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Mary Free Bed Guild and Hospital Records

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Abstract

The Mary Free Bed Guild and Hospital Records consist of business records and memorabilia, primarily from 1903-1987. The business records include minutes, reports, correspondence, financial, and other reports. Memorabilia include scrapbooks, photographs, clippings and publications. Early histories in the collection detail the activities of the Women's Committee of the Union Benevolent Association Hospital in 1891, to administer and financially support free hospital care for the needy, modeled after a Detroit hospital. This funding effort was formalized as the Mary Free Bed Guild in 1911. The UBA (Union Benevolent Association) became Blodgett Memorial Hospital in 1916, and in 1918 the Guild's existing free bed endowment was given to the hospital, and the emphasis of the Guild turned to support for crippled children. In 1934 the Guild moved to the D.A. Blodgett Home for Children, which became a hospital for crippled children. In 1966 the Home was renamed Mary Free Bed Hospital and Rehabilitation Complex and 12 men joined 12 Guild members to constitute a new Board of Trustees of this complex. The facilities have continued to grow and change to provide medical and support services to physically handicapped people of all ages. Of particular interest are the financial records and the records of the Sackner Foundation, showing the depth of investments and funding pursued. The wide range of scrapbooks, from concert recitals to physical therapy, delineate the many contributions by the Guild and Hospital to the Grand Rapids area and the field of therapeutic medicine.

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Related Collections

Coll. 274, GRPL Annual Reports Coll., contains a few reports from 2002-2004.

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
1	Organization documents	standard
2	Organization documents	standard
2.5	History vol 1-4	blue lid w/handles 10.5x7x14
3	Minutes	Standard
4	Minutes	Slim
5	Reports	standard
6	Financial	standard
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10	Sackler financial	standard
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12	Sackler financial / Activities	standard
13	Correspondence / Programs	standard
14	Yearbooks / Publications	standard
15	Speeches / Subject files	standard
16	Clippings	standard
17	Photos	standard
18	Photos	standard
19	Negatives	gray clam 3x10.5x15.5
20	scrapbooks	gray lid/w 3.5x11.5x17.5
21	scrapbooks	same
22	scrapbooks	cubic
23	scrapbooks	gray full lid 1.5x17x21
24	scrapbooks/albums	
Box & contents not found 8/2000. Items may have been added to other boxes, but no time for a full inventory to determine. Some of the Box 24 items found in Box 23, 12/4/2008		
25	audiotape	small 5x2.5x6
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## History

In 1891 members of the Women's Board of the Union Benevolent Association Hospital, later Blodgett Memorial Hospital, were inspired by an endowed hospital bed program in a Detroit hospital to establish a fund for the care of needy women. This fund was called "Mary Free Bed" and people with the name of "Mary" or having a friend or relative named Mary were asked to make a small contribution to the fund. The donations were invested and the interest was used to sponsor, whenever necessary, a "free bed" for needy persons at one of the local hospitals.

By 1911 the principal in the fund had increased to over \$2400. Articles of Association were drawn up and the Mary Free Bed Guild was formed with the purpose increasing the endowment fund to an amount sufficient to support a free bed throughout the year. Until 1925 annual concert series were held to raise needed funds.

In 1913 the Guild incorporated as a benevolent association under the name of the Mary Free Bed Guild of Grand Rapids, Inc. In 1918 the Guild gave a \$10,000 endowment to Blodgett Memorial Hospital. With this gift, the Guild became an independent organization, not connected with any specific hospital.

After this independence, the Guild changed its focus somewhat and began working with local physicians and school nurses to assist in the care of crippled children. The first clinic for crippled children, sponsored by the Guild was held at Blodgett Hospital on May 8, 1920. Seven children attended this first clinic, but by year's end the Guild had overseen the treatment of 105 patients.

Demand for this service grew so rapidly that in 1921 the Guild brought the first formally trained physical therapist to Grand Rapids. The same year the Guild convinced the Grand Rapids Board of Education of the need for a special school to meet the educational needs of physically handicapped children, many of whom could not attend a conventional school. As a result, the Board decided to devote the eastern wing of their new Stocking Street School to meet the needs of these children. The school, completely accessible, opened in September 1923 with an attendance of sixty-six in kindergarten to eighth grade.

By 1927 the cost of running the orthopedic clinic had become very great. The Guild, feeling that the clinic was well established and recognized as necessary to the community, turned the clinic over to Blodgett Memorial Hospital to become part of that hospital's outpatient department. This left the Guild free to establish a new service. This service took the form of a small convalescent home and school, opened in February 1930. It was essentially a twelve-bed hospital located at 1411 East Fulton Street. Four years of continued growth made this location too small to meet demands and at the invitation of the D. A. Blodgett Home for Children administration, the Guild's Children's Convalescent Unit was moved to 920 Cherry Street, S.E. to share the facilities of the Blodgett Home for Children. Gradually the Guild assumed management and operation of the entire building.

History continued...

The Guild's designation as the Orthopedic Center for Western Michigan by the Michigan Crippled Children Commission, the presence of the Juvenile Amputee Training Center, the Grand Rapids Board of Education's enlargement of the school program for the Blodgett Home, with classroom and bedside teaching from kindergarten through 12th grade, and the polio epidemics combined to create a great demand for additional space. Ultimately the Blodgett Home for Children vacated the 920 Cherry location to provide more room for the growing Mary Free Bed Hospital operation. The Guild's Convalescent Home remained at 920 Cherry and was then fully and completely equipped to care for children with all types of crippling conditions, convalescent plastic surgery, rheumatic fever and infant feeding problems.

The Guild opened its own Brace Shop in the Blodgett Medical Building in 1937. In the shop braces were custom made according to specifications from the doctors. In 1943 operation of the brace shop was turned over to the Junior Mary Free Bed Guild, which had been founded in 1935.

In 1945 a program was begun at the Convalescent Home to aid parents in caring for their cerebral palsied children in their own homes whenever possible. A nursery school for these children was established with full-time teacher, physical and occupational therapists. The Home was approved as an evaluation center for cerebral palsied children in 1946. The Home had a complete staff of orthopedic surgeons, neurologists, pediatricians, physical therapists and occupational therapists in charge of this work. In November of that year, the Home was also designated the Amputee Center for the entire state of Michigan.

In 1966 the Home was renamed Mary Free Bed Hospital and Rehabilitation Complex and 12 men joined 12 Guild members to constitute a new Board of Trustees of this complex. Prior to this time, the Board of Directors of the Guild had overseen both the Home's and the Guild's other activities.

The Board of Trustees commissioned a study concerning the future expansion and development of the program at the Rehabilitation Center in 1968. This resultant report from the Medical Advisory Committee became the basis for much of the future and current activity conducted at the hospital.

In September of 1976 the old hospital building at 920 Cherry Street was closed and the new, fully licensed and accredited facility at 235 Wealthy Street, S.E., was opened. This location of Mary Free Bed Hospital, adjacent to an acute care St. Mary's Health Services Hospital, makes it possible for both institutions to participate in a number of shared programs. For example, St. Mary's provides dietary services for Mary Free Bed while Mary Free Bed shares its physical medicine services with St. Mary's.

History continued...

With the continued growth of the hospital's programs and efforts the role of the Guild continues to be primarily administrative.

Other selected highlights in the history of the Guild, its Home and later Hospital: Rheumatic Fever Ward, 1948; designated Juvenile Paraplegic Training Center, 1949; Orthodontic Clinic approved, 1951; hospital name changed to Mary Free Bed Guild Children's Hospital and Orthopedic Center, 1953; Music Therapy program, 1955; Speech Therapy program, 1956; Tracheotomy Unit, 1957; Outpatient Rehabilitation Center opened, 1960; Adult Rehabilitation Area opened, 1961; Association for Blind & Sight Conservation, Hearing & Speech Center and Rehabilitation League agree to relocate at MFBG site, 1962; first-time accreditation by Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, 1964; Pediatric Asthma Unit and rehabilitation program for stroke patients, 1968; X-ray Unit, licensed as 82-bed hospital, Multi-disciplinary Clinic for Spinal Cord Disabilities, 1969; Stroke follow-up program begun, Vocational Counselor added to Allied Professional Staff, Driver Training Program, Psychiatric consultation services initiated, 1971; 1st full-time Psychiatrist, Board of Trustees vote to build a new facility -- attached to but autonomous of St. Mary's Hospital, initiation of "Grand Rapids Plan" for Rehabilitation Services in which Mary Free Bed will staff, equip and administer other hospital's Physical Therapy departments and make other rehabilitation services available, 1972; Ground breaking and actual construction begun for new building, institution name changed to Mary Free Bed Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 1974.

Scope and Content

Through the Guild's minutes, reports, financial papers, scrapbooks, photographs, publications and correspondence, the records document the impact of the institution on the medical community, and show the degree of its involvement in the city of Grand Rapids. The bulk of the collection dates from 1935 to 1979, with the emphasis of earlier documents on the Guild's founding, history and practice, later papers being devoted mostly to publications, finances, photographs and clippings. There are also programs and notes from the Guild's concert courses, 1911-1922. The collection consists of the following series:

Organizational Documents, History, Minutes, Reports, Financial, The Sackner Foundation, Activities, Correspondence, Programs, Yearbooks, Publications, Theses/Speeches, Subject Files, Miscellaneous, Clippings, Photographs, Scrapbooks, and oversized Graphics (formerly called Realia).

Note: Privacy issues may limit the type of use of some of the photographs in this collection.

Processing note

Images need to be reworked to bring together duplicates or others taken at the same time, or at least reference these. Item level description of photos is desired. People name indexing from photo identifications is desired.

Series

**Series I. Organizational Documents, 1903-1985, n.d.**

Boxes 1-2, folders 1-25.

Arranged chronologically within folder.

Consists of documents, 1903-1985, of the Guild's organization, articles, bylaws, policies and miscellaneous files, as well as those of ancillary groups, e.g., Junior Mary Free Bed Guild. (The papers in this, as in all series, are random and incomplete, both organizationally and chronologically.) The series explains the functions of the Guild and Hospital.

**Series II. History, 1897-1934.**

Volumes 1-4; Box 3, folder 26.

Arranged chronologically.

Consists of bound histories taken from the annual reports, 1897-1934, of the Union Benevolent Association, from which the Guild and Hospital sprung, and various chronologies of major events in the Guild's history.

A copy of the book "In the Name of All Marys ...", a history of the Guild and Hospital written by Gordon Olson in 1991, using this archival collection, was added to the collection in January 2008.

**Series III. Minutes, 1931-1982.**

Boxes 3-4, folders 27-36.

Arranged alphabetically by group.

Consists of the minutes of the Guild, 1968-1975; the Junior Guild, 1935-1950; Board of Directors, 1931-1939, 1968-1975; Board of Trustees, 1955-1982; the Governing Board, 1948-1950; the Personnel Committee, 1963-1982; and miscellaneous minutes, 1959-1982. The minutes document both the internal working of the organization and its external interests and functions.

**Series IV. Reports, 1943-1975.**

Box 5, folders 37-45.

Arranged by provenance and chronologically.

Consists of reports, internal and external, on the condition and course, physical and financial, of the Guild and Hospital. Annual reports, 1943-1985; other internal reports, 1956-1957, 1967; and external reports, 1953-1971.

**Series V. Financial, 1946-1984.**

Boxes 6-9, folders 46-85; Volume 5.  
Arranged chronologically within folder.

Consists of the following sub-series: Accounting, Personnel, Checking, Funding, Investments and Miscellaneous. The series documents the financial history, mostly 1950s-1980s, of the Guild, and demonstrates the manner in which the organization created funds for their continuance and that of the Hospital.

**Series VI. The Sackner Foundation, 1950-1967.**

Boxes 10-12, folders 86-108.  
Arranged by category and chronologically.

A complement to Series V., it consists of the financial papers, 1953-1967, of chief Guild beneficiary, The Wade & Viola Sackner Foundation, including cash statements, investment summaries, transaction confirmations & balance sheets. Also included are correspondence, minutes, reports, clippings and legal documents. The series illustrates the Guild's investment practices and how Sackner Foundation's moneys were used to fund the Guild and Hospital.

**Series VII. Activities, 1962-1987**

Boxes 12-13, folders 109-117.  
Arranged by topic.

Consists of papers, 1962-1987, documenting the Guild's activities in the community, including fund raisers, open house, building and other committee programs.

**Series VIII. Correspondence, 1942-1984.**

Box 13, folders 118-122.  
Arranged chronologically and by format.

Consists of Guild correspondence, 1942-1984, and internal memorandums, 1951-1975.

**Series IX. Programs, 1911-1971, n.d.**

Box 13, folders 123-124.  
Arranged by topic and chronologically.

Consists of programs from graduation commencements and banquets for scattered years, 1939-1971, and from the Guild's Concert Courses, 1911-1925. The series' focus (with Series XVII, Scrapbook volumes 1-4) is recital programs, which were the Guild's early form of fund raising and which featured many of the world's foremost musical artists.

**Series X. Yearbooks, 1971-1979.**

Box 14, folders 125-129.  
Arranged chronologically.

Consists of various information, rosters, etc. bundled together as "yearbooks." The series gives names of members, boards, teams, etc. from 1970s.

**Series XI. Publications, 1915-1988, n.d.**

Box 14, folders 130-136.  
Arranged by class and chronologically.

Consists of random publications, internal and external, 1915-1988, including published annual reports, 1915-1982; newsletters, 1937-1966; Mary Free Press, 1956-1982; Rehabilitation Center publications, 1968-1988; external publications, 1941-1970.

**Series XII. Theses/Speeches, 1939-1962.**

Box 15, folder 137.  
Arranged chronologically.  
Consists of theses and speeches, 1939-1962, for and by Guild officers, board members and medical personnel.

**Series XIII. Subject Files, 1969-1979, n.d.**

Box 15, folders 138-145.  
Alphabetical arrangement.

Consists of various groups including medical & patient care papers, equipment manuals and a notebook kept by one of the nursing staff, mostly undated (1930s-1970s ?).

**Series XIV. Miscellaneous, 1954-1979, n.d.**

Boxes 15 & 24, folders 146 & 186.  
Plaque. (Fnd. in Mich. Rm. 3/99)  
Arranged chronologically.

Consists of miscellaneous Guild papers, 1954-1969.

**Series XV. Clippings, 1939-1964.**

Box 16, folders 147-166.  
Arranged by subject and chronologically.

Consists of photocopies of newspaper clippings, primarily 1954-1978, about the Mary Free Bed Guild and Hospital and various subjects of particular interest to its officers and employees, e.g., health care, therapy, research, etc.

**Series XVI. Photographs, 1935-1975, n.d.**

Boxes 17-19, folders 167-184.  
Arranged by subject.

Consists of photographs regarding activities and interests directly involving the Guild or Hospital, including photos of the building, staff/patient parties, patients, treatment and therapy, layout and proofs for a MFBG publication and various miscellaneous photos. There are also 28 sets of negative strips, corresponding to photos in the series, and a filmstrip of "Miss Bailey's Cherry Farm."

**Series XVII. Scrapbooks, 1912-1922, n.d.**

Boxes 20-24, Scr. vols. 1-14, folder 185.  
Arbitrary arrangement.

Consists of 15 scrapbooks. Volumes 1-4 describe, with clippings, programs, reviews and photographs, the Guild's 1st - 10th Concert Courses, a series of recitals. (See also Series IX.) Volumes 5-15 are primarily random collections in scrapbook form containing a variety of topics in newspaper clippings, photographs and other papers. (Not indexed)

**Series XVIII. Graphics 1951, 1977.**

oversize FF.IX.D  
No arrangement.

Consists of a newspaper insert for the 1951 March of Dimes fund drive and an oversized souvenir check from Grand Rapids' Kiwanis East dated August 4, 1977 for an unspecified purpose.

**Series XIX. Sound Recordings, 1991.**

No arrangement.

One commemorative audiotape, from Hospital's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Apr. 13, 1991, perhaps used for fund-raising. [Added 6/2000]

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| 2.5 | v.2 | Early Financial History of MFBG, 1897-1934 (from UBA annual reports)<br>[2 copies]   |
| 2.5 | v.3 | History of Mary Free Bed Guild's Orthopedic Clinic at Blodgett Memorial Hospital, 1918-1934 (from UBA annual reports)  |
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| 3   | 26  | History  |
| 2.5 | x   | "In the Name of All Marys..." : a history of the Mary Free Bed Guild, and the Mary Free Bed Hospital and Rehabilitation Center / by Gordon Olson.<br>G.R. : Mary Free Bed, 1991.<br>P2008.003                      Added 1/19/2008 |

**Series III. Minutes**

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- 17 167 Mary Free Bed Hospital building (19-1 missing=18 2/20/2007)  
1908 Building  
1. [Winter view with columned entrance] 2” x 3”  
2. Sign: “Mary Free Bed Guild Convalescent Home and orthopedic Center” 3.5” x 2.5”  
3. [Porch, with floral urn & chair near a column]  
4. [Demolition of Columns]  
5. [New construction on side where columns previous stood?]
- 920 Cherry  
6. Slight addition added to the ? of the Blodgett Bldg. P.T. & O.T. in front. Shows: brick building with “Mary Fee Bed Guild. Convalescent Home”  
7. [Entrance Detail] “Mary Free Bed Guild, Children’s Hospital. 920 ... Orthopedic Center  
8. [Entrance façade, winter] “Dean L Ledgard
- C. 920 Cherry, 4.5 x 6.5 Westdale set  
9. 58224 1976  
10. 58224 1977  
11. 69186 1977  
12. 80333 1976  
13. 82054 1977  
14. 1974 Ground Breaking.  
15. June 27, 1974 Ground Breaking. Robinson Studio.  
16. Mary Free Bed Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, Spring 1978. Shows park like setting in the foreground with the buildings in the background.  
17. 1989 Addition color rendering.  
18. “K” House  
19. Playhouse
- 17 168 Physical Therapy (47)  
Many of Robinson Studio Photos. Most housed two images to a sleeve.
- 17 169 Physical Therapy. (12)  
Mostly color, plus 2 b/w Robinson Studio photos.
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**Series XVI. Photographs**

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| 17 | 171 | Occupational Therapy (71)<br>At least 1/3 are Robinson Studio 8x10 prints.<br>Several are small snapshots.<br>Others are a few other named or unnamed photographers.<br><br>Many are in classroom settings, one from 1978, one of an open house tea, one of woman in wheelchair at open oven door or using a mixer, Warren Alfred Vaness handicapped artist, several from 1930's & 1940's, mostly interiors. |
| 17 | 172 | Mary Free Bed School (19)<br>Mostly 1930's-1940's interiors. Man at special desk. Boy's shop class.<br>Mary Free Bed High School graduation. Nursery/kindergarten w dog in basket.   |
| 18 | 173 | Staff (43)<br>Some color, mostly b/w. African Americans. Various dates. Portrait photo, Dr. Gordon. Event images. Enid Bailey, Director, 1935-1942 (Robinson Studio), Shriners.  |
| 18 | 174 | Staff – "publicity" (12)   |
| 18 | 175 | Christmas, 1935-1950, n.d. (34)<br>Shriners, Santa, African Americans, Nativity, Turkey dinner.  |
| 18 | 176 | Detroit Tigers visit, 1950 (9) Robinson Studio. One with a monkey, a couple of exteriors with crowds, mostly interiors with kids. Baby Ruth bars.  |
| 18 | 177 | Staff parties (52 snapshots in color or b/w)   |
| 18 | 178 | Halloween parties, 1975, n.d. (24 color snapshots)   |
| 18 | 179 | Brochure publication - layout sheets<br>Photocopies of sketches.   |
| 18 | 180 | Brochure publication (23 photo proof sheets with multiple images, b/w.<br>Annotated w select images circled. Select prints may be in other folders)  |
| 18 | 181 | Brochure publication. b/w photoprints (31)<br>Mostly interior b/w of patients, some staff. One of event. One of tub, Feb. 1976. One of building by Millgard photographers.   |

**Series XVI. Photographs**

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| 18 | 182 | Mary Free Bed Hospital (34)<br>Some of these possibly match Robinson Studio negatives with Vinegar Syndrome. Exteriors & interiors. Events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● July 5, 1960 letter to Representative Gerald R. Ford from the Architect of the Capital RE a flag shown in the picture.</li></ul> |
| 18 | 183 | Mary Free Bed Hospital miscellaneous (55 snapshots, mostly b/w, mostly interiors. A couple w a dog. One with a flag ceremony outside   |
| 18 | 184 | "Staff in Pool," Hospital interior (18 slides, color, one has title information)   |
| 19 |     | Brochure publication - negatives strips, 24 sets<br>"Flea market," 1976 - negative strips<br>"Bike ride," 1976 - negative strips<br>Halloween, 1975 - negative strips<br>Miscellaneous - negative strips<br>"Miss Bailey's Cherry Farm," 1940-1945? - film<br>Oversize prints (Dr. MacDonald?)                       |

**Series XVII. Scrapbooks**

- 20 Scr.1 1st & 2nd Concert Courses, 1912-1914  
20 Scr.2 3rd & 4th Concert Courses, 1914-1916
- 21 Scr.3 5th, 6th & 7th Concert Courses, 1916-1919  
18-B-6[Photo of Guild housed in Misc. Oversized Photos Box 1 6/6/2007]  
18-B-6Neg. 4040. Panoramic group photo of Guild members standing near an unidentified build.  
Cold weather view. In Misc. oversized photo box 1.
- 21 Scr.4 8th, 9th & 10th Concert Courses, 1919-1922
- 22 Scr.5 Photographs  
22 Scr.6 Newspaper clippings & photographs  
22 Scr.7 Newspaper clippings  
22 Scr.8 Orthopedic Cases - convalescent (photographs)
- 23 Scr.9 Newspaper clippings  
23 Scr.10 Newspaper clippings, photographs, misc.  
These scrapbooks not found in Box 23, 12/4/2008.
- 24 Scr.11 Photographs  
24 Scr.12 Miscellaneous  
24 Scr.13 Photographs (some in series)  
24 Scr.14 Photographs (3 black photo album pages, front & back, plus loose items)  
Processing note: Needs work. Several loose items.  
These scrapbooks not found in Box 24, 12/4/2008.
- 23 x Paper. Check-Out for a Quadrilateral Suction Socket.  
Found in Box 24, 3/30/1999, moved to Box 23, but letter sized.
- 23 x Newsletter. Mary Free Press. Employee Bulletin. May 1968.  
Found item 4/1999, moved to Box 23, but letter sized.
- 18? 185 15 Miscellaneous

Note: The Series summary note for the Scrapbooks includes 15 volumes in the actual note. The description on this page is confusing, as is has "185" instead of "Scr.". Box 23 currently has a folder which contains items, mostly photographs described as Scrapbook, v. 15.

23 Scr. 15

Scrapbook 15

8x10 b/w photos

1. GR Press Photo. Street scene. Auto parade(?) with a tourist car with passengers, several emergency vehicles, a school bus and other street traffic.
2. Neg. 049
3. Neg. 2132
4. Neg. 1700
5. Neg. 2136
6. Rosemund Rouse, Social Services Director of Blodgett Hospital. Robinson Studio. Herald Photo. Oct. 23, 1941.
7. M.F.B. Board Touring New Site. Interior view with men & women in street dress wearing hard hats. Robinson. Commercial. June 18, 1975.
8. M.F.B. Ground Breaking. Group of four people with shovels, with onlookers right and a TV13 camera man. Robinson. Commercial. June 27, 1974.
9. M.F.B. Ground Breaking. Large group of women with shovels, with an even larger group looking on and numerous autos behind. June 27, 1974.
10. M.F.B. Aerial. Robinson. Commercial. Dec. 30, 1974
11. GR Press Photo. Man with canes coming up exterior stairs.
12. GR Press Photo. Exterior group with one person in a wheel chair.
13. GR Press Photo. Interior of auto, woman in drivers seat of a modified vehicle with man looking on.
14. GR Press Photo. Woman and girl seated on a carpeted floor, with a mechanical toy rabbit.
15. GR Press Photo. Dedication of the new Mary Free Bed Hospital, Sept. 1976. Bernadine Keller. Jay C. Abbott, photographer.
16. Neg. 2136. Historical photo of a child "Pudgy" wearing a leg brace, seated on the running board of an auto, with a woman looking on.
17. Neg. 2135. "Mother" Bailey. MFB. Exterior. Woman in nursing uniform standing by a brick building.

Copy photos of newspaper or published images:

18. Crippled Kiddies to Get Chance here (clipping) GR Herald. Feb. 16, 1930.
19. Dr. Aitken
20. Dr. Fahlund(?)
  
21. Smaller photo of three nurses at a tea table.

23 Scr. 15

Scrapbook 15

Ephemera

- Current Concepts in the Management of the Juvenile Amputee / by George T. Aitken ... Grand Rapids ... Northwestern University ...Reprinted from the Sept. 1962 issue of the Orthopedic and Prosthetic Appliance Journal.
- Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices for Nonstandard Protheses in the Management of Limb Deficiencies / by Charles H. Frantz. ... Grand rapids ... Northwestern University... Reprinted from the Sept. 1962 issue of the Orthopedic and Prosthetic Appliance Journal.
- Unusual Anomalies in the Upper Extremity / Albred B. Swanson ... Grand Rapids. Reprinted from the Orthopedic and Prosthetic Appliance Journal. June 1960.
- Diamond Anniversary, 1891-1966. MFB. Historical Calendar. Nov. 6, 1966 ceremony.

“Tributes to Dr. John T. Hodgen”

Original photos.

22. Unidentified man seated in an upholstered chair, with a dog.
23. Portrait photo of unidentified man.
24. Portrait photo of same unidentified man, early period.

- 15 sheets of paper with photocopies of clippings on both sides
- Certificate. Doris Baessler. Citation of merit. Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America. n.d. .

**Series XVIII. Graphics**

oversize

- FF.IX.D 1951 March of Dimes newspaper insert
- FF.IX.D Oversized check from Kiwanis East

**Series XIX. Sound Recordings**

25      x                      We Have to be Strong : Sailing Away / David  
   Cisco. Especially for Mary Free Bed Hospital,  
years of excellence. April 13,                                      1991.

commemorating 100

**Citations for Articles Related to Handicapped & Mary Free Bed**

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