

Finding Aid for the Mary Free Bed Guild and Hospital records Collection 081

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator:	Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital
Creator:	Mary Free Bed Guild
Title:	Mary Free Bed Guild and Hospital records
ID:	Collection 081
Date [inclusive]:	1903-1987
Physical Description:	12.6 Linear Feet 25 boxes plus flat files
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	<p>The Mary Free Bed Guild operates Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The guild started in 1891 as a group of women that worked to provide free hospital care for the needy. The effort was formalized as the Mary Free Bed Guild in 1911. Changes throughout the years have led to the rehabilitation hospital of today. This collection consists of business records and memorabilia, primarily from 1903-1987. The business records include minutes, reports, correspondence, financial reports and other reports. Memorabilia include scrapbooks, photographs, clippings and publications. 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.</p>

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Biographical / Historical

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 \$2,400. 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.

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 teachers and 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.

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.

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Scope and Contents

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.

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Related Materials

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

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Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Children -- Hospitals -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Rehabilitation centers -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- business records
- Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital
- Mary Free Bed Guild

Citations for articles related to handicapped and Mary Free Bed

See the Local History Periodicals for these items.

Grand Rapids Herald, 3-14-48, Society Section p1: "Annual Easter Seal Sale".

Peninsular Club Magazine, v.17, no.9, S 1949 pp 8-9: "Mary Free Bed Home: an idea that grew ...".

Grand Rapids Herald, 9-11-49, Feature Section: "War on Polio".

Grand Rapids Press, 11-12-49, p26: "Little League card party, tea to be at Blythefield CC".

Grand Rapids Press, 1-7-50, p15: "Small dinners scheduled prior to charity hockey game: M.F.B. Home to benefit".

Grand Rapids Herald, 3-12-50, Feature Section p1: "Junked! Salvaged! Because child amputees are taught to use artificial limbs properly".

Grand Rapids Press, 5-31-52, p16: "School comes to children".

Grand Rapids Herald, 6-1-52, Feature Section: "For 60 years: a home for homeless Grand Rapids children" (D.A. Blodgett Home for Children).

Grand Rapids Herald, 1-22-56, Women's Section p1: "Junior MFBG plans dance in Pantlind".

Peninsular Club Magazine, Dec. 1956, pp 169-173: "Now a national amputee center, Mary Free Bed changes name".

Saturday Evening Post, 1-12-57, pp 22-3, 78-9: Butch has new pair of arms".

Peninsular Club Magazine, May 1957, pp 19-23: Michigan Heart Association: "Well equipped to discourage membership in 'Coronary Club'".

Grand Rapids Press, 11-30-57, p21: "Committee members make final plans for Junior Mary Free bed dance".

Saturday Evening Post, 10-20-62, pp 19-27: "The untold story of the Thalidomide Babies".

Grand Rapids Press, 8-16-64: GR blind youths have fun on big lake cruise: they raised the money themselves".

Greater Grand Rapids Magazine, July 1968 pp 7-10: "He who helps a child ..." Mary Free Bed.

Grand Rapids Press, 5-17-69, 8A: "Central Rehabilitation Complex long sought -- but goal is elusive".

Grand Rapids Press, 1-25-70, 17C: Medicine: genetic prevention, fetal surgery, increased organ transplants are forecast".

Grand Rapids Press, 3-29-70, 1F: "Hospital Guild looks to stars for benefit".

Grand Rapids Press, 3-18-73, 1C: Nurses hit comeback trail with 6-week refresher course".

Grand Rapids Press, 4-8-74: "Open-Heart surgery now common, but it still merits uncommon care".

Grand Rapids Press, 5-18-75, Wonderland Mag. pp 1-8,21: Mary Free Bed: The fight for everyday living".

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Collection Inventory

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

Scope and Contents

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. Arranged chronologically within folder.

Title/Description	Instances	
Guild Articles of Association, 1903, 1913, 1919, 1922, 1965, n.d.	Box 1	folder 1
Guild Bylaws, 1954-1980, n.d.	Box 1	folder 2
Guild miscellaneous, 1939, 1958-1959, 1961, 1970-1975, 1984-1985, n.d.	Box 1	folder 3
Junior Mary Free Bed Guild, 1945, 1953-1958, 1967, n.d.	Box 1	folder 4
Little League, 1966, 1970-1976, n.d.	Box 1	folder 5
Director's Agenda, 1956	Box 1	folder 6-7
Member, Team, Director lists, 1953-1972, n.d.	Box 1	folder 8
Membership and miscellaneous, n.d.	Box 1	folder 9
Guild Address file, n.d.	Box 2	folder 10-11
Administrative and Departmental Policies, 1954-60, n.d.	Box 2	folder 12
Hospital and Rehabilitation Complex, 1957, 1967, 1969-71, 1974-5, 1980, n.d.	Box 2	folder 13
Children's Hospital and Orthopedic Center, 1953-1956, 1958, 1959, 1965, n.d.	Box 2	folder 14
Convalescent Home and Orthopedic Center, 1948-1955	Box 2	folder 15
Notebook - miscellaneous, n.d.	Box 2	folder 16
Notebook - State reports, 1936-1938	Box 2	folder 17
Notebook - "Outline of Course," n.d.	Box 2	folder 18
Notebook - Physical therapy, n.d.	Box 2	folder 19
Notebook - Braces and appliances, n.d.	Box 2	folder 20
Notebook - U of M Hospital, n.d.	Box 2	folder 21
Notebook - Occupational therapy, 1936-1938, n.d.	Box 2	folder 22
Notebook - "reading for fun," n.d.	Box 2	folder 23
Notebook - organizations--records, n.d.	Box 2	folder 24
Notebook - miscellaneous forms, bulletins and publications, 1937-41, 1956, 1957, n.d.	Box 2	folder 25

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Series II. History, 1897-1934

Scope and Contents

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. Arranged chronologically.

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.

Title/Description	Instances	
History of Mary Free Bed Guild of Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1897-1934 [from annual reports of Union Benevolent Association (Blodgett Memorial Hospital)]	Box 2.5	volume 1
Early Financial History of MFBG, 1897-1934 (from UBA annual reports) [2 copies]	Box 2.5	volume 2
History of Mary Free Bed Guild's Orthopedic Clinic at Blodgett Memorial Hospital, 1918-1934 (from UBA annual reports)	Box 2.5	volume 2
History of Mary Free Bed Guild of Grand Rapids, 1912-1922, from concert scrapbooks kept by Miss Helen Barstow.	Box 2.5	volume 4
History	Box 3	folder 26
"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. G.R. : Mary Free Bed, 1991. P2008.003	Box 2.5	

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Series III. Minutes, 1931-1982

Scope and Contents

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. Arranged alphabetically by group.

Title/Description	Instances	
Guild, 1968-1975	Box 3	folder 27
Junior MFBG, 1935-50	Box 3	folder 28-9
Board of Directors, 1931-75	Box 3	folder 30-2
Board of Trustees, 1955, 1959, 1964-1967, 1981, 1982	Box 4	folder 33
Governing Board, 1948-1950	Box 4	folder 34
Personnel Committee, 1963-1982	Box 4	folder 35
Miscellaneous, 1959-1982, n.d.	Box 4	folder 36

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Series IV. Reports, 1943-1975

Scope and Contents

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. Arranged by provenance and chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual reports, 1943, 1962, 1963, 1966-75, 1984-1985	Box 5	folder 37-8
Board of Trustees, 1956	Box 5	folder 39
Director's, 1957	Box 5	folder 40
Dietary Department, 1967	Box 5	folder 41
Rourke Survey, 1960-1962, n.d.	Box 5	folder 42
Medical Advisory Committee, 1968	Box 5	folder 43
Space analysis, 1971	Box 5	folder 44
miscellaneous, 1953, 1956, 1967, 1968	Box 5	folder 45

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Series V. Financial, 1946-1984

Scope and Contents

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. Arranged chronologically within folder.

Sub-series A. Accounting

Title/Description	Instances	
Budgets, 1981-1983	Box 6	folder 46
Statements - internal, 1980-1982	Box 6	folder 47
Ledger, 1964-7	Box 6	folder 48-51
Ledger, 1969	Box 7	folder 52
Statements of Expense, 1960	Box 7	folder 53
Michigan National Bank Account Summaries, 1971-3	Box 7	folder 54
Guild Treasurer's Reports, 1967-1971	Box 7	folder 55

Treasurer's Reports/Data, 1972-1979	Box 7	folder 56
Miscellaneous reports, 1946, 1953, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1970, 1982	Box 7	folder 57
Reports - External, 1961, 1970-1975, 1979-1982	Box 7	folder 58

Sub-series B. Personnel

Title/Description	Instances	
Salary reviews, 1956-1957, 1963	Box 7	folder 59
Notebook, 1956-1968	Box 7	folder 60
Notebook (cont.), 1956-1958	Box 7	folder 61

Sub-series C. Checking

Title/Description	Instances	
Statements, 1962-7	Box 8	folder 62-7
Stubs book, 1960-1966	Box 8	folder 68
The Peddlers, 1974, n.d.	Box 8	folder 69

Sub-series D. Funding

Title/Description	Instances	
Gifts - Gilkey - land contract, 1975	Box 8	folder 70
Gifts - Schreur, 1982-1984	Box 8	folder 71
Gifts, 1983-1984	Box 8	folder 72
Funds, 1960-1967	Box 8	folder 73
Gifts - Ledger, 1948-1955	Box 2.5	volume 5

Processing Information:

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[Two different items found labeled v. 5, 8/9/2000. These are now called: v.5A, 1948-1955; v.5B, 1948-1962. v.5B contents was removed from the unlabeled 3-ring spiral binder and placed in an acid free folder.

State, 1975	Box 9	folder 74-5
Trusts - Gast, 1967-1969	Box 9	folder 76
Trusts - Haefner, 1967	Box 9	folder 77
Trusts - King, 1961-1963, 1967	Box 9	folder 78
Trusts - Kurkjian, 1977	Box 9	folder 79
Trusts - Mosely, 1967, 1969	Box 9	folder 80

Trusts - miscellaneous, 1961-1967	Box 9	folder 81
Sub-series E. Investments		
Title/Description	Instances	
Old Kent Bank, 1961-1977	Box 9	folder 82
Michigan National Bank, 1971-1975	Box 9	folder 83
Miscellaneous, 1961-1981	Box 9	folder 84

Sub-series F. Miscellaneous		
Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1961-1963, 1966, 1969, 1971, 1975, 1980, 1982, 1983	Box 9	folder 85

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Series VI. The Sackner Foundation, 1950-1967

Scope and Contents

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 SacknerFoundation's moneys were used to fund the Guild and Hospital. Arranged by category and chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Cash statements, 1963-1966	Box 10	folder 86-88
Cash statements - unrestricted fund, 1964-1966	Box 10	folder 89-91
Correspondence, 1953-1966	Box 10	folder 92-94
Minutes, 1954-1963	Box 11	folder 95-96
Reports, 1954-1965	Box 11	folder 97
Board of Trustees, 1961-1966	Box 11	folder 98
Transaction confirmations, 1963-1965	Box 11	folder 99
Transaction confirmations, 1966-1967	Box 11	folder 100
Clippings, 1950-1963	Box 11	folder 101
Miscellaneous, 1963, 1966, n.d.	Box 11	folder 102
Summaries of Investments, 1963-1966	Box 12	folder 103-104
Summaries of Investments - unrestricted fund, 1964-1966	Box 12	folder 105

Balance sheets and miscellaneous financial summaries, 1956-1964	Box 12	folder 106
Orders to Approve Final Report, 1955-1967	Box 12	folder 107
Legal Documents, 1950-1967	Box 12	folder 108

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Series VII. Activities, 1962-1987

Scope and Contents

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

Title/Description	Instances	
Building program, 1974	Box 12	folder 109
Dances, Teas, etc., 1962-1975	Box 12	folder 110
Parking lot, 1979-1981	Box 12	folder 111
Invitations, 1966-1977, n.d.	Box 12	folder 112
My Fair Lady, 1965	Box 12	folder 113
Open House Guest Books, 1976, n.d.	Box 12	folder 114
Planning, 1967, 1972	Box 12	folder 115
Sesquicentennial Committee, 1986-1987	Box 12	folder 116
Warren Van Ess Exhibitions, 1962-1968	Box 12	folder 117

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Series VIII. Correspondence, 1942-1984

Scope and Contents

Consists of Guild correspondence, 1942-1984, and internal memorandums, 1951-1975. Arranged chronologically and by format.

Title/Description	Instances	
1942-1984, n.d.	Box 13	folder 118-20
Circus, 1958	Box 13	folder 121
Memoranda, 1951-1975	Box 13	folder 122

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

Scope and Contents

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. Arranged by topic and chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Commencements/Banquets, 1939, 1941, 1943-1944, 1957, 1960, 1970-1971	Box 13	folder 123
Concerts, 1911-1925, n.d.	Box 13	folder 124

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Series X. Yearbooks, 1971-1979

Scope and Contents

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

Title/Description	Instances	
1971	Box 14	folder 125
1975	Box 14	folder 126
1976	Box 14	folder 127
1978	Box 14	folder 128
1971-1979	Box 14	folder 129

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

Scope and Contents

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. Arranged by class and chronologically.

Sub-series A. Internal

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual reports, 1915, 1959, 1975, 1979, 1981, 1982	Box 14	folder 130
Newsletters, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1965, 1966	Box 14	folder 131

Mary Free Press, 1956-1982 (not inclusive)	Box 14	folder 132
Rehabilitation Center, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1982-1988	Box 14	folder 133
Rehabilitation Center, n.d.	Box 14	folder 134
Miscellaneous, 1969, 1975, n.d.	Box 14	folder 135

Sub-series B. External

Title/Description	Instances	
1941, 1942, 1947-1954, 1958, 1968, 1970, n.d.	Box 15	folder 136

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Series XII. Theses/Speeches, 1939-1962

Scope and Contents

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

Title/Description	Instances	
Theses/Speeches, 1939, 1940, 1952, 1961, 1962	Box 15	folder 137

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

Scope and Contents

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

Title/Description	Instances	
Clark Memorial Home, n.d.	Box 15	folder 138
Equipment manuals, n.d.	Box 15	folder 139
Miscellaneous Medical, 1969, 1977, 1979	Box 15	folder 140
Sawyer notebook - education, n.d.	Box 15	folder 141-4
Sawyer notebook (cont.)- Nursing notes, n.d.	Box 15	folder 145

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

Scope and Contents

Consists of miscellaneous Guild papers, 1954-1969. Arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
1954-1955, 1958, 1959, 1969, n.d.	Box 15	folder 146

Michigan House of Reps. Resolution No. 478

Box 23

Processing Information:

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[Box and items not found 8/28/2000. Not in generic Mich. Resolutions Box on 3rd floor. Check various boxes when time for an inventory, after the move.] Previously listed for Box 24, found in Box 23, 12/4/2008

Plaque. 1976. Health Planning Award. Presented to Mary Free Bed Hospital & Rehabilitation Center. West Michigan Health Systems Agency.

Box 23

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Series XV. Clippings, 1939-1964

Scope and Contents

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. Arranged by subject and chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Blind, 1964-1966, n.d.	Box 16	folder 147
Blue Cross, 1964-1967, 1971, n.d.	Box 16	folder 148
Funds, 1964, 1966, n.d.	Box 16	folder 149
Gerontology, n.d.	Box 16	folder 150
Guild's 75th Anniversary, 1966	Box 16	folder 151
Health Care - welfare, 1964-1966	Box 16	folder 152
Hearing, 1964-1969, n.d.	Box 16	folder 153
Heart, 1956, 1964, 1965	Box 16	folder 154
Hospitals, 1960-1970, n.d.	Box 16	folder 155
Legislative, 1960, 1964-1966, n.d.	Box 16	folder 156
Mary Free Bed Hospital - misc., 1950s-1970s	Box 16	folder 157
Nursing Homes, 1966, 1971-1978, n.d.	Box 16	folder 158

Nursing Homes - Clark Memorial, 1971-1977, n.d.	Box 16	folder 159
Polio, 1939, 1949, 1955-1959, 1961, 1966	Box 16	folder 160
Rehabilitation, 1961, 1964-1969, n.d.	Box 16	folder 161
Research, 1964, 1965, n.d.	Box 16	folder 162
Therapy, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1964-1969	Box 16	folder 163
Miscellaneous, 1950s-1970s	Box 16	folder 164
Scrapbook A, 1951, 1954-1959, 1965, 1966	Box 16	folder 165
Scrapbook B, 1966	Box 16	folder 166

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

Scope and Contents

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." Arranged by subject.

Title/Description	Instances	
Album-Physical Therapy? / Orthopedics / Prosthetics	Box 17	folder 166.5
Mary Free Bed Hospital building	Box 17	folder 167
Physical Therapy (47)	Box 17	folder 168
Physical Therapy. (12)	Box 17	folder 169
Physical Therapy. (21)	Box 17	folder 170
Occupational Therapy (71)	Box 17	folder 171
Mary Free Bed School (19)	Box 17	folder 172
Staff (43)	Box 18	folder 173
Staff - "publicity" (12)	Box 18	folder 174
Christmas, 1935-1950, n.d. (34)	Box 18	folder 175
Detroit Tigers visit, 1950 (9)	Box 18	folder 176
Staff parties (52 snapshots in color or b/w)	Box 18	folder 177
Halloween parties, 1975, n.d. (24 color snapshots)	Box 18	folder 178
Brochure publication - layout sheets; Photocopies of sketches.	Box 18	folder 179
Brochure publication - proof sheets (23 photo proof sheets)	Box 18	folder 180
Brochure publication - prints (31)	Box 18	folder 181

Mary Free Bed Hospital - miscellaneous (34)	Box 18	folder 182
Mary Free Bed Hospital miscellaneous (55 snapshots)	Box 18	folder 183
Staff in Pool, Hospital interior (18 slides)	Box 18	folder 184

Brochure publication - negatives strips, 24 sets

Title/Description	Instances
Flea market, 1976 - negative strips	Box 19
Bike ride, 1976 - negative strips	Box 19
Halloween, 1975 - negative strips	Box 19
Miscellaneous - negative strips	Box 19
Miss Bailey's Cherry Farm, 1940-1945? - film and DVD	Box 19
Oversize prints (Dr. MacDonald?)	Box 19

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

Scope and Contents

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) Arbitrary arrangement.

Title/Description	Instances
1st and 2nd Concert Courses, 1912-1914	Box 20 volume 1
3rd and 4th Concert Courses, 1914-1916	Box 20 volume 2
5th, 6th and 7th Concert Courses, 1916-1919	Box 21 volume 3
[Photo of Guild housed in Misc. Oversized Photos Box 1 6/6/2007]	Box 18-B-6
Neg. 4040. Panoramic group photo of Guild members standing near an unidentified build. In Misc. oversized photo box 1.	Box 18-B-6
8th, 9th and 10th Concert Courses, 1919-1922	Box 21 volume 4
Photographs	Box 22 volume 5
Newspaper clippings and photographs	Box 22 volume 6
Newspaper clippings	Box 22 volume 7
Orthopedic Cases - convalescent (photographs)	Box 22 volume 8
Newspaper clippings	Box 23 volume 9

Newspaper clippings, photographs, misc.	Box 23	volume 10
Photographs	Box 24	volume 11
Miscellaneous	Box 24	volume 12
Photographs (some in series)	Box 24	volume 13
Photographs	Box 24	volume 14
Paper. Check-Out for a Quadrilateral Suction Socket.	Box 23	
<u>Processing Information:</u>		
Processing Information		
Found in Box 24, 3/30/1999, moved to Box 23, but letter sized.		
Newsletter. Mary Free Press. Employee Bulletin. May 1968.	Box 23	
<u>Processing Information:</u>		
Processing Information		
Found item 4/1999, moved to Box 23, but letter sized.		
Miscellaneous. Includes Rosemund Rouse, ground breaking, aerial, dedication, Bernadine Keller, Mother Bailey, Dr. Aitken, Dr. Fahlund (?)	Box 23	volume 15

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Series XVIII. Graphics, 1951, 1977

Scope and Contents

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. No arrangement.

Title/Description	Instances
1951 March of Dimes newspaper insert	Box FF.IX.D
Oversized check from Kiwanis East	Box FF.IX.D

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Series XIX. Sound Recordings, 1991

Scope and Contents

One commemorative audiotape, from Hospital's 100th anniversary celebration, Apr. 13, 1991, perhaps used for fund-raising. [Added 6/2000] No arrangement.

Title/Description	Instances
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We Have to be Strong : Sailing Away / David Cisco. Especially for Mary Free Bed Hospital, commemorating 100 years of excellence. April 13, 1991. Box 25

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Title/Description	Instances	
Newspaper Clipping. Patricia O'Donnell, Mrs. David Wood, Mrs. L. V. Mulnix, Jr.	Box 26	folder 1
Photograph, 1950s Committee for Christmas Formal. Patricia Wutmers (?), Babs Hoffius, Betty Locke.	Box 26	Folder 2
Photograph, Ruth Mafum RN	Box 26	folder 3
Letter, 1936. To Enid M. Bailey, From Jeanette Gilbert	Box 26	Folder 4
Report on a Study of the Needs of Young Adult, Physically Handicapped in Kent County, Michigan - Summer 1958. David G. Waite, Director of Study.	Box 26	Folder 5
List of "Antiques" June 1, 1990	Box 26	Folder 6
Official documents changing the name of 'Mary Free Bed Guild of the Union Benevolent Association Hospital' to 'Mary Free Bed Guild'	Box 26	folder 7
Bonds, 1919. Mary Free Bed Guild and the Union Benevolent Association	Box 26	Folder 8
Official document stating the articles of name change officially filed. December 6, 1919.	Box 26	Folder 9
Jr. Mary Free Bed Guild terminating affiliation with Mary Free Bed. April 28, 1967	Box 26	Folder 10
Old Kent Bank Receipt from Mary Free Bed Guild securities for collection or exchange. October 16, 1961	Box 26	folder 11
Old bylaws of Mary Free Bed Guild (1919?)	Box 26	folder 12
Revised bylaws for Mary Free Bed Guild, 1948.	Box 26	Folder 13
Trust Agreement for Florence Lee King Memorial Fund.	Box 26	Folder 14
Circuit Court Settlement Agreement in the matter of the estate of Lena Rust	Box 26	folder 15
Negative with photos and documents	Box 26	Folder 16

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