

General Hospital No. 2 Collection (AC50)

Introduction:

The General Hospital No. 2 Collection contains documents and images related to the eponymous hospital.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: General Hospital No. 2

Title: General Hospital No. 2 Collection

Date Range: 1930-2021

Bulk Dates: 1930-1992

Size: 0.83 Linear Feet (2 Boxes)

Collection Number: AC50

Donor Information:

Found in Collection.

Citation Note:

General Hospital No. 2 Collection (AC50), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri

Related Collections:

Queen of the World Hospital Collection (AC08)

Wheatley-Provident Hospital Collection (AC39)

Administrative Information:

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Historical Sketch:

General Hospital No. 2 was one of the original Black hospitals in Kansas City. It replaced the original public hospital in Kansas City, along with General Hospital No. 1, due to campaigns by

Dr. J. E. Perry and Dr. Thomas Unthank to create a new hospital. General Hospital No. 2 was officially opened in 1908 and was primarily used by Black people and people from other minority groups. It also served as a hospital for Black doctors and nurses to work for medical school graduates from around the region and country. General Hospital No. 2 began to decline in the 1930s and was eventually closed in the late 1950s when it was merged with General Hospital No. 1.

Scope and Content Note:

Series 1: Biographical Documents

This series contains documents and one printed presentation on the history of General Hospital No. 2.

Series 2: College Documents

This series contains documents relating to the nursing school part of General Hospital No. 2. These include documents that were used for new students, returning students, and alumni of the school. There are also some copies of the Generalite, a periodical from the school.

Series 3: Photographs

This series contains photographs and photocopies of some photographs.

Collection Inventory:

Oversized Documents are labeled with (OS) and are stored in Box 2.

Series 1: Biographical Documents

- f. 1 Biographical Sketches
- f. 2 KC General Hospital No. 2: A Historical Summary, 1962 (OS)
- f. 3 Biographical Presentation
- f. 4 Enlarged Biography of Dr. J. Edward Perry (OS)

Series 2: College Documents

- f. 5 The Generalite, 1940
- f. 6 The Generalite, 05/1973 (OS)
- f. 7 Speech for Nurses' Commencement, 1963
- f. 8 Student Nurses Association Present "My Fair Nurse", n.d.
- f. 9 Nurses Alumni Association Constitution and By-Laws, 1966

- f. 10 Nurses Alumni Reunion Program, 1979
- f. 11 Nurses Alumni Reunion Program, 1982
- f. 12 Nurses Alumni Reunion Program, 1985
- f. 13 Nurses Alumni Association Trust Fund, 1990-1992
- f. 14 School Reunions
- f. 15 Manual of Instruction Cards
- f. 16 Class Song for Class of 1939
- f. 17 Nursing School Booklets
- f. 18 Newspaper Photocopies

Series 3: Photographs

- f. 19 Newspaper Clipping (OS)
- f. 20 Photographs
- f. 21 Clippings, 1930 (Photocopies)
- f. 22 1930 Photo of Matron

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Sources:

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