Wirt Winchester Hospital was the tuberculosis hospital of New Haven Hospital. It was located on the grounds of the current VA Hospital in West Haven. Camp Happyland was a summer camp on the grounds of the William Wirt Hospital for the prevention of tuberculosis among children (a "preventorium"). See also Box 5, folder 4. | 1927-1933 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | John Schoolcraft, "New Haven Hospital" With letter from Schoolcraft to Stanhope Bayne-Jones, dated July 13, 1938. Bayne-Jones served as Dean of the Yale School of Medicine from 1935 to 1940. | 1938 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | "The New Haven Dispensary, Founded 1872: A Statement of its History, Services, and Needs" Carbon copy of a typescript. | 1939 March |
| b. 1, f. 14 | New Haven Hospital, "Blood Banking Procedures" | 1940 February 14 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | "New Haven Hospital and New Haven Dispensary: Next Steps in Development" Sent to Stanhope Bayne-Jones by John Schoolcraft, May 8, 1940. | 1940 April |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Irma Biehusen, "A Study of the Health Service for Personnel of the New Haven Hospital" Sent to Stanhope Bayne-Jones by James A. Hamilton, Director of New Haven Hospital, May 9, 1940. Biehusen, who collaborated with the hospital administration on this report, used it for her dissertation for her Yale Masters of Public Health. | 1940 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | "New Haven Hospital Defense Program" Mimeograph emergency plans for civilian defense during the war. | 1942 |
| b. 1, f. 18 | Correspondence of Francis G. Blake on New Haven Hospital Francis G. Blake served as Dean of the Yale School of Medicine from 1941 to 1947. | 1940-1943 |
| b. 1, f. 19 | Correspondence of Francis G. Blake on the New Haven Dispensary | 1942-1943 |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Minutes of the Executive Committee of New Haven Hospital Deans Stanhope Bayne-Jones and Francis G. Blake were members of the Executive Committee. | 1940-1941 |
| b. 2, f. 1 | Minutes of the Executive Committee of New Haven Hospital | 1942-1943 |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Minutes of the Executive Committee of New Haven Hospital | 1944-1945 |
| b. 2, f. 3 | Minutes of the Medical Board of New Haven Hospital | 1940-1942 |
| b. 2, f. 4 | Minutes of the Medical Board of New Haven Hospital | 1943-1945 |
| b. 2, f. 5 | Correspondence of Francis G. Blake on the merger of New Haven Hospital and Grace Hospital | 1944 |
| b. 2, f. 6 | Correspondence of Francis G. Blake on the merger of New Haven Hospital and Grace Hospital | 1945 |

| Subseries 2: Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | | 1945-1947 |
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| b. 2, f. 7 | Contract of Grace-New Haven Community Hospital with Yale University Correspondence of Francis G. Blake, Dean of the Medical School. | 1945-1946 |
| b. 2, f. 8 | Building fund for Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | 1945-1946 |
| b. 2, f. 9 | Appointment of the Director of Grace-New Haven Community Hospital Dr. Albert W. Snoke was selected. | 1945-1946 |
| b. 2, f. 10 | Miscellaneous correspondence of Francis G. Blake on Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | 1946-1947 |
| b. 2, f. 11 | Minutes of the Executive Committee of Grace-New Haven Community Hospital These begin with an organizational meeting of the newly appointed board on July 27, 1945. | 1945 |
| b. 2, f. 12 | Minutes of the Executive Committee of Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | 1946 |
| b. 2, f. 13 | Minutes of the Executive Committee of Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | 1947 |
| b. 2, f. 14 | Minutes of the Joint Staff Executive Committee of Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | 1946 |

Series II: Printed broadsides and brochures, 1826-1976

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| b. 3, f. 1 | Notice of a meeting to discuss founding a "General State Hospital" Print signature of William Leffingwell, President of the Board of Directors. The meeting was to be held on April 9 [1826]. | 1826 |
| b. 3, f. 2 | "An Act to establish a State Hospital" (photostat) Copy of the handwritten charter made by the Secretary of State's office for John Schoolcraft and given to Lottie G. Bishop in 1940 | 1826 |
| b. 3, f. 3 | Fundraising broadsides Gift of the Beinecke Library, 1989. | 1830-1834 |
| b. 3, f. 3 | Membership certificate for the General Hospital Society of Connecticut Made out to John Skinner who paid twenty dollars to become a member for life. | 1834 April 11 |
| b. 3, f. 5 | Fundraising circular Print signature by Jonathan Knight. | [1847-1853] |
| b. 3, f. 6 | Knight U.S.A. General Hospital, "General Orders" During the Civil War, New Haven Hospital was converted to military use and was known as Knight Hospital. The folder contains one-page printed memoranda from Pliny A. Jewett, "Surgeon U. S. V., Comd'g Hospital." | 1864-1865 and n.d. |
| b. 3, f. 7 | Fundraising broadside The General Assembly granted the Hospital Society of Connecticut \$20,000 on condition that a like amount could be raised by private donations. Printed signatures of William W. Boardman, Yale Medical Dean Charles A. Lindsley, and Horace Day. | 1869 December |
| b. 3, f. 8 | Hospital formularies | 1880, 1906 |
| b. 3, f. 9 | Appeal for funds and donation form | 1880 April |
| b. 3, f. 10 | Flyers for Hospital Sunday All but the first two flyers were transferred by the Beinecke Library. Hospital Sunday was an annual fundraiser for the Hospital. | 1881-1893 |
| b. 3, f. 11 | Circular to raise funds for laundry machinery This would replace hand washing and save money. | 1886 October |
| b. 3, f. 12 | <i>The Farnam Ward of New Haven Hospital</i> [New Haven, n.d] Another copy of this brochure has been individually cataloged. | ca. 1888-1889 |
| b. 3, f. 13 | Charity Ball for the benefit of New Haven Hospital | 1889 |
| b. 3, f. 14 | <i>Catalogue of Books in the New Haven Hospital Library</i> These appear to be books for patients and are listed under such categories as Adventure and Travel, Biography, Fiction, etc. | 1896 September 1 |
| b. 3, f. 15 | Fundraising broadside From the Prudential Committee consisting of Charles Ray Palmer, Charles E. Graves, and William G. Daggett. | 1902 September 13 |
| b. 3, f. 16 | "By-Laws" and "Rules" of New Haven Hospital | n.d. and 1907 |

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| b. 3, f. 17 | Brochures and miscellany Includes brochures on the new buildings of the New Haven Hospital including the Private Pavilion, Brady Memorial Laboratory, Lauder Hall, and the Farnam Memorial Building; and a Yale University News statement announcing that the General Education Board of the Rockerfeller Foundation had given two million dollars for a new laboratory and for the Clinic building. There is also a pamphlet, "Information Relative to Internship" (1927) with notes on revision for a later year. | 1919-1929 and n.d. |
| b. 3, f. 18 | Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Building brochures and memorabilia Includes copy of the typescript "'Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on the dedication of the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial," December 20, 1929. | 1929-1930 |
| b. 3, f. 19 | Camp Happyland/ William Wirth Winchester Hospital brochures The William Wirt Winchester Hospital, part of New Haven Hospital, was founded in 1911 at the site of what is now the VA Hospital in West Haven. It treated patients with tuberculosis. Camp Happyland, a summer camp for children on the hospital grounds, provided outdoor activities for children in an effort to prevent tuberculosis. | 1929-1935 |
| b. 3, f. 20 | Brochures and miscellany Includes "Information Relative to Internship," 1933. | 1930-1934 |
| b. 3, f. 21 | New Haven Hospital forms A wide variety of hospital forms for admitting and discharging patients, requesting tests, recording patient care, reporting deaths, ordering supplies, regulations for visitors, applications for interneship, etc. | 1926, 1930-1932 |
| b. 3, f. 22 | New Haven Hospital forms | 1933, 1938, and n.d. |
| b. 3, f. 23 | New Haven Hospital pamphlet series Series of eleven illustrated public information pamphlets on New Haven Hospital including pamphlets on infantile paralysis, x-ray facilities, and Camp Happyland. | 1931-1932 |
| b. 3, f. 24 | "Out Patient Department of the New Haven Hospital (New Haven Dispensary), Schedule of Clinics" | 1933, 1935 |
| b. 3, f. 25 | Brochures and miscellany | 1935-1939 |
| b. 3, f. 26 | Brochures and miscellany | 1940-1945 |
| b. 3, f. 27 | <i>Community Hospital News</i> | 1945-1946 |
| b. 3, f. 28 | Grace-New Haven Community Hospital brochures and miscellany Includes a <i>Resident Staff Manual</i> for 1949. | 1945-1949 |
| b. 4, f. 1 | Grace-New Haven Community Hospital brochures and miscellany | 1950-1954 |
| b. 4, f. 2 | Grace-New Haven Community Hospital and Yale-New Haven Medical Center brochures and miscellany The Yale-New Haven Medical Center was incorporated in 1955. Folder includes material on the dedication of the Hunter Radiation Therapy Building, 1958. | 1955-1959 |
| b. 4, f. 3 | Grace-New Haven Community Hospital and Yale-New Haven Medical Center brochures and miscellany | 1960-1964 |

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| b. 4, f. 4 | Yale News release on the formation of Yale-New Haven Hospital | 1965 March 23 |
| b. 4, f. 5 | Yale-New Haven Hospital brochures and miscellany | 1965-1970 |
| b. 4, f. 6 | Internship and residency brochures | 1968-1969 |
| b. 4, f. 7 | Yale-New Haven Hospital sesquicentennial celebration | 1976 |

Series III: Miscellaneous materials, 1894-1968

This series includes non-published material from sources other than the Dean's files.

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| b. 4, f. 8 | Postmortem examination at New Haven Hospital and possibly related materials Postmortem examination of John Barber, a black man, by Moses C. White at request of the coroner. This case appeared to have led to criticism in the press and a call for an investigation. These materials were donated by Dr. Frederick N. Sperry from the library of Dr. Henry L. Swain, 1944. | 1894 and n.d. |
| b. 4, f. 9 | Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, "New Haven Hospital: Report on Survey of Certain Accounting Methods" | 1921 |
| b. 4, f. 10 | Painted drawing: "New Haven Hospital, 37,000 Days of Free Care in 1933" | ca. 1933 |
| b. 4, f. 11 | "Hospitals and Medicine" A mimeograph history of New Haven Hospital by the Community Chest and the Council of Social Agencies, New Haven. The folder also contains a typed extract on the Hospital from a published article on the history of the Connecticut Medical Society in 1892. | 1937 September |
| b. 4, f. 12 | Henry R. Viets, National Association for Infantile Paralysis, "Notes on the New Haven Epidemic, 1943" Polio patients were treated at the New Haven Hospital. Sent to the Historical Library at the request of John F. Fulton. | 1943 August 20 |
| b. 4, f. 13 | "I Remember When" - personal reminiscences of New Haven Hospital These were assembled by J. H. Wallace and included two deans of the Yale School of Nursing, and various employees of the hospital. There is also a detailed timeline of the history of New Haven Hospital. | 1949 |
| b. 4, f. 14 | John F. Fulton, "Notes on the History of Grace-New Haven Community Hospital and the General Hospital Society of Connecticut" Talk in the Fitkin Amphitheater to the Board of Directors of Grace-New Haven Community Hospital. | 1953 December 11 |
| b. 4, f. 15 | C. C. Bishop, Report of the Department of Surgery, Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | 1954, 1955 |
| b. 4, f. 16 | Lists of officers, directors, and advisory boards, 1959-1968 Requested by Lottie G. Bishop, office of the Secretary, Yale University, and supplied by Richard H. Judd, Assistant Director of Yale-New Haven Hospital. | 1968 November |
| b. 4, f. 17 | AFL-CIO flyer Concerning unionizing Grace-New Haven Community Hospital employees. | n.d. |

Series IV: Newspaper clippings, 1927-1969

Newspaper clippings pasted on paper sheets. These appear to have come from more than one source.

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| b. 5, f. 1 | Proposed merger of New Haven Hospital and Grace Hospital These clippings were pasted in a binder. See Box 1, folders 5 and 6. | 1927-1929 |
| b. 5, f. 2 | Proposed merger of New Haven Hospital and Grace Hospital | 1929 |
| b. 5, f. 3 | Miscellaneous clippings on health and medicine in New Haven | 1932 |
| b. 5, f. 4 | Camp Happyland/William Wirt Winchester Hospital See also Box 1, folder 11. | 1931-1933 |
| b. 5, f. 5 | New Haven Hospital | 1929-1939 |
| b. 5, f. 6 | New Haven Hospital and Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | 1940-1949 |
| b. 5, f. 7 | Grace-New Haven Community Hospital | 1951-1963 |
| b. 5, f. 8 | Yale-New Haven Hospital | 1966-1969 |
| b. 5, f. 9 | Hill Health Center A number of physicians associated with Yale-New Haven Hospital opposed this government-funded community health center in New Haven. | 1967-1969 |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Dispensaries -- Connecticut -- New Haven
Hospitals -- Accounting
Hospitals -- Administration
Hospitals -- Connecticut -- New Haven
Hospitals -- Finance
Tuberculosis -- Hospitals

Names

Bishop, Lottie Genevieve, 1885-
Snoke, Albert W. (Albert Waldo), 1907-

Corporate Bodies

Hill Health Center (New Haven, Conn.)
Knight General Hospital (New Haven, Conn.)
New Haven Dispensary (New Haven, Conn.)

Contributors

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